

HORDLE GARDENING CLUB



April 2018

We Extend a warm welcome to all off our members attending the next meeting on Friday 27th April at 7.30pm at the Hordle Community and Sports Pavilion, where we be welcoming back Rosina Brandham who will be presenting a talk on 'Glimpses of Victorian Gardening'

For Health and Safety reasons, please remember to sign in at the front desk.

The March meeting was attended by 46 members.

Exhibit of the Month April

Will be 3 Tulips

Hordle School Runner Bean Competition.

On 22nd and 23rd March we started the 2018 Runner Bean Competition with over 380 pupils at Hordle Primary school. Each pupil was given a small pot full of compost into which they planted two bean seeds. They were then off home with instructions on how to care for the beans (if you have children or grandchildren at the school, or you know children at the school you may get roped into help). We plan to be back at the school in July, probably Tuesday 17th, to measure the beans and choose the winners. The winning entry Last year was over 30 centimetres (1 foot) long.

Particular thanks to all our members who helped with the potting up :- Chris and Alex Lisher, Keith and Karen McIntyre, Gloria Sargeant, Sue Peacock and Paul Taylor.

Club Trip to Compton Acres 9th May

This trip is now fully booked and members that are attending are requested to be at the WI Hall for departure at 9.00am. We plan to arrive back at about 4.30pm.

Open Gardens 2nd and 3rd June.

Due to a lack of response from members, the committee have decided to cancel the event this year, which is a pity as it is normally a good event for members getting together and talking about what to do with their gardens. We will try again in 2019 and hope for a better response, also do you think that we should hold this event at a different time of the year. Please let us know.

Evening Visit – Nicely Planted 27th June.

The visit is planned to take place for 6.00pm on Wednesday 27th June, followed by a meal at the Plough for those who wish to join us. Cost for the visit is £1.00 per person, this is to go towards a thank you gift to the owner. The visit is limited to 25 people as the nursery is fairly small, and we want to ensure all attending can see and hear the owner describe his plants and business. This is a relatively new business, located in Hordle, which started in 2017,

focusing on selling mature plants, mostly imported from Italy, on a wholesale basis, however the owner is prepared to sell on a private basis to our members.

Although the 25 places are now filled, we will be running a waiting list in case anyone drops out. So if you find that you are unable to attend please let Chris Lisher know as soon as you can so that he can offer your place to someone on the waiting list. Chris can be contacted by e-mail at chris.lisher@btinternet.com or by phone 01425 629625

If you are already booked please bring your £1.00 to the April meeting. Also at the April meeting please let Chris know if you will be joining us for a meal after the visit.

Hordle School 'Wildlife Garden' Open Afternoon.

All Hordle Gardening club members are invited to attend an open afternoon at the school's wildlife garden from 1.30pm to 3pm on Thursday 5th July. Please let Chris Lisher know if you will be attending at the April or May meeting, so that he can let the school know how many visitors to expect (Sorry this is different to the announcement made by Paul at the March meeting).

Closed Show 27th July

We appreciate that the weather so far this year has not to put it mildly been very good, but the good weather is just around the corner when hopefully we will be seeing our vegetables and flowers starting to bloom. So let's hope that we will get a turn out at this year's event. You should have all received your entry forms for this year's event, so we would be grateful if they can be returned to Kate by 20th July. Please remember if in doubt put it down, as we will not be taking last minute entries on the night. It is easier for us to remove cards on the night than write out new ones.

BBQ 3rd August

Once again we will be holding our annual BBQ on the sports field behind the Pavilion, and will be restricting the event to 50 this year. We have also decided that you can bring along your Husband/wife/ partner or a friend with you. The cost this year will be £6.00 per person. Also if anyone has a BBQ to bring along or willing to help with the cooking, please inform Sue at the information desk. The booking list will be available at the information desk

The event will start at 6.30pm. **Payment is required by the June meeting.**

Please remember to bring along your own drinks and glasses.

Skittles Evening 15th August

The evening event has been booked again at the Walkford with a maximum of 35 members to attend and the cost per member is £6.75 to be paid by the June meeting. A list will be available at the information desk to enter your names for this event. There will also be a Basket Meal which is included in the price. Details of the food available will be at the April meeting. **Payment is required by the June meeting.**

Hordle Show – Begonia Competition.

The Plugs have now arrived with Keith McIntyre, and if you haven't already collected them, they will be available for collection at the April meeting. If you haven't already paid for them, please pay at the April meeting and the cost is £0.50p each. We still have a few left to sell, so if you would like some please order at the information desk. Remember there are prizes to be awarded for the best 3 at the Hordle Show.

Exhibit of the Month - May.

Will be 3 Spring Foliage.

May Speaker

At the May meeting we will be welcoming Alick Jones who will be presenting a talk on
"Weeds, can we ever win"

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