



# Hordle Gardening Club Newsletter November 2023



*Hello Everyone...*

*Rain, rain and more rain..... It won't be long before my gold fish in the pond have the whole garden to swim in!*

*Winter is definitely here, so it's the time of year to peruse seed catalogues, gardening books, and websites looking for inspiration for next year. What new things are you planning for your garden in 2024?*



*But before you get too excited about next year, we have one last club meeting, and it's going to be another mad, fab Christmas buffet with great quizzes, silly games, wonderful food and even better company. We are looking forward to seeing loads of you there.*

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

Please don't forget this is a Saturday evening rather than our normal Friday evening. 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 is 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.

There will be no plant sale at the November 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**

**SATURDAY 25th Nov—**  
**Christmas Buffet, get ready to have a jolly good time!**

**AGM— Friday 26th Jan 2024**

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## 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.

Forms will be available at the Nov meeting.

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.

## AGM—Friday 26th Jan 2024

I'm not sure how this year has gone so fast! But it won't be long before we have our Annual General Meeting. The paperwork will be out to you all via email, or post for those without emails accounts before Christmas day. Please do read through it as your participation at the meeting is really important.

At this meeting we will also have the program card for 2024, but trips might not be confirmed until early next year, so you still have time to put your suggestions in.



## 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.