

# HORDLE GARDENING CLUB



**July 2018**

We extend a warm welcome to everyone attending our next meeting on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> when we will be holding our ANNUAL CLOSED SHOW at the Hordle Community and Sport Pavilion. The hall will be open from 7pm for the receipt of exhibits and let's hope for a bumper show. If you haven't already handed in your entry forms, could you please forward them to Kate at 9 Dudley Avenue by the 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

The winning Shield/Cups will be presented to:

Best in Show Cup – Fruit and Vegetables.

Best in Show Shield – Flowers and Plants.

Tina Norman Shield – Best in Show Produce, this will include Baking, Jams and Preserves.

Shield for Photography. Maximum of 4 photos per entry, size of Photo 6 x 4 or 7 x 5 ins.

We hope that this will encourage you all to bring along everything that you can to the show.

Please remember that we will not be taking new entries on the night, so please get your entry forms to Kate.

The June meeting was attended by 42 members and 1 guest.

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

**There will be no Bloom of the month for July.**

## Visit to “Nicely Planted”

Twenty-five members visited Simon's nursery in Silver Street. This small nursery behind the demolition yard stocks mature plants, shrubs and trees imported from Italy, where Simon worked for about 20 years. He gave us an overview of his business which only started up in 2017, and he is currently the only employee. He sells predominantly wholesale but is prepared to sell to the public. He was very knowledgeable about plants and their problems and was able to answer a wide variety of questions from our group. Nine of us went on to have a great meal at the Plough.

If you'd like to see what Simon has to offer at his "Nicely Planted" nursery please view his website. [www.nicelyplanted.com](http://www.nicelyplanted.com) or e-mail him [simon@nicelyplanted.com](mailto:simon@nicelyplanted.com)

### **Hordle School Wildlife Garden Visit**

Eight members turned up on the afternoon of Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July to see how the school's wildlife garden is progressing. A few things we'd planted have died probably as a result of the cold weather earlier this year (you may recall cold weather!), there are also some weeds which may irk a tidy gardener. However the school are delighted with their Wildlife Garden.

Thank you not only to those who came along on 5<sup>th</sup> July to meet some children and teachers but also to all of those who donated plants or who have helped to develop the garden.

### **Hordle School Fete 6<sup>th</sup> July**

As you know we held a Plant stall at the school fete, where proceeds would be split 50/50 between the club and school and we took £56 on the day with £28 going into our club funds.

Thank you to those members who helped at the stall on a hot afternoon :- Gloria Sargeant, Sue Peacock, Karen McIntyre, Alex Lisher, Paul Taylor and Keith McIntyre. In addition those who provided some plants, and in addition to those above : Alison Collier, Marilyn Walker and David Walker.

### **Hordle School Runner Bean Competition**

The judging for Hordle School's runner bean competition took place on Tuesday 17 July. We had 46 entrants which was slightly down on last year, but pretty good considering the extremes of weather this year and the difficulties of growing anything!

The overall winner was Rosie Durno who had a bean 35 centimetres long, other entrants had beans at 34.5 centimetres and 34 centimetres, so it was a close run thing.

Thanks to Keith McIntyre, Jenny Wootton and Michael Reeve for judging and handing out the certificates and prizes.

### **Annual BBQ 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

Will take place at 6.30pm for 7pm start at the Hordle Recreation Ground. If you still haven't paid could you please bring your Payment to the July meeting.

**Please remember to bring your own drinks and glasses with you.**

If anyone is prepared to help with the cooking or has a BBQ to loan us on the night, please contact a committee member at the next meeting.

### **Skittles Evening 15<sup>th</sup> August**

This will be taking place once again at the Walkford arrive at 6.30pm for 7pm start. If you still haven't paid could you please bring your payment to the July meeting. We still have a few places left if you would like to come along and join us for a great fun night out.

### **Hordle Show 1st September**

Don't forget that the club will be once again running a stall at this event, and we will be looking for you all to donate any gardening tools, plants and Bric a brac to sell on the day. Remember the more we get the more we can sell with all proceeds going to our club funds. We would be grateful if you could bring them along to the stall between 11am and 12 pm to enable us to have the stall ready for the 1.00 pm start. If you would like to help out on the stall please contact Paul or Jan at the July Meeting.

### **Begonia Competition 1st September at the Hordle Show**

Hopefully all the members that purchased the begonias will be bringing them along to the show to be judged on the day, please bring them along between 12.00 and 1.00pm as the judging will be taking place at 2.00pm

There will be prizes for the best 3 entries,

1<sup>st</sup> Place £10.00 Garden Voucher

2<sup>nd</sup> Place £5.00 Garden Voucher

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Bottle of Wine

Let's hope for a good turnout

### **Committee 2019**

We are still looking for any of our members that would like to join the committee. So please think about it, as the club cannot function properly without a committee. If you would like to find out more about the committee roles please see either Paul or Kate.

**Please remember there is no Club Meeting in August.**

### **Exhibit of the Month**

It's a long way off but some early advice, the exhibit for September's meeting is "Three Tomatoes" a deliberate attempt to widen the exhibit competition away from just flowers and foliage.

### **The Speaker for our September meeting.**

We will be welcoming back Steve Austin giving a talk on "Planning and Planting for the year ahead"

## **Gardening Club – Hordle School**

As previously stated the School would really like some Hordle Gardening Club members to help and guide the children in the School's gardening club. They are very keen to grow this link with the local community.

We suggest that the responsibility could be shared between four members who would only have to help one week in four. The school's gardening club meet on Mondays for 30 weeks of the year for about 1.5 hours, they tend not to meet for the first two weeks of each term. A member of School staff would be responsible for the children's behaviour. Any helpers from Hordle Gardening Club would need to complete the school's Volunteer Application Pack, which includes the DBS application. DBS is today's equivalent of CRB and is a paper exercise.

If you are interested could you please contact Chris Lisher, 07775 813263, or e-mail [chris.lisher@btinternet.com](mailto:chris.lisher@btinternet.com) or Paul Taylor or other Committee Members

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