



Hordle Gardening Club Newsletter March 2025

Hello Everyone,

What a few beautiful days we have had!, I hope you have all been able to enjoy a little bit of sun and warmth.

I don't know about you, but the weeds in my garden are loving it, and I really need to get some time out there to dig the little blighters up.

However, all the seedlings are starting to pop up, the tomatoes are looking particularly good. What have you got popping their heads up this spring?



Friday 28th March — Talk

Next Friday we have a new speaker, Collette Harrison who will be explaining all about Bonsai.'

Membership renewal for 2025

If you haven't yet renewed, the annual fee is £8, and you will find a 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— Wednesday 2nd April

The March meeting is the last time you can sign up for the Skittles evening. The cost is £10, so please make sure you pay when you sign up.

Trips for 2025

May—Carey Secret Garden

Planning is in full swing for this trip which we are aiming to do on Friday 16th May. We are aiming to have the final price and sign up sheet ready for the March & April meetings.

Diary Dates

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 25h 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

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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Sep—Heale Garden & Plant Centre

We hope to share dates and details for this trip at the May meeting. Please note both trips will have a mini bus available, which hold 16 people. We are also aiming 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

if you have any spare seedlings, divided plants or even collected seeds, please bring them along on the night. We will have some small envelopes which you can use to put your excess seeds, to donate to the plant stall—please to label any plants or seeds just so we all know what they are.

Members open gardens

The sign up sheet will be available in our March meeting so sign up and get to know other club members and please don't be worried about the odd weed here or there (mine had plenty!)

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

Jobs in the garden in April

Pruning: Snip off frost damaged leavers from evergreens, prune, rosemary, winter Jasmin, and winter flowering deciduous viburnum post flowering. Cut hardy fuchsias back to the base to rejuvenate the plant.

Sow under glass: Half hardy flowers such as Agastache, cosmos, cornflowers, echinacea, lupin and nasturtium. Veg— sow pumpkins and sweetcorn.

Sow outdoors: Beetroot, carrots, swiss card, summer cauliflower, lettuce, leeks, radish, turnip, spring and pickling onion, peas and perpetual spinach, and potatoes.

Plant: Sweet peas can now go outside if hardened off. Summer bulbs in sunny spots. Dahlia tubers outside, have a go at taking cuttings when they sprout to make more plants.

Divide: Cat mint, and any summer flowering plants

Pot up: Hanging baskets and summer flowering containers

And,.....

Look out for self-sown seedlings, and move them to where you want them to flower.

Tie in clematis as the new growth gets going.

Regularly mow and feed the lawn

Take cutting of tender plants

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.