



# Hordle Gardening Club Newsletter January 2025

*Hello Everyone, and happy new year to you all!*

*Well we have had it all so far this year, rain, frost, a tiny bit of snow, a lot of wind, and some lovely cold sunny days too.*

*I love the new year, it's when I look back and the garden successes I had last year, and plan some changes for those things that didn't quite work out.*

*So,... stick your feet up, get a nice mug of tea/coffee and some of the biscuits from tins received at Christmas,... and go through the seed catalogues, getting ideas for what to grow in 2025.*

## **Friday 24th Jan—AGM**

Next Friday is our annual AGM, and at the meeting we are wanted to get your views on the trips we plan for 2025, so look forward to seeing loads of you there!

## **Membership renewal for 2025**

Many of you have already renewed your membership for this year - thank you. If you haven't yet renewed, the annual fee is £8, and you will find a PDF copy of the Membership Form attached to the same email as this newsletter. Hard copies will also be available at the meeting on Friday if you don't have a printer. Payment can be by cash or cheque.

## **Events for 2025**

### **Skittles Evening— TBC**

We are hoping to hold our annual skittles evening in April Full details are yet to be confirmed, and Jan will be giving an update at the Feb meeting.

### **Trips for 2025**

Thank you for voting on the 'where to visit list' this has really helped us to plan where we are aiming to go this year.

As talked about in previous meetings, we are planning to hire a mini bus this year as a coach is just too big and we struggle to fill it. The mini bus holds 16 people so places will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

**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 February - talk**

'Waking the garden up for spring' with Roger Hirons

### **Friday 28th March - talk**

'Bonsai'  
with Colette Harrison

### **Friday 25th April - talk**

'Alpine gardens' with Ray Broughton

### **Friday 23rd May - talk**

'Camellias and their cultivation' with Tom Clarke

### **Friday 27th June - talk**

'Unusual Perennials' with Bryan Madders

### **Friday 25th July - Closed show**

(Members only)

### **Friday 26th September - talk**

'Small glass house' with Wilf Simcox

### **Friday 24th October - talk**

'The wonder of the walled garden' with Gillian Taylor

### **Saturday 29th November—talk**

Annual Christmas Buffet

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## **Trips for 2024..... continued**

Therefore we will arrange two trips this year:

- May—Carey Secret Garden
- Sep—Heale Garden & Plant Centre

We will hopefully also be able to offer discounted places for those that are able to drive themselves there, enabling the maximum amount of members to enjoy these trips.

### **Plant Sales Table—not open at the AMG**

Our Plant Sales Table needs your spare plants. I'm sure we're all starting to split our perennials and will soon be sowing seeds for flowers and vegetables, perhaps for the Closed Show?

This year we are also continuing to give our Lorraine some club funds to buy some seeds and plug plants to grow on for our plant stall, so expect an bumper selection on the plant stall throughout 2025

Also, if you have collected seed and have some spare, we will also have some small envelopes which you can use to put your excess seeds, to donate to the plant stall—please to label the envelope!

### **Members open gardens**

Following last years very successful members open gardens, we would like to do the same again this year.

You will only get visitors from club members so please don't be worried about the odd weed here or there (mine had plenty!)

Please also let me know if you need any help in the visit, as the committee and other members by be able to support.

It's a great opportunity to get to know what grows well locally, but also a chance to get to know each other better as you can talk to members that you might not normally sit near at our meetings.

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

### **New feature!**

Each month we will give you top tips on,....

### **Jobs in the garden in February**

**Pruning:** Clematis (group 2), wisteria, winter jasmine, hydrangea, buddleia, cornus, mahonia, evergreen shrubs, climbing & bush roses.

**Sow under glass:** Sweet peas, summer bedding—cosmos, lobelia, nasturtium, antirrhinum.

Tender crops—tomatoes, chillies.

**Plant:** Dahlia tubers in trays to encourage shoots to develop which you can then use as cuttings.

**Divide:** Congested clumps of herbaceous perennials, and large clumps of snow drops and winter aconites.

**Pot up:** Containers with hard spring bedding, such as primroses, wall-flowers and forget-me-not's

### **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. **Please pay when you put your name down for a trip/event.**

### **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.