



Hordle Gardening Club Newsletter October 2024

Hello Everyone...

The nights are drawing in, the trees are changing colour, and there are pumpkins everywhere so it must be autumn.

Its now the ideal time to be sawing new lawns, or patching old ones once you have picked up all the leaves! The garden centres are also full on spring bulbs, and I love nothing better than planning the spring display over a hot cup of tea and slice of cake in the garden centres cafes..... Although they are also now showing sign's of planning their Christmas displays, so it won't be long before all those twinkly lights are everywhere.

Friday 25th Oct—talk

This month we welcome Glenn Duggen of is a Fellow of the London Zoological Society. He also served in the Royal Navy for 28 years, visiting of 50 countries developing an interest in ornithology and gardening. This Friday he will talking us through 'how to grow roses successfully'

Plant Sales Table

Our Plant Sales Table will be open in the Oct meeting so please bring your pennies along, and maybe a carrier bag .

The plant stall will open AFTER the talks have concluded

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.

Diary Dates

**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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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 Oct meeting. 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 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.