



Hordle Gardening Club Newsletter March 2022



Hello Everyone...

Oh, some lovely sunshine the past couple of days and due to continue for a few more into next week... here's hoping. And the sunshine is doing it's bit in helping Spring to spring with lots of buds swelling and leaves breaking.

Looking forward to seeing you on Friday.

Payments for Events and Trips

If you're paying for a trip or event, it would be a great help to us if you could bring the exact cash or pay by cheque.

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

To all those who put their names down for this, enjoy your visit to the exhibition and the gardens... the weather forecast for Saturday (as I write this anyway) is looking good.

Friday 25th March - Composting and Recycling - talk

Next Friday we have Kelvin Mason, a regular speaker with us, coming back to talk about 'Composting and Recycling'. Get your questions ready!

Skittles Evening - Wednesday 6th April at The Walkford (pub) at 6pm.

Booking and payment required. £8 per person, to include a main meal from the 'Pub Classics' or 'Traditional Pies' sections of The Walkford's menu, which can be viewed online prior to booking.

This will be 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.

Saturday 21st May - Milford on Sea Plant Fair

To all us plantaholics, this is a good date for our diaries. Milford on Sea is holding its first Plant Fair since before Covid. There will be lots of traders selling plants and garden related items, as well as Milford Gardeners' Club's own plant sale tables. It starts bright and early (and busy) at 8.30am closing at 1.30pm on the Village Green, Milford on Sea.

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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 March - talk

'Composting and Recycling' with Kelvin Mason

Saturday 19th March - Free Visit to

Lachenalia and Orchid Exhibition at Exbury Gardens. Booking Essential

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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 - trip

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

Friday 23rd September - talk

Summer Bulbs with Tim Woodland.

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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.

For Sale - Solid wood Garden Table and 6 Chairs

See a picture and contact details for this on our Information Board at the meeting next week. Or call the seller on 01425 617429.

Tips for the Month

- Thank you to Caroline who emailed in with her tip for keeping Tulips straight in our vases... she says she was taught to use a pin at right angle to the stem - hold the flower gently with finger and thumb just under the blossom, then push the pin right through the stem just below where your thumb is - and pull it out again quickly. Apparently it breaks the air lock which causes them to flop.
- If you're growing seeds on your windowsills remember that they need as much indirect light as possible... the trouble is our windowsills only get light from one direction. So, find a box that fits your windowsill, cut away two adjacent long sides, then grab some empty foil crisp packets (the extra large ones are perfect) and stick them all over the inside of the box. The mirror finish of the foil will reflect the light all round your seedlings.

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.