



Hordle Gardening Club Newsletter April 2025

Hello Everyone,

What who would have thought it,... As soon as we get to a bank holiday weekend the sun decides to be shy!

However we did need the rain, I already have some potatoes sneaking up through the soil that are very grateful. I have a new vegetable bed this year, so Dad and I are having great fun planning what we are putting where. We have already run out of space, so some spare tomatoes will be coming to the April meeting with us.

What have you managed to get going this year?

Friday 25th April — Talk

Next Friday we welcome back one of our regular speakers, Ray Broughton, who will be talking through 'Alpine gardens'. We have also got a special section in our closed show for this, so this is a great time to pick up hits and tips.

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.

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. The April meeting will be the final chance you have to sign up.

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.

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 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

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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 April 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.

National Garden Scheme—open gardens

Date	Garden Name	Location	Opening Times	Admission
April 20, 2025	Pylewell Park	South Baddesley, Lymington, Hampshire	14:00–17:00	£5.00
May 4, 2025	Annalal's Gallery	Christchurch, Dorset	14:00–16:00	£3.50
May 8, 2025	Appleyards	Fordingbridge, Dorset	12:00–18:00	£5.00
May 9, 2025	Appleyards	Fordingbridge, Dorset	12:00–18:00	£5.00
May 25, 2025	Annalal's Gallery	Christchurch, Dorset	14:00–16:00	£3.50
June 22, 2025	Annalal's Gallery	Christchurch, Dorset	14:00–16:00	£3.50

Jobs in the garden in May

Lots of seeds can be sown now:

Under glass: Courgettes, runner beans, sugar snap peas, etc

As it warms up, sow outdoors: Peas, onion sets, lettuce varieties, broad beans, California poppies, cornflowers, nasturtiums. Also start biennials like foxgloves and dianthus.

Pinch out: Encourage bushier growth by pinching out tips on summer bedding. Tomato side shoots

Take cuttings: Soft wood cuttings of pelargoniums, petunias, fuchsias, penstemons, hebes,

Plant: Freesia bulbs, geums, pot-grown roses,

Divide: Spring flowers such as primulas,

Feed: Agapanthus, pots and containers with summer bedding plants,

Look out for: Lily beetle—small red critter and it's larvae

And,.....

Start picking asparagus, yum!

Sow any new lawns now, ideally after the rain has dampened the soil.

Keep tying in summer climbers.

If you have any topiary, now is the perfect time to prune it back into shape.

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.