



# Hordle Gardening Club Newsletter July 2025

Hello Everyone,

*Don't you just love July! Everything is ripening and there is nothing better than having something you have grown on your dinner plate.*

*Also, it's my favourite month because you can take cuttings of so many plants and come autumn, after they have grown a little, you can find new homes either in your own garden to give to friends and family, or,.... the club!*

*I also have a bit of a soft spot for phlox, and they are starting to look their best right now. I'm sure between us, we have all the colours of the rainbow.*

## **Friday 25th July — Members Closed Show**

Hopefully you are all in full swing with your plans for what you will be exhibiting at the show.

You need to get your entry form to Paula - 12 Manor Road, New Milton BH25 5EN by midday Thur 24<sup>th</sup> July, or drop them into me at 9 Dudley Ave, Hordle, if that is easier.

### Timing for the night

- 18:15—doors open for you to bring your exhibits
- 19:00—Judging starts, tea, coffee and cake will be served outside at a cost of £1—there is also a quiz!
- 20:00—Members will be allowed back in the hall to view judging results
- 20:30—Presentation of the awards

If you have any questions, please do get in touch.

## **Annual BBQ—Friday 8th Aug**

Our annual BBQ is back, and still fantastic value at £5 per ticket for members and guest's. The sign up sheet will be available at the July meeting.

**As always, please pay when you put your name on the list.**

You will need to provide your own drink, but the social club is likely to be open, so I'm sure they would happily sell you a drink on the night.

**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 25h July - Closed show**  
(Members only)

**Friday 8th Aug—BBQ**

**Saturday 30th August—Hordle  
Summer Fete**

**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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## Hordle Summer Fete— Saturday 30th August

The Hordle Fete is going ahead again this year and is always a great way for us to promote our wonderful club! We will need your help again please, so any plants, garden related tools (no pots please), and if you can, your time volunteering either on the stall or as part of the wider Fete—please let me know if you can help!

Paula will also be doing her tray gardens again, so anything you have that might be good, please do have a chat with Paula.

## Trips for 2025

### Sep—Heale Garden & Plant Centre

I can sign up for the second trip for 2025, which is on Wed 17th Sep, and we will be using the community mini bus again, so will have 16 seats available.

Ticket prices are:

- £20 for those travelling on the mini bus
- £13 for those making their own way there

All details and the sign up sheet will be available at the July meeting.

## Members open gardens

In Aug, we have the following members kindly opening their gardens, tea & coffee will be available at 50p and all money raised goes to the club.

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| Alan  | Wed 30th July 14:00-18:00  | 8 Danehurst New Road, Tiptoe, SO41 6FW  |
| Steph | Fri 15th Aug 16:00 - 19:00 | Highbury, Wooten Road, Tiptoe, SO41 6FT |

## Jobs in the garden in Aug

Cut back spent flowers and faded foliage in your borders.

**Sow:** Watch out for self sown seedlings like forget-me-nots, love-in-a-mist, nasturtiums, verbena etc. Spinach, spring onions, kale and other salad crops to extend the season.

**Thin out:** Apples and pears. Beetroot, carrots and salad crops.

**Take cuttings:** Salvias, lavender, rosemary, verbena, fuchsias, geraniums, penstemons and hydrangeas.

**Collecting seed:** Teasels, campions, poppies, broad beans.

**Prune:** Hedges, wisteria (whippy growth), rambling roses—and tie in the new growth ready for next years blooms. Summer raspberries that have finished fruiting.

**Plant out:** Spring cabbages, sprouting broccoli

**And,.....**

Take part in the Big Butterfly Count, which runs till 10th August and only takes 15 minutes.

Clean out bird boxes.

Keep fish ponds topped up in dry weather.

## 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.