

# HORDLE GARDENING CLUB



**October 2018**

We extend a warm welcome to all our members attending our next meeting on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm at the Hordle Community and Sports Pavilion where we will be welcoming Geoff Hawkins with a talk on "Ground Cover".

For health and safety reasons, please remember to sign in at the Front Desk.

The September meeting was attended by 43 members plus 3 guests.

## **Exhibit of the Month**

For October is 3 fruit of any kind (all the same or mixed)

This is the last exhibit of the year and the winner will be announced at the AGM in January. We currently have 2 members aiming for the top position; so let's have a good turnout to end the year.

## **Christmas Buffet and Party Night --Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

We still have a few places left for our members to join us on the last event for 2018. So please add your names to the list at the information desk, as not to miss out on a great party night. The evening is free for members but if we have any places left at the tea /coffee break in the October meeting, and you would like to bring along a guest, there would be a charge of £5. There is a limit of 50 people to attend.

Please remember to bring your own glasses.

To make the party go with a bang, let's get our festive party gear on!

## **Christmas Raffle**

Due to the success of the raffle last year, we are again inviting members that are attending to bring along a gift for the raffle. Could you please make sure your gift is wrapped, so no one knows what the prize!

## **Thompson and Morgan 2019 Catalogue**

The catalogue will be available to collect at the information desk. Once again Keith McIntyre has agreed to be our representative for the ordering and delivery of the orders, so please see Keith with your orders. They will be required to be with Keith by the AGM in January. If you have any queries, please talk to Keith.

## **Hordle Christmas Fair – 8<sup>th</sup> Dec**

HCA would like to invite all Hordle Gardening Club members to the Hordle Christmas Fair on December 8<sup>th</sup>, starting at 1pm.

If you would like to exhibit, it will cost only £8, and would be a great opportunity to sell seasonal plants. (We intend to make the whole event "Christmassy")

There will be a barbecue all day, the café will be open and free Mulled wine and Mince pies at 5pm

## **Club Membership 2019**

Due to the rising costs of speakers, and the decline of our membership, the committee have agreed that for 2019, we will be raising the membership to £7.00

We haven't had an increase in membership for a long time, and we feel with the small increase we can continue to engage inspirational speakers. We also wish to invest in attracting more members, so we can keep the club thriving for many years to come.

We will again be inviting members to pay the annual membership subscriptions early, to hopefully save your time queuing at the AGM. If you would like to pay early, you will need to complete the membership application form which will be available at the October meeting, and emailed to all members after then. For more information, please contact either Kate Cornhill at 9 Dudley Avenue tel\ :01425 621305, or Jan Smith at 3 Blenheim Crescent tel :01425 613659, or email the new club email address below.

Cheques can be post-dated to the day of the AGM 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Membership cards will be issued at the AGM.

## **Club Trips 2019**

We would like to gather your thoughts about future club trips, so if any member has any ideas of where the club would like to visit next year for a day trip or evening visit, please contact a member of the committee.

## **Contact information**

We now have a club website and would love you to go and have a look and share any thoughts with us. Website: [www.HordleGardeningClub.co.uk](http://www.HordleGardeningClub.co.uk)

We also now have a club email account which will help the committee respond to your queries promptly. Email: [hordlegardeningclub@outlook.com](mailto:hordlegardeningclub@outlook.com)

For any further information, please contact:

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