



Hordle Gardening Club Newsletter September 2024

Hello Everyone...

I was looking back at the July newsletter when I started with 'summer has arrived!' after the last few days, it now feels like autumn has taken over, I really can't keep up,..... good old British weather does give us plenty to talk about at least.

Great news, the Hordle summer fete was a great success with our stands taking a massive £246.30, and 25 children made beautiful tray gardens again this year, a firm favourite at the fete.

The success of this day is all down to a herculean team effort, so I will like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to the following people who helped out.

Gill, Vic, Steph, Keith & Karen, Lorraine & Colin, Jenny, Jan & Les, David & Marilyn, and many more who donated plants.

A special thanks goes to Claire & Brian and Paula & Roger, who between them, planned it all. I would also like to thank Paula's sister Claire and friend Jane who judged the tray gardens this year.

Friday 27th Sep—talk

This month we welcome back Ray Broughton who will be inspiring us with 'handing baskets, tubs and maintenance'

Plant Sales Table

Our Plant Sales Table will be bursting in the Sept meeting, as we have a few plants left over from the fete (about 100!) so please bring your pennies along, and maybe a carrier bag .

The plant stall will open AFTER the talks have concluded

Diary Dates

**Friday 27th September -
talk**

'Hanging baskets, tubs and maintenance' with Ray Broughton

**Friday 25th October -
talk**

'How to grow roses successfully' with Glenn Duggen

**Saturday 23rd November
HGC Christmas Party**

Friday 24th January—AGM

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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Members open gardens

A massive thank you to all our members that have opened their gardens this year. So many of you have said how enjoyable this is as you get a chance to have a chat while looking around at what is being grown locally.

We are going to keep this on the calendar each year as it is so popular, so please have a think about opening your garden next year. If you need help with tea and coffee I sure we can pair you up with other members, so don't let that be a reason not to do it.

Christmas Party - **Saturday 23rd November**

Our Christmas party will be held at the end of November, and please don't forget this is a Saturday evening rather than our normal Friday evening. The signing up sheet will be available at the Sep and Oct meetings. As with last year, this is free for members, who can bring a non-member as a guest for £5.

Make sure you 'sparkle up!' your Christmas jumper, and/or tinsel!

Christmas Raffle— We will again this year be inviting members that will be attending to bring along a gift for the Raffle wrapped up so that no one knows what they will be winning on the night.

Unfortunately last year we had some out of date gifts, so if it edible, please ensure that it is sealed and in date. If it's not edible it may still have a date if its hand cream, or beauty/ grooming product, so again please do ensure they are in date.

The finger buffet will also include a complimentary glass of white or red wine, or fruit juice, **so please do bring a glass**,.... And your own top up if you want more.

There will be no plant shall at the November meeting, but there will be the normal mad games, fun quiz and the committee will lead the way with the festive dress up!

Looking forward to 2025,.....

Its that time of year when the committee and I start thinking about what we can do better in the coming year to keep our beautiful club thriving.

Trips—We are considering doing more trips but smaller groups, using mini busses instead of coaches as the costs have increased so much. We have compiled a list of possible places to visit, this will be available at the Sep, Oct & Nov meetings, as your views really matter.

Closed Show—We are thinking about moving this from July to having a meeting in mid August which would hopefully mean you may have more exhibits. We could then move the BBQ to the July meeting. I will talk about this in the coming meetings to get your views, and aim to confirm any changes in the AGM in Jan 2025.

Anything else?.....

Please chat to any of the committee over the coming meetings, or email your ideas in and we will do our very best to keep our club fun, friendly and inclusive for all.

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.