



Hordle Gardening Club Newsletter April 2022



Hello Everyone...

Well, temperatures are up and down like a yoyo. But our plants have been enjoying the sunshine and, like us, also having to put up with freezing temperatures too. It's no wonder we Brits talk about the weather so much! Having said that, we gardeners know we HAVE to take note of the weather and temperatures... when to cover young plants with fleece; when to tie things down (or put them away) because of high winds, when to put young plants out to harden off, and so on.

I have a gorgeous tree peony showing it's new growth and buds... it's a really slow grower, but the flowers - on a good year - are white with a soft pink base and can be up to 30cms (12") across!! The early leaves are a pinky/grey (or a grey/pink) and by mid summer are a more boring green. A stunning shrub, as long as the weather is settled... but over all too quickly.

See you next week for getting some heads up advice from John Trim about Growing and Showing your veggies.

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Friday 22nd April - talk

'Growing and Showing Vegetables' with John Trim. Look forward to picking up some tips and hints whether or not you're planning on the showing part... but we hope you will in our Closed Show in July.

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 when you put your name down on the booking sheet.

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.

Diary Dates

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.

Friday 28th October - talk

'Wall Shrubs and Climbers' with Ray Broughton

Saturday 26th November -

Christmas party, buffet. More details nearer the date.

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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

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

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. For anyone who didn't pick a Schedule up in March, there will be some next week too.

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.

Other Things Going on Locally

Lymington and Sway are holding their 'Open Gardens' again this year - the first time since 2019! Yes, it's been a long time!

Sway Open Gardens - Sunday 22nd May, 11am to 5pm

19 gardens to be visited. Tickets at £7 per person can be bought ahead from Sway Gardening Club's website. On the day tickets will be £8 per person and can be bought at any of the gardens or from the car park at Jubilee Field, Station Rd, Sway, where there will also be a Craft Fair in the Pavilion with products from local businesses.

Lymington Open Gardens - Sunday 29th May, 2pm to 6pm

Approximately 15 gardens are taking part, there will be plant sales and teas. Tickets can be obtained from St Barb Museum in New Street, Lymington from the beginning of May. £7.50 per adult, under 12's free.

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 the relevant booking sheets on clipboards. Please pay when you put your name down for an event.

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.