



Hordle Gardening Club Newsletter November 2024

Hello Everyone...

I was looking back at last year's November newsletter, and we had been getting so much rain, I thought my goldfish could make a bid for freedom and swim around my garden there were so many puddles! Luckily we have not had that amount of rain this month, but we have got a cold snap just around the corner.

So keep yourself warm and snuggle down with a seed catalogue or two, gardening books, and websites to get some inspiration for next year.

But before you get too excited about next year, we have one last club meeting, and its going to be another mad, fab Christmas buffet with great quizzes, silly games, wonderful food and even better company. We are looking forward to seeing loads of you there.

Christmas Party - Saturday 23rd November

Our Christmas party is next SATURDAY! Yippee!

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 stall 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!

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Unfortunately last year we had some out of date gifts, so if it's edible, please ensure that it is sealed and in date.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.

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

Saturday 23rd November
HGC Christmas Party

Friday 24th January—AGM

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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 Nov meeting, 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.

AGM— Friday 24th Jan 2025

I'm not sure how this year has gone so fast! But it won't be long before we have our Annual General Meeting. The paperwork will be out to you all via email , or post for those without emails accounts before New Years Day, or if I am really organised, Christmas day. Please do read through it as your participation at the meeting is really important.

At this meeting we will also have the program card for 2025, but trips might not be confirmed until early next year, so you still have time to put your suggestions in.



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.