



# Hordle Gardening Club Newsletter October 2023



*Hello Everyone...*

*Following that beautiful sunny and warm weekend in early October, I think we can definitely say we are now in autumn with the nights drawing in, and the weather turning colder and wetter.*

*I hope for those that managed to go, you had a great time at the Broadlands Gardening show. While I believe this years show was a little light on plants stalls, there were many marquees selling hand-made items.*

## **Friday 27th Oct—talk**

This month we welcome Mark Porter, who is a trustee of the National Garden Scheme and has for several years opened his own garden and vineyard in Hampshire. On the night, Mark will be giving a talk on the 'Winter Garden'.

## **Christmas Party - Saturday 25th November**

Our Christmas party will be held at the end of November, and please don't forget this is a Saturday evening rather than our normal Friday evening. The Oct meeting is your last chance to put your names down on the list.

As with last year, this is free for members, who can bring a partner or non-member as a guest for £5.

Make sure you 'sparkle up!' your Christmas jumper, and/or tinsel!

**Christmas Raffle—** We will again this year be inviting members that will be attending to bring along a gift for the Raffle wrapped up so that no one knows what they will be winning on the night. Please make sure if it edible, that it is sealed and in date.

The finger buffet will also include a complimentary glass of white or red wine, or fruit juice, so please do bring a glass,.... And your own top up if you want more.

**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 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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## **It's that time of year when the committee start to think about next year, and we want your views.**

**Trips**—where would you like to go? Either for whole day or half day trip.

**Events**—Is there anything you think we can improve with the closed show—for example different classes etc, BBQ, skittles or Christmas buffet. Is there anything else you would like us to start doing?

**Open gardens**—Did you enjoy these this year? Would you like us to continue them?

**Monthly meetings**—Is there anything you think we can improve or change?

**All your views and thoughts are very welcome, and please either email your suggestions, or speak to any of the committee.**

### **Don't forget,....**

We are keen to update our club logo, so any ideas welcome, and the winning suggestion will get a years free membership in 2024!

### **Membership Form for 2024**

If you were at the AGM in Jan you will remember that I said we are proposing to increase the membership fee in 2024 to £8. In the meeting we got a positive reaction, so the membership form for 2024 will reflect this change to the annual fee. As per our club rules, we will vote on this at the AGM in Jan, so this will be noted in the AGM invite we send out in Dec.

We also need to get all the paperwork prepared and we will have them printed out for the Oct meeting onwards.

We will not process the forms until towards the end of the year, so, as with last year, we would appreciate you enclosing the form and your cash/cheque in an envelope with your name on it. Hand in at any of the next few meetings. We will be issuing 2024 Membership cards from the January meetings onwards.

### **Plant Sales Table**

Don't forget your contributions are always very welcome, and please bring your pennies!

### **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.