



Hordle Gardening Club Newsletter February 2022



Hello Everyone...

It was lovely to see so many of you last month for the AGM, and we hope you enjoyed the 'Gardeners' Question Time', it was a bit of fun and hopefully informative. Please note that if you ever have any gardening questions or issues you'd like some advice on, don't hesitate to ask other members or any of the committee or email in and we'll try to help.

Many bulbs are already in flower and/or pushing their noses up through the soil and buds are swelling on shrub branches, so spring is nearly here.

Our 'Closed Show' is back in July for the first time in 3 years... so get sowing and growing in anticipation. More information soon. And in addition to our programme of talks, we already have a few extra events - there may be more - keep your eye on the Information Board at meetings, and also here on the Newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you on next Friday.

Friday 25th February - talk

Next Friday we have Lynda Wyatt coming to give us ideas on how to deal with a glut of produce. (I'm hoping for a glut this year - last year was a bit of a write off!)

Membership Renewal for 2022

Many of you have already renewed your membership for this year - thank you. (Some have even tried to renew more than once ☺) If you haven't yet renewed, we're holding the annual fee at £7 again, and you will find a PDF copy of the Membership Form attached to the same email as this newsletter. Hard copies will also be available at the meeting on Friday if you don't have a printer. Payment can be by cash or cheque.

Lachenalia and Orchid Exhibition at Exbury Gardens - Saturday 19th March - 10.30am for entry at 11am

Free event, but booking is essential as names are passed to the organiser. As with previous years Roy Prior has invited us to see the Lachenalia (leopard lily) Exhibition in the Five Arrows Gallery at Exbury. See the booking sheet at the meeting next week. Those booked in will be emailed full details and map.

There will be Lachenalia plants to buy, and free access to the gardens too, which should be giving a good spring showing by that time. Let's hope the weather is better than in 2019 when it was pouring with rain!

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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

Friday 25th February - talk

'Food Produce' with Linda Wyatt. What to do with a glut of fruit or vegetables

Friday 25th March - talk

'Composting and Recycling' with Kelvin Mason

Saturday 19th March - Free Visit to

Lachenalia and Orchid Exhibition at Exbury Gardens. Booking Essential

Wednesday 6th April - 6pm,

Skittles Evening at The Walkford pub, Walkford. Booking essential.

Friday 22nd April - talk

'Growing and Showing Vegetables' with John Trim. And advice for those entering our Closed Show in July

Friday 27th May - talk

'Wild Flowers on your Doorstep' with Eric Watson

Tuesday 21st June at 2.30pm

Visit to Durmast House - self drive. Booking essential.

Friday 24th June - talk

'The Perfume of Plants' with John Baker

Friday 22nd July - Closed Show

members only. Schedule will be available in March.

Friday 5th August - Annual Club

BBQ, more details later

August - no meeting

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Skittles Evening - Wednesday 6th April at The Walkford (pub) at 6pm (more details soon)

Booking required. The first time since 2019, and nothing to do with gardening - except perhaps our conversation! A sociable and slightly competitive evening which includes food as well as bowling wooden balls at wooden pins. How many can YOU knock down? A prize for the best. More information at the meeting next week and on the Information Board.

Afternoon Visit to Durmast House, Burley - Tuesday 21st June 2022 at 2.30pm

Put this date in your diary, and check the Information Board at meetings where you can put your names down for this event. This will be a 'self drive' event as it's fairly local. If you don't drive and would like to go, please put your name down with 'car needed' note alongside your name and we'll see if we can pair you up with another member who has space in their car.

Durmast House dates from the 1840's and included a typically Victorian garden, but in the early 1900's Gertrude Jekyll was commissioned and her plans for the garden were completed in 1910. There is something for everyone in most seasons and this garden is also open under the National Garden Scheme. Our visit in June should show the garden at its best with roses and large herbaceous borders as well as herbs, vegetables, rockery & pond. A great place to steal some of Gertrude's ideas for our own gardens.

HGC Closed Show - Friday 22nd July

This is your warning to get growing for showing at our members only 'Closed Show'. This is a friendly - and slightly competitive - social event for fruit and veggies, flowers, home produce and baking, and photography as well as a 'fun' class to get your imagination going. Schedules and more information coming in March.

Plant Sales Table - your donations please

Our Plant Sales Table needs your spare plants 😊. I'm sure we're all starting to split our perennials and will soon be sowing seeds for flowers and vegetables (perhaps for the Closed Show?). The Plant Sales Table is at each meeting with a speaker, and any funds raised go to club funds towards speakers, and events, and your donations are always very welcome.

Ideas for Events

If you have any ideas for future events or have visited a garden you'd like to recommend, please let any of the committee know at a meeting or email us using the email address at the foot of page 1.

What Happens at our Meetings

Doors open at 7pm with the talk starting promptly at 7.30pm. Time for you to look at the plant sale table and buy your raffle ticket/s.

Following the talk **coffee/tea** will be served (50p please) 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.

Information Board

Check out the club's black Information Board which will show upcoming event details, and booking sheets on clipboards.

Plant Sales Table

Your donations of plants for the sales table will be very welcome each month we have a speaker. 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.

Raffle Table

We have a raffle table at every meeting with a speaker, so remember to buy a few tickets. Your contributions of raffle prizes are always very welcome too.

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

Tips for the Month

- Did you know the tulip is the only cut flower that keeps growing after it's cut. When arranging in your vase, cut them once to your required length, then a few days later refresh the water and trim the stems again as they will have grown taller!
- Apparently putting a 2p coin in the tulip water will make them straighten... even if floppy to start with.
- Add some lemonade to your vase water to prevent the water going green - this is particularly relevant when you have glass vases. (FYI Flowers are not fussy which brand!)

Everton Nurseries are celebrating their Centenary this year. You may have seen building work going on in recent months to extend the glasshouse plant area - and this is due to open (hopefully) at the end of February.

Check out their website for various events happening throughout this Centenary year, including talks from the RSPB; and later in the summer the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. There are also tours of the nursery.

www.evertonnurseries.co.uk