



Hordle Gardening Club Newsletter

June 2024

Hello Everyone...

Here we are at the years longest day, and at last we have the sun! Hopefully it will stick around for a little while. We are now entering the perfect time for taking soft wood cuttings from things like penstemons, pinks/ carnations, and lavender ect.

You also need to make sure all your pots and hanging baskets are well watered, especially if you are entering lots of flowers, fruit and veg for our closed show next month.

Coach Trip to Hilliers— Many of you enjoyed the coach trip to Hilliers and then a visit to Pockocks rose Nursery last Wednesday, and what a beautiful sunny day you had.

I think it was lucky there were some spaces on the coach for all the roses you brought back.

Friday 28th June —Talk

We are looking forward to welcoming back one of our most popular speakers, Roger Hirons. This coming Friday he will be giving us a talk on 'Building and planning a rockery' .

Members open gardens

Wow! How fantastic have the gardens been so far,.... In June we have had Lorraine's, Claire and Brian's and mine.

For July we have the following opening:

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| Alan | Fri 12th July 18:00 - 20:00 |
| Ken | Sat 13th July 10:00 - 12:00 |
| Claire & Brian | Fri 19th July 14:00 - 16:00 |

We only ask you to provide tea/coffee at 50p and for funds raised to go to the club. Please do go along and support, as many have potted up plants out of their own gardens for you to.

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

Diary Dates

Friday 28th June - talk

'Building and planning a rockery' with Roger Hirons

Friday 26th July - Closed show

(Members only)

Friday 2nd Aug—BBQ

The annual BBQ is back, £5 per ticket

Sat 31st Aug—Hordle Summer Fair

Friday 27th September - talk

'Hanging baskets, tubs and maintenance' with Ray Broughton

Friday 25th October - talk

'How to grow roses successfully' with Glenn Duggen

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Plant Sales Table

This month our Plant Sales Table will be bursting full of plants. And a correction from the first newsletter I sent out, there will be no more tomatoes, but lots of plants and flowers, so please bring your pennies along.

The plant stall will open AFTER the talks have concluded

Members closed show—July 26th

Next month is our wonderful closed show., and this year looks like it is going to be a good one as the growing season has been good for a great number of flowers, fruit and veg.

It's a great way to show off what you can grow, so whether you are entering 1 thing or 20, please do join in.

We will be doing tea, coffee and cake like last year as the judging takes place.

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

Summer BBQ—Fri 2nd Aug

Sorry! I forgot to add this date in the first newsletter I sent.

Tickets will be the normal £5 per person, and the sign up sheet will be available from the June meeting this Friday.

You can bring guest's, and please do put their name down at the same time. **As always, please pay when you put your names down**

Hordle summer fair—Saturday 31st Aug

The summer fair is going ahead at Hordle Pavillion on Sat 31st Aug. We need as many plants and good quality garden equipment as possible to sell and raise the profile of our wonderful club.

We also need volunteers, so if you feel able to help us set up, man the stall through the day, and pack up at the end of the day, all help will be very welcomed.

What's on locally,.....

National Garden Scheme—open nearby in July:

- Annalal's Gallery—Sun 28th July
2–6pm—25 Millhams Street, Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 1DN

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.