



Hordle Gardening Club Newsletter October 2019



So we're well and truly into autumn now, and a lack of water in the garden certainly isn't an issue at the moment is it? I still have tomatoes ripening, and more courgettes growing because of the recent rains!

Our talk last month from Mary & Jim McDonald was not only interesting but informative too as Jim gave us lots of information to help us with growing our own sweet peas. As they left Jim gave us a copy of his notes so please find these attached to the email with this newsletter.

Some of us donned our waterproofs and braved the pretty awful weather when we visited Exbury Gardens for the Nerine Exhibition. Coffee and cake welcomed us to a miserable morning, but it was an interesting event, and some of us braved the gardens for a short time between showers. Hopefully those who bought bulbs will be enjoying them next year if not this.

On to this month.... looking forward to seeing you all again next week. This is our last talk of the year as November will be our last meeting of the year with it being our Christmas party. More information on that below.

Exhibit for the Monthly Meeting

October meeting - a carved vegetable which can be bought or home grown. As it's Halloween, you can use a pumpkin or any other vegetable of your choice.

Plant Sale Table and Seeds

October is the last month this side of Christmas for your contributions of plants - and seeds - for the Plant Sales table, so if you have any goodies just bring them along.

Christmas Party - **Saturday 23rd November**

If you haven't already put your name down for our Christmas Party, please make sure you do so at the October meeting. As usual, members can bring one guest at a cost of £5 (Members are FOC). Please note the following:-

- Food is a finger buffet as per last year - please let us know if you have specific dietary issues
- Drink - **please bring your own glasses to make clearing up easier**, one glass of wine or soft drink is included. The bar will be open, or you can bring your own additional drinks.

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Club meetings are held on the 4th Friday of the month, doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start, at the Hordle Pavilion, but please check your programme

Dates for your Diary

Friday 25th October -

'Demonstration of Pruning'
presented by Alan Edmunson.

Saturday 23rd November

Christmas Buffet - for members and their partner. See opposite for details.

December - no meeting

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Friday 24th January -

AGM - followed by HGC 2019 looking back over the year

Friday 28th February -

Soft Fruits with Wilf Simcox

Friday 27th March -

Growing and showing vegetables for shows with John Trim

Friday 24th April -

Building and planting a rockery with Roger Hiron

Friday 22nd May -

Some unusual perennials with Bryan Madders

Friday 26th June -

Old roses with Alan Edmondson

Friday 24th July -

Closed Summer Show
members only

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- Raffle - a **wrapped item** for the raffle will be very welcome.
- Entertainment - we will have quizzes, a few silly games, and other things to lighten the evening.
- Christmas jumpers are very welcome - Kate will be donning something Christmas appropriate and anyone else is welcome to join in.
- Doors will open at 7pm (not before) for a 7.30pm start - please note it's a **Saturday**.

Wanted

If you have any photos taken at any HGC event during 2019, we'd love to see them as we're building a collage of them for the AGM in January. Email them - highest quality if at all possible - to our usual email address see the bottom of page 1.

What Happens at our Meetings

A reminder that doors open at 7pm with the talk starting promptly at 7.30pm. After the talk coffee/tea will be served and the Raffle drawn. (Donations of raffle prizes are always gratefully received)

We have various gardening magazines available for you to borrow - usually in front of the bar shutters. Keep an eye out here for other items eg Thomson and Morgan seed catalogues - order from Keith and take advantage of our club discount.

Each month we have an 'Exhibit of the Month' table (see below) and a Plant Sales table (also see below) as well as the Raffle table. Monies raised go to Club funds for future events & speakers.

Exhibit of the Month Table

Join in, and win points - and points mean prizes 😊

Our 'Exhibit of the Month' table, is to encourage you to show us what's growing in your garden, the subject for each month will be advised in the Newsletter.

This is fun with a serious (ish) edge to it because it is judged (but not too harshly), so we can learn and pick up tips for showing plants, flowers, foliage etc at their best. Do join in 😊

Points will be awarded at each meeting, with a cup presented to the overall winner at the AGM.

(1st = 4 points, 2nd = 3 points, 3rd = 2 points, and for entering = 1 point)

Plant Sales Table

Your donations of plants for the sales table will be very welcome every month.

Also, if you're growing from seed over the next few months and have unwanted seedlings left over after you've potted up those you're keeping - then bring the seedling tray/pot to a normal meeting for the Plant Sales Table, so members can take a spoonful of seedlings home for the cost of a small donation.

Let's get growing!