



Hordle Gardening Club Newsletter July 2023



Hello Everyone...

I hope you have been enjoying our members gardens over June and July. Thank you to all those that opened up your gardens, it's so great to see all the different designs and planting,... very inspirational!

And now is the time for you all to show what else your garden has to offer in our annual closed show, the more exhibits we have, the better the show is, so please enter all you can.

Friday 28th July — members closed show

The timings for the show are:

- 6.15 —7.00pm— Hall open for your exhibits, you will be given your cards all pre-written so you can place your goods on the tables. Committee members will be on hand to help
- 7.00 —8.00 pm—Judging, members will be invited to sit outside for cake/ tea and coffee - at a charge of £1, so please bring your pennies
- 8.00pm onwards, we will be back in the hall looking at what awards have been granted
- 8.30pm— Presentation of main awards!

Please note there is no raffle or plant stall on the night

Annual BBQ— Friday 4th Aug

Keep your fingers crossed one and all for good weather on Friday 4th Aug. The July meeting is your LAST CHANCE to get your tickets for the BBQ.

It's £5 per person, and your lovely committee will be cooking and serving all evening, with a cheeky quiz and our normal raffle.

The BBQ is also the last time you can sign up for the Broadland flower show trip. Tickets will be distributed in the Sep meeting.

Club meetings are generally held on the 4th Friday of the month, doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start, at the Hordle Pavilion.

Diary Dates

Friday 28th July - Closed Show

Members only - schedules and recipes available at the meeting

Friday 4th August - BBQ

Sign up sheet available in June meeting. We will be going back to **charging £5** for members and non members

Friday 22nd September - talk

'Plant Hunting in the Himalayas' with Tom Clarke, Head Gardener, Exbury

Friday 29th Sep - 1st Oct - Day trip

'Broadlands Garden Show - Romsey'

Friday 27th October - talk

'Winter Garden' with Mark Porter

SATURDAY 25th Nov—

Christmas Buffet, get ready to have a jolly good time!

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Hordle Fete—Sat 2nd Sep

The 2023 Hordle Fete is on! And your help is now needed with the following to make this as successful as possible:

- Garden tools—in good order to sell
- Plants—as many plants in good health **and labelled** as possible
- Anything Paula can use for the tray gardens

We also need volunteers to help with setting the day up, and packing up at the end. So traffic marshals, setting up tables, chairs etc, general helpers, to be able to help anywhere!

Trips for 2023

Day Trip—29th Sep to 1st Oct

Broadlands Garden Show—Romsey, Hampshire. This trip is a little different to what we have done before as it's a self drive, so no coach will be organised, as you have the flexibility to attend on any of the days. Claire has managed to secure half price tickets, so £6 instead of £12, and are valid for any of the three days. **The signing up chip board will be available at the July meeting**

Payments for Events and Trips

Please pay for your trips and events when you put your name down on the clip board for attending. Payment is accepted by cash or cheque

Redcliffe members Discount

Don't forget!..... Redcliffe have kindly offered all members of our wonderful club a 10% discount when shopping at their garden centre. Terms and conditions to this offer are available at the June meeting, and were also attached with the March Newsletter email.

Garden Watering

Going away on holiday? There is still time to have your garden watered while you are away, please add your names and holiday dates on the board at the July meeting, just pop your names and dates down when you come in the hall.

What Happens at our Meetings

Doors open at 7pm with the talk starting promptly at 7.30pm. Time for you to look at the plant sale table and buy your raffle ticket/s.

Following the talk **coffee/tea** will be served (50p please) and the Raffle drawn. Donations of raffle prizes are always gratefully received.

We have various **gardening magazines** available for you to take - usually in front of the bar shutters. Keep an eye out here for other items.

Information Board

Check out the club's black Information Board which will show upcoming trips and event details, and the relevant booking sheets on clipboards. **Please pay when you put your name down for a trip/event.**

Plant Sales Table

Your donations of plants for the sales table will be very welcome each month we have a speaker. Funds raised contribute towards our talks and events. Please name your plants if you know what they are... we will have labels available at each meeting.

Raffle Table

We have a raffle table at every meeting with a speaker, so remember to buy a few tickets. Your contributions of raffle prizes are always very welcome too.

All monies raised go to club funds and towards future events and trips.

Member request!

One of our lovely members, Elaine is in need of some help! Does anyone have a probe soil tester that she might be able to borrow?

If you are able to help, please email the club and I'll put you in contact. **Thank you**