



Hello...

This past week has been a rather busy one for your committee! Hopefully you've all seen our email telling you that Nick Bailey cancelled on us at very short notice. However, we have managed to find another speaker... details below. We will be refunding those of you who bought tickets for Nick Bailey, so that makes next Saturday a 'normal' speaker meeting, no tickets, and where we can also welcome visitors (£4).

Looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday.

Saturday 26th November – 'Making a Butterfly Garden'

A big thank you to Martin Young for agreeing to talk to us at such short notice.

The talk is entitled 'Making a Butterfly Garden' - covering Native UK Butterflies & Moths, occasional visitors and their life-cycles; followed by the best plants, layout and other fairly simple methods to attract more butterflies, moths, bees and other beneficial insects to your garden. Martin is the Chairman of Dorset Plant Heritage, used to breed his own butterflies, and until recently ran his own nursery.

This month refreshments will be complimentary! There will be tea and home-made cakes (Yes CAKE! 😊), and because of the unexpected changes and the fact it's our last meeting before Christmas we'll also have some wine and nibbles.

Timings:

2 pm remember to bring membership forms in an envelope please, then enjoy your complimentary refreshments, & don't forget your raffle tickets and to socialise a little

3 pm DHPS Notices, followed by the talk

4 pm approx... Q&A, then the raffle draw

4.30pm approx.... end of meeting

NB: There will NOT be a members' plant sale table at this meeting.

Your help to put chairs away is always much appreciated.

Refund for Nick Bailey Tickets

Everyone will be refunded for their tickets, these can be collected at the next meeting you attend. Please email our Group Secretary if you have any questions, see the email address at the top of this page.

'Hardy Bakers' and 'Hardy Helpers' Needed

At the last meeting we mooted the possibility of not being able to provide home made cakes at our meetings next year. We're pleased to say we have had a quite a revolt on our hands, members saying cakes must stay! **HOWEVER**, this means we need more volunteers to bake (Hardy Bakers), and more volunteers (Hardy Helpers) helping on the day of our meetings/events.

Dates for your Diary

**Saturday 26th November - talk
'Making a Butterfly
Garden' with Martin Young**

Saturday 28th January - talk
Timothy Walker talking about 'In the not so Bleak Mid-Winter'.

Saturday 25th February – AGM
followed by Nigel Hope's talk 'A Garden for all Seasons' about the garden of John Massey.

Saturday 25th March – talk
Julie Haylock helping us with 'Garden designs for the average garden - realistic and achievable'

Saturday 22nd April – talk
Andrew Humphris talking about 'Parham Walled Garden'

**Saturday 13th May – 2.30 – 4.30
Our own Plant Fair**

Committee Members

Group Secretary:

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Treasurer:

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Events Co-ordinator:

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Liz Underwood

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Your committee needs your help – we cannot do it without you!

We need 10 cakes per meeting to cater for 100+ attending, and 8 to 10 helpers on the day, so whether you become a Hardy Baker or a Hardy Helper - the more people we have to draw on, the less often we will need to ask for your help.

At the meeting **Liz Underwood**, will be collecting names for either (or both) lists. Please help. If you're not able to attend the meeting, please email our central email address (at the top of this newsletter) & let us know you'd like to help, & we'll get back to you very soon.

New Committee Members needed for 2023

As mentioned last month at the meeting and in the newsletter, we are still needing people to join us on the committee. At the end of this year 3 committee members will be standing down. We know three people have shown their interest to other members, but we haven't yet heard from them? Please come forward and talk with us.

Those on the committee run our Group on behalf of every member and we're all volunteers. The more people we have on the committee, the easier it is to run Dorset HPS, and the more fun it is, for everyone. Committee Meetings are for approx 2 hrs a couple of weeks before each event or speaker meeting, ie approximately 8 per year.

New faces bring new ideas. Do please consider joining us, if you have questions then talk to a committee member (wearing a red lanyard) next Saturday, or please email the Group Secretary.

Plants for Next Year's Plant Fair & Meetings Sales Table

Our main **Plant Fair next year is on Saturday 13th May** – add it to your diaries. So now is a really good time – if you haven't done it already – to split perennials while the ground is still fairly warm. Pot up any spare and sink into the ground over winter ready to donate or sell at any of our plant sales next year. Remember to label them!

HPS Seed Distribution Scheme

The HPS Seed Distribution List for this year will be sent out towards the end of this month with the printed November HPS Newsletter.... so keep an eye out for an HPS envelope dropping through your door very soon. It will contain around 2000 varieties, some familiar and some lesser known and harder to find. Get growing some next year and any spares can be brought to our Plant Sales next year 😊

Notice of Events in 2023

More information on these soon.

Garden Open - Jane Norris will be opening her garden in aid of the Air Ambulance, to show her display of snowdrops. Dates TBC likely to be January/February (ish) and very dependant on climate change when they're likely to flower!

Workshops – Jane Norris will run these at her home in Ferndown.
'Propagating Plants for Selling' - 14th March – limited to 6.
'Propagating Snowdrops via Twin-scaling' – June/July.

Day Trips - As mentioned previously there will be no holiday in 2023 – but we do have some day trips provisionally planned.

May – Kew Gardens; **June** – Bramdean House, and Woolbeding (National Trust); **July** – RHS Wisley;
September – Hambledon House, and Denmans

What Happens at our Meetings

The **Membership Year** runs from January to December

Speaker Meetings are normally January to April, and September to November. This leaves the summer clear for our gardening ventures, trips etc

Doors open at 1.45pm with the talk starting promptly at 2.30pm. This gives you time to look at the Plant sale table, the Events table and buy your raffle tickets. (Note: the AGM and Celebrity Speaker meetings may be slightly different so please check)

Tea/Coffee and cake £1 for tea/coffee & £1 for a piece of home-made cake. To help us use less electricity, bring your own mug or travel mug.

Raffle Tickets... £1 for a strip of five tickets

Plant Sales Table is at every speaker meeting (except Celebrity meeting), usually outside. You can donate your surplus plants or you can sell them for your chosen price, and pay us a little commission. More details about how it works and the presentation of your sale plants are on our website www.dorsethps.org.uk

Events Table... for details and to book on day trips.

Volunteers... Liz Underwood (Committee) organises our volunteers to help with running our meetings, or even baking a cake! If you'd like to help just grab Liz at a meeting or email us. We do **NOT** ask for your help at every meeting. To show our appreciation for your help you get a strip of raffle tickets. 😊