



Hordle Gardening Club Newsletter March 2020



Oh dear, what a change in a month!

Coronavirus (Covid-19) has descended on us, and with it lots of changes to our everyday lives. Our big issues are around planning how to achieve in this new situation what used to be simple and automatic.

Kate has already emailed you about the status of our next two meetings, and we will be keeping in touch with you via this newsletter with regular and up to date information as we progress through the coming weeks and months... hopefully not too many months!

We will try to get notes from our speakers of cancelled meetings... see below for 'Growing for Showing' notes from John Trim.

As I write this the government's advice is that getting outside is good for our health and mental wellbeing, but do take the precautions of 'social distancing' a term we're all now becoming more familiar with. Keep a distance of 2 metres away from others. So that means walking and gardening are both good for you - something most of us gardeners already know.

Keep safe and look after yourselves.

Current List of Cancelled Club Events

Friday 27th March - Monthly meeting

Friday 24th April—Monthly meeting

March Speaker John Trim - Vegetables

As our March talk has been cancelled, John has kindly told us about a lot of information he has published on the allotment gardening website about growing vegetables for showing. There is so much information there on different vegetables and different varieties so do check it out on <https://www.allotment-garden.org/?s=john+trim&submit=Go>

Hordle Community Association Easter Extravaganza Good Friday 10th April

We have been advised that sadly, this event is **cancelled**.

Club Day Trip - RHS Wisley Flower Show on Wednesday 9th September

NB: This is 'on ice' until we can start meetings again so watch this space.

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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

Diary Dates

Cancelled - Friday 27th March - talk

'Growing and presenting vegetables for shows' with John Trim

Cancelled - Friday 24th April - talk

'Building or renovating and planting a rockery' with Roger Hiron

Friday 22nd May - talk

'Some unusual perennials' with Bryan Madders

Friday 26th June - talk

'The Development of Old Roses, and those varieties still available today' with Alan Edmondson

Friday 24th July - Closed Show

members only

Friday 31st July -

Club BBQ, more details later

August - no meeting

Wednesday 9th September -

club day trip to RHS Wisley Flower Show. Details opposite

Friday 25th September - talk

'Use summer bulbs for colour in your garden' with Tim Woodland

Friday 23rd October -

'100 years of Exbury Gardens' with Tom Walker

Saturday 28th November -

Christmas Party buffet

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For Your Information

This COVID19 situation is ever fluctuating, but as I write this the National Trust gardens are open.... but not the houses/buildings. Do please check before you visit.

Exbury Gardens and Paultons Park have announced they are closed until further notice.

Some Gardening Notes from HGC Club Members

Many thanks for your contributions about your gardens...keep them coming to the club email address and we'll pass them on to share our gardens,

We have been able to give part of the grass its first cut at last - the taller stuff with the strimmer but today's rain has put that on hold.

A substantial part of the far side of the garden has been under water since around Christmas - At last the tide is turning and the waters are slowly receding, but it means that many of our trees and shrubs have had their feet in water for that length of time. The trees seem OK and are starting to spring but we fear some of the azaleas may be lost.

We also seem to have a new variety of water lily!! The naturalised daffs under the trees have been under water all that time yet have flowered their socks off for weeks and the Camassias are coming through too.

Seriously, it does look as if we will have to raise the soil level in parts of the garden to keep it above water.

Happy gardening - Pat and John Simmons

I have stocked up on compost etc so hopefully we will have a wonderful spring and the garden will thrive.

Shall look forward to seeing everyone hopefully in the summer.

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With very best wishes to all

Carole

As the government has said we are on a war footing, I for one shall be digging for victory! Brian

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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 (50p) 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

Plant Sales Table

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

If you collect seeds for bringing into to us, we have some small envelopes available - just ask a committee member.

Raffle Table

The raffle table runs at every normal meeting, so remember to buy a few tickets. Your contributions of raffle prizes are always very welcome.

All monies raised go to club funds and towards future events and trips.

Let's get growing!