



Hordle Gardening Club Newsletter May 2024

Hello Everyone...

With the days now nice and long, and the weather improving, there is lots to do in the garden. The green house fruit and salads are growing nicely, and now is the time to make those final tweaks to your borders with summer flowering plants. It's also the time when I get very tempted by all the beautiful plants in our local garden centres,.... Along with cake!

Friday 24th May —Talk

We are looking forward to welcoming John Baker to the club next Friday to give us a talk on 'Heavenly Hostas'. John is the holder of the national collection, with over 1500 hosta cultivars.

Trips for 2024:

Furzey Gardens this coming Thursday—23rd May

Please meet at **11am** at Furzey Gardens, School Lane, Minstead, on Thursday 23rd May. Alan volunteers at the garden, and will be giving us a guided tour of the gardens, which will be approximately 50 mins. After this you will be free to roam, and visit the café.

Coach Trip—This is confirmed for Wednesday 19th June and we are going to Hilliers Gardens near Romsey, with a bonus visit Pococks rose nurseries on the way back. This trip will cost £22 per member and we are planning for the coach to pick us up at the WI Hall at 9.30 am. You can now bring non members with you, as we need to fill the coach as much as possible to make the trip cost effective. Guest will need to pay £25 per person please, and I will also be opening this out to the other local gardening clubs.

The signing up sheet will be available at our May meeting, which will be your last chance to join up. **Please pay when you put your name down to secure your place**

Diary Dates

Thursday 23rd May—TRIP

Furzey Gardens

Wednesday 19th June— COACH TRIP

Hilliers Garden and
Pococks Rose Nursery

Friday 28th June - talk

'Building and planning a
rockery' with Roger Hiron

Friday 26th July - Closed show

(Members only)

Friday 27th September - talk

'Hanging baskets, tubs and
maintenance' with Ray
Broughton

Friday 25th October - talk

'How to grow roses
successfully' with Glenn
Duggen

Club meetings are generally held on the 4th Friday of the month, doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start, at the Hordle Pavilion.

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Plant Sales Table

This month our Plant Sales Table will be bursting full of Lorraine's wonderful tomato plants, so don't get any from local garden centres as she will be bring lots of different varieties, small, large, yellow, black, and pot luck ones where she has forgotten what they are! There will also be good number of plants at the May meeting so please bring your pennies along.

The plant stall will open AFTER the talks have concluded

Members open gardens

Following last years very successful members open gardens, we would like to do the same again this year. If you feel able to do this, the form will be available at the meeting on Friday.

News of dates and times will be shared at the May meeting.

We only ask you to provide tea/coffee at 50p and for funds raised to go to the club.

Members closed show—July 26th

The schedule for the show is attached to this months newsletter email, but there will also be (corrected!) printed copies ready for the meeting on Friday along with the recipes for this year's bake which is biscuits.

Please get your completed forms back to Paula 19th July

What's on locally,.....

National Garden Scheme—open nearby in May:

- Saturday 1st June & Sunday 2nd June— Ferns Lodge, Cottages lane, Hordle, SO41 0FE—2:00pm—4:00pm
- Saturday 8th June & Sunday 9th June—21 Chestnut Road, Brockenhurst, SO42 7RF—11:30am—5:00pm
- Saturday 15th June—Kingfishers Care Home, The Meadows, New Milton BH25 7FJ—11:00am—5:00pm

If you have anything you would like me to add to the newsletter, please do let me know.

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 take - 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 trips and event details, and the relevant 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.