

# Dorset Group

## Newsletter

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# HPS

HARDY PLANT SOCIETY

Gardening with hardy perennials

Hello...

No speaker meeting to talk about this month, but we have our Plant Fair next Saturday – see below – so we hope to see you all then - keep your fingers crossed for the weather!

Our day trip to Kew is now open to non-members, and also those who only want the coach ticket because they have tickets to Kew via other means – see below.

Coming up is a self-drive garden visit to Edmondsham Gardens in July, and something else is in the pipeline for September.

So, we'll be sending out a Newsletter fairly regularly over the summer to tell you more about these events. .... Ed.

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May – 2.30-4.30pm - our annual Plant Fair

We're looking forward to a busy sale again – last year people were queuing waiting for the gate to open at 2.30pm.... which was just great!

We hope you're all bringing some plants for the 'Donations Table' funds from these plants will go to DHPS funds towards speakers and events. Plants can be anything... perennials, annuals, veggies, even shrubs.

Please hand your donated plants in at the gate between 2 and 2.15pm, this is so we have time to organise and price them before the gate opens for the sale at 2.30pm.

The Plant Fair is open to the public so please tell your friends and neighbours. The sales tables will be in the car park, and refreshments on sale inside the hall.

### Cash Only please

Entrance fee: £1

### Timings:

2 – 2.15pm – Bring your donated plants to the gate please – to give us time to organise and price them – no entry to the sale until 2.30pm though.

2.30pm - Gate opens for start of Plant Fair

4.30pm - Plant Fair closes

### Dorset HPS Canvas Bags - £2 each

We will have some of these selling for £2 each at the Plant Fair – good quality and a very useful size for normal shopping or popping a few plants in!



### Dates for your Diary

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May – 2.30 – 4.30**

**Our own Plant Fair**

(see notes on the left)

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Day Trip**

**Kew Gardens** – booking form is attached with the May Newsletter email.

**Now open to non-members, or just the coach ticket.**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – self drive garden visit to**

**Edmondsham Gardens** – more info soon

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

'Coping with Climate Change in the Garden' with Sally Morgan

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

Terry Baker and 'Terry and Mary's Favourites: Peonies, Hollyhocks and Foxgloves'.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

**Celebrity Speaker Event**

**Ticket Only (details later)**

with Tom Hart Dyke talking about 'Developing the World Garden' in his walled garden in Lullingstone, and also about his time in captivity in Colombia.

## Day Trip to Kew – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June

We have a few tickets available for our trip to Kew, and we're now opening this up to non-members, so if you have any friends or know anyone who might be interested then please let them know and pass on the attached form.

Members £30 – Non-members £35

Coach Ticket only £15.10 (see below)

If any of you are members of the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens at Romsey then apparently you can gain entry to Kew on a 2 for 1 ticket basis. So, you can join us on the coach for £15.10 per person, but you will have to arrange the entrance tickets to Kew yourself. Be aware we will be entering Kew at the Elizabeth Gate.

An updated booking form for this event is attached, the new booking system where you **first** obtain a unique Booking Reference has been working well, you can obtain this via email or phone. Full instructions on page 1 of the booking form.

Once you have obtained your booking reference, the method of payment, and getting the booking form to us, is very similar to our membership subscriptions procedure you all used recently.

As usual, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask.

## Events in the Planning Stage

Add **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July** to your diary now – a Self-Drive Garden Visit to Edmondsham Gardens. This will be an afternoon visit just for our group – more information soon.

And... 'watch this space' for something else in September ☺

## Hardy Times – Articles for Summer Edition please

We'll be very pleased to receive your articles for this edition by the end of May – plants, gardens, tips – all very welcome. It should be in your Inboxes in early June.

Your contribution can be in an email, or Word... whatever is easy for you.

## BBC Gardeners' World Magazine – Gardens of the Year Competition 2023

A short note to point you in the direction of an email you should have received from Bill Hodgson at national HPS on or about Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May....

**"BBC Gardeners' World Magazine – Gardens of the Year Competition 2023** is now open for entries and we want to see beautiful gardens of all styles and sizes. If you'd love to see your garden featured in BBC Gardeners' World magazine and be in with a chance of winning a fantastic holiday prize, enter our exciting competition now."

To find out more click this link:

<https://bit.ly/goty2023hardyplantsoc>

or on your computer search for **Gardeners World Gardens of the Year Competition**

## 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. Giving time to look at the Plant Sales table, the Information Table and buy your raffle tickets. (**NB:** the AGM and Celebrity Speaker meetings may be slightly different so please check)

**Committee Members** can be identified easily with their red lanyards.

**Refreshments** £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 most speaker meetings (except the Celebrity meeting). You can donate your surplus plants or you can sell them for your chosen price, and pay us a little commission. Check our website for how this 'double-ticketing' system works and guidance on plant presentation

**Volunteers...** The more volunteers we have the less often we ask for your help. If you'd like to help on the day of a meeting, and/or enjoy baking a cake, just check the Information Board table for the sign-up sheet, or email us. To show our appreciation for your help you get a strip of raffle tickets. ☺