



*Hello... well, everything in my garden is growing and flowering again now we've had a little water. Autumn colours are already with us, I just hope these high winds end soon, otherwise we won't be able to enjoy the autumn colours as the leaves will have been blown away!  
Looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday.*

### General Meeting Vote to change the Membership Fee

In accordance with our Constitution a Notice of a General Meeting at our meeting this Saturday was sent to all members on the 28<sup>th</sup> September, re proposed changes to the DHPS membership fee for 2023. This will be dealt with during Notices at the end of the meeting on Saturday, when we will ask you to vote by a show of hands.

The proposed change is for the annual DHPS membership fee to be **£5 per person** – ie there will be NO 'Joint' membership in future. This single membership category will also enable us to simplify our own administration.

### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – speaker meeting

Paul Lewis is coming across the water from the Isle of Wight to talk about 'Crocasmia and Gladioli: from Breeding, Getting a Plant to Market, and Field Judging for the RHS'. Paul is an amateur plant breeder based on the Isle of Wight. He curated the National Collection of Crocasmia, and now breeds his own, including Paul's Best Yellow and Hellfire. Breeding of Gladioli soon followed. Paul is involved with the RHS as a Field Trial Judge.

#### Timings:

1.45pm. giving you 45 minutes to have refreshments, buy plants on the plant stall and raffle tickets prior to the talk.

2.30pm... talk starts followed by Q&A

3.30pm (approx.) DHPS notices, General Meeting Vote, and raffle

4.15pm (approx) end of meeting

*Your help to put chairs away is always much appreciated.*

### Visitors and New Members

We are pleased to be opening up to visitors again, entrance fee £4. From our October meeting we will also be opening up to new members. We will continue to monitor numbers attending our meetings to ensure comfort for everyone.

### Celebrity Speaker Event – Sat 26<sup>th</sup> November

This year we're welcoming Nick Bailey as our Celebrity Speaker, and he will be talking about '365 Days of Colour in your Garden', and his book of the same name will be available for £25 cash.

**There are just a few tickets left, so if you're a member please act quickly to secure your ticket or they will be offered to non-members. Tickets (£6 each) will be available at Saturday's meeting.**

#### Dates for your Diary

##### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - talk

Paul Lewis on 'Crocasmia and Gladioli: From breeding, getting a plant to market, and field judging for the RHS'.

##### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November - our Celebrity Speaker talk with Nick Bailey talking about '365 Days of Colour'.

**Members only -**

**Entrance £6 by ticket**

##### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January - talk

'In the not so Bleak Mid-Winter'. Timothy Walker will be looking at opportunities for bringing winter interest to your garden.

##### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February – AGM

followed by Nigel Hope's talk 'A Garden for all Seasons' about the garden of John Massey.

#### Committee Members

##### Group Secretary:

Gilly Baxter

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Membership Secretary:

Rowena Jecock

Treasurer:

Richard Cooke

Speaker Co-ordinator:

Helen McIlmurray

Events Co-ordinator:

Judy Spratley

Volunteers Co-ordinator:

Liz Underwood

Newsletter, Website & Communications:

Viv East

## New Committee Members needed!

We need your help. At the end of this year 3 committee members will be retiring after serving on the committee for 4 years. The more people we have on the committee the more easily sustainable it becomes considering we're supposed to stand down after 3 years.

The Committee runs our Group on behalf of all you members. We're all volunteers, and the more we have on the committee, the easier it is for everyone. Committee Meetings are for approx 2 hrs a couple of weeks before each event or speaker meeting.

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

## Who's Who at Meetings

Committee members are easily distinguishable by their **RED** lanyards, feel free to say hello and ask any questions you may have, (photos are on the website). Members have green lanyards. Visitors will have stick on labels, so please say hello to them and start talking.

## Our Sustainability and your Tea/Coffee!

As mentioned last month, feel free to bring your own mug or travel mug for us to give you your drink. This is us endeavouring to reduce our water and electricity usage. Many thanks to those of you who brought your own mugs last month.

## 'Newsletter' and the 'Hardy Times'

For your information, this 'Newsletter' will be the format for event news and other important/time-related DHPS news, it will be sent out approximate one week before our speaker meetings/key events.

The **Hardy Times** will in future be sent out quarterly – in line with the seasons - and as before, contain articles from members, about plants, gardens, and other gardening related items.

## Contributing to the Newsletter or Hardy Times

Please contribute to either of these publications. If you know of a local gardening event or would like to write about a plant, plant group or garden you have visited, or even a useful tip, then simply email our Group Secretary at [dorsethps@gmail.com](mailto:dorsethps@gmail.com) and we will do the rest. (**Note:-** Your text can be in an email or Word or other word processor. Pictures for inclusion should be clear and the highest quality possible – ie the largest file size possible)

## Emailing the Committee

In case there was confusion about this at the September meeting, our email address [dorsethps@gmail.com](mailto:dorsethps@gmail.com) is used to communicate with you so you can easily recognise who the email is from. Please use this same email address as your main method for contacting us. This 'single point of contact' saves you having to decide who to email, and also means the personal email addresses of the committee are not advertised and so are less likely to be 'spammed'.

## Volunteers at our Meetings Needed

We're always calling for extra volunteers to help us run our meetings, but we won't ask for your help at every meeting. See right ⇒⇒⇒

## 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** is served before the talk starts. Costs are £1 for tea/coffee and £1 for a piece of home-made cake.

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

**Plant Sales Table** is at every speaker 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](http://www.dorsethps.org.uk)

**Events Table...** will have details and/or 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. ☺