

WYKE REGIS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



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OPENING TIMES
WEDNESDAY 2 – 4PM
SATURDAY 9.30AM – 12.30PM

SEPTEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

THE AGM WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 8th SEPT 7:30pm AT THE TRADING POST

WRHS Logo Design Competition

The Society needs a new logo so here's a chance to show off your artistic skills.

Download competition rules from
<http://wrhs.btck.co.uk/LOGOCOMPETITION>
or pick up a printed copy from the Trading Post.


Closing date for entries 30th September

WRHS Calendar Competition

We plan to produce our own WRHS Calendar for 2017 using digital photographs taken by WRHS Members.

Download competition rules from
<http://wrhs.btck.co.uk/CALENDARCOMPETITION>
or pick up a printed copy from the Trading Post.

Closing date for entries 30th September

 The last Trading Day for 2016
will be

Saturday 10th December 

Mince Pies, Sausage Rolls, Tea & Coffee
will be free to Members.

Grand Christmas Draw at 11:30am

£1 Draw Tickets will be on sale at the
Trading Post from Wednesday 2nd November
If you would like to donate a draw prize,
please speak to the Duty Manager at the Trading Post
or email trading_team@wrhs.org.uk

Richard Williamson's Christmas Wreath Workshop

**Wednesday 14th
December 2016
10:00 to about 13:00
Only £5.00**



Limited to 30 places
Always very popular
so book quickly to
avoid
disappointment.
Details at the
Trading Post.

OPEN DAY !

Saturday 1st October 10am to 4pm

Come and enjoy a day of fun and games at the Trading Post

And... there will be **COFFEE** and **CAKE!**

All areas of the Trading Post will be open for you to see how your Society functions.
Our prices are very competitive - we can buy in bulk and share smaller quantities with you.
All our staff are volunteers, so less overheads. We are only allowed to sell to Members.

SPECIAL OFFER

Membership half price! From now until 31st March 2017 you can join for **just £2.50 !**
One membership means that your whole household can buy goods at the Trading Post.

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT DRIVE

We need to recruit more members !

The good prices we get as WRHS members depend on the Society's bulk buying ability.
Increasing turnover at the Trading Post, increases our bulk buying power, giving you even lower prices,
so it's in **your** interests to help recruit new members.

An A4 poster image is attached to this newsletter - **why not print one on your computer printer** and display it in your window,
or in the rear window of your car. Print a few to give to friends. Spread the word !

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Society depends upon volunteers for its operation and its continued existence.
We need a few more folk for general duties, like serving refreshments, tidying plants, potting up, re-bagging bulk stock.
Could you spare an hour or so on an occasional Saturday morning or Wednesday afternoon?
It's pleasant work, and you get to meet some very nice fellow gardeners too.

A RECIPE FOR SEPTEMBER

South African Butternut Fritters

These are not fritters as we know them!



These fritters are more like Scotch pancakes or drop scones.

They can be eaten as part of a main course or, if sprinkled with cinnamon, sugar and/or lemon, they make a delicious dessert or snack.

Serves 4

Ingredients:

500ml cooked Butternut squash, **dry** and mashed

1 egg, beaten

5 tablespoons flour

2 teaspoons baking powder

¼ teaspoons salt

Butter, margarine or oil for frying

Optional: Ground Cinnamon, Sugar, Lemon juice.

Method:

1. Combine the squash, flour, baking powder and salt to form a soft batter.
2. Add the egg and beat well.
3. Heat the butter, margarine or oil in a frying pan until it sizzles.
4. Drop a spoonful of batter into the fat; fry on both sides until golden brown
5. Keep cooked fritters warm until ready to serve. Serve warm.
6. Serve with Cinnamon, Sugar, and/or Lemon juice, as you prefer.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Trip to Wilton House

On Sunday 7th August we enjoyed a trip to Wilton House near Salisbury. The day commenced rather murky but on arrival the sun appeared and we were treated to temperatures of 23°C, accompanied by a warm breeze.

About half the group opted to spend the morning at the Country Fair, supporting the Salisbury Hospice, where they enjoyed many interesting events and displays, plus varied and unusual shopping opportunities.

The Staff at Wilton House and at the Fair could not have been more helpful. Those going to the House in the morning were welcomed by Ros, who gave us a personal talk about the history of the House and its owners through the ages. We were advised to watch a film of the same before visiting the House, which was quite spectacular - every room filled with beautiful furniture, decorated ceilings, and fabulous carving. Around each corner, paintings by Dutch and Italian masters, such as Rubens, Van Dyke, and Breughel were discovered. The exhibition of classic cars filled us with nostalgia & envy, and the Cecil Beaton photographs captured the essence of Country House summer weekends.


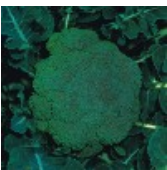






The grounds were extensive and planted with specimen trees. There were areas of particular interest, one with a Chinese theme. The river created a border on two sides of the lawns. A fabulous adventure play area for children had been created in one area of the grounds. It was lovely to see so many children enjoying this facility and playing and picnicking on the lawns.

Festival of Light at Longleat House

At the beginning of December we are planning to visit Longleat House to enjoy a Festival of Light, featuring Chinese lanterns of spectacular colours and proportions. Information on the date and price will be in next month's newsletter.





















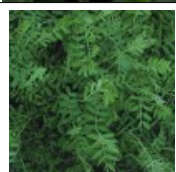
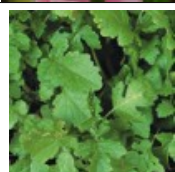
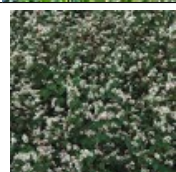
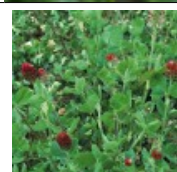

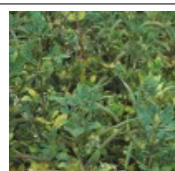


WRHS GROWN PLANTS

Young plants ready to plant out now. £1.50 per tray of six plants.









Black Kale Borecole Nero Di Toscana		Calabrese Marathon F1		Cabbage Durham Early		Leaf Beet Rhubarb Chard	
Sweet William Auricula Eyed Mixed		Hollyhock Chater's Double Mixed		Wallflower Persian Carpet Mixed		Lettuce Winter Density semi-cos	

TRADING POST

MEMBERSHIP CARD MUST BE SHOWN WHEN MAKING ANY PURCHASE

Amaryllis Apple Blossom £3.80 each 	Amaryllis Pink £3.80 each 	Amaryllis Red £3.80 each 	Amaryllis Salmon £3.80 each 
Amaryllis Striped £3.80 each 	Hyacinth Anna Marie for indoor bowl 48p each 	Hyacinth Ostara for indoor bowl 48p each 	Hyacinth Carnegie for indoor bowl 48p each 
Hyacinth Purple Sensation for indoor bowl 48p each 	Hyacinth Pink Pearl for indoor bowl 48p each 	Hyacinth Fondant for outdoor planting 48p each 	Hyacinth Marie for outdoor planting 48p each 
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Darwin Tulip Golden Apeldoorn 18p each 	Darwin Tulip Oluoules 18p each 	Darwin Tulip Parade 18p each 	Darwin Tulip Van Eijk 18p each 
Winter Tares Sow 25g/sq m Dig in before flowering £1.50 £1.35 	White Mustard Sow 2.8g/sq m Dig in before flowering £1.15 £1.05 	Buckwheat Sow 10g/sq m Dig in while flowering. £1.50 £1.35 	Crimson Clover Sow 3.5g/sq m Dig in before flowering. £1.50 £1.35 
Phacelia Sow 3.5g/sq m Dig in just before flowers open £1.50 £1.35 	Fenugreek Sow 4.5g/sq m Dig in before flowering £1.50 £1.35 	Chinese Cabbage Yuki £1.45 £1.35 	Pak Choi Hanankan F1 £1.45 £1.35 

PRICE REDUCTIONS

Vitax Weed Free Concentrate 6x100ml sachet £7.80 £6.00 	Bayer Super Strength Weedkiller 12x8g sachets £15.60 £12.00 	Vitax Slug Gone Wool Pellets 1 litre £3.10 £2.00 	Doff Ant Killer Spray 1 litre £2.50 £2.00 
Nippon Woodlice Killer 150g £1.65 £1.50 	Nippon Flypaper 3 traps £1.50 £1.00 	Hozelock Fan spray 2660 £5.45 	Hozelock Spray gun 2674 RRP £13.00 £8.50 

WHAT TO DO THIS MONTH

- Divide herbaceous perennials. RHS advice: <https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?pid=363>
- Collect & sow seed from perennials and hardy annuals. RHS advice: <https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?pid=675>
- Lift any remaining potatoes before the slugs get them ! Clear the plant debris away from the plot.
- Put netting over ponds to prevent them filling up with falling leaves. Suitable netting in stock at the Trading Post.
- Keep watering new plants, using rainwater if possible
- Water house-plants less frequently.
- Clean greenhouses and cold frames, ready for autumn. RHS advice: <https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?pid=731>
- The Trading Post has stocks of greenhouse fumigators, Jeyes Fluid, etc.
- Cover leafy vegetable crops with bird-proof netting, available from the Trading Post.
- Plant spring flowering bulbs. Bulb compost, pots, planters, & pesticides are in stock at the Trading Post.
- Pick autumn raspberries
- Sow turnip, spinach, winter lettuce, & Oriental vegetables for overwintering, to mature in the spring.
- Plant out spring cabbages, cover with horticultural fleece or netting (in stock at the TP) to avoid pigeon damage.
- Sow green manures in the vegetable garden or allotment. Then dig the resulting crop into the soil at the right time. These plants extract nitrogen from the air allowing you to add nitrates to the soil **organically**, without using chemical fertilisers. Plenty of varieties to choose from at the Trading Post, complete with the necessary information.
- Cut back old canes of blackberries & hybrid berries after fruiting, and tie in the new canes.
- Prune blackcurrants.

Remember to pick up your free copy of the September edition of Country Gardener from the Trading Post

MEMBERS' PLANT SALES

WRHS Members may offer home-grown plants for sale at the Trading Post, provided that certain conditions are met.

All plants must be potted up in **good quality compost**, in **clean, undamaged pots**, and kept **weed free**.

Details of how to label your plants are obtainable from the website, or the Trading Post.

Regular watering is carried out by volunteers, but all other maintenance is the responsibility of the vendor.

Please inspect your plants regularly and prevent them getting tatty.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS UPDATE

I recently emailed every Member whose email address is known to the Society, quoting the details currently held on the Membership Database. Thank you to everyone who took the trouble to reply with updated/corrected information.

The Membership Database is now in a much better shape !

Please email any further corrections to itmanager@wrhs.org.uk and I will update the database accordingly.

If you have an email address that is not registered with the Society, please email it to the above address.

Remember - every Member who registers an email address is entitled to a **free** email copy of the monthly newsletter.

Richard Miller (IT Manager)

MODERNISATION

So far, most of the work to revitalise and modernise the Society has been going on behind the scenes. If you have visited the Trading Post recently you will have been asked to present your new barcoded Membership Card at the till, and will have noticed that shelf edges have been fitted with price label holders, but that's about all the visible changes.

Now the Committee is planning to improve the display facilities and the lighting in the Trading Post sales areas, and to extend the range of products stocked. By the time you read this newsletter, Value House will have closed, so whatever gardening supplies you used to buy there will have to come from somewhere else in future.

The Trading Team wants to stock what you want to buy.

So start making a list of the garden products you buy from sources other than WRHS, and tell the Trading Team.

trading_team@wrhs.org.uk is the email address. The Society buys in bulk and passes the savings on to Members.

Once the new EPOS system has been running for a full year, we shall know what currently stocked lines do **not** sell, and we won't restock them, but that won't tell us what new items to stock instead.

Some of the Committee Members are visiting trade shows and other events, looking for new and interesting products, but you can help no end just by giving them a copy of your gardening shopping list. Thank you for your help.

WRHS CALENDAR PHOTO COMPETITION

The WRHS is to produce its own calendar for 2017.

WRHS Members are invited to submit suitable digital photographs for inclusion.
The prize of a WRHS Gift Token will be awarded for the best photograph submitted.

CALENDAR PHOTO COMPETITION RULES

1. Subjects may be either gardening / horticultural or a local scene.
 2. The shape ("aspect ratio") must be 3 x 2 Landscape mode
i.e. 3 units wide and 2 units high.
 3. Photographs of other aspect ratios (e.g. 4 x 3) will be accepted,
but will be cropped to 3 x 2 before being submitted to the judges.
If possible, you should crop such photos yourself before submitting them.
 4. All photographs must be in a common digital format, such as .jpg or .png
 5. A maximum of four photographs per person may be entered.
 6. Photograph files should be emailed to calendar@wrhs.org.uk quoting name and WRHS Membership number (it's on your new Membership Card, with the barcode.)
 7. If you are unable to email your entry, you may bring it into the Trading Post during normal trading hours on a suitable transfer medium such as a USB memory stick or a memory card, and we will do our best to accept your entry, but we cannot guarantee to do so.
 8. By entering the competition, you affirm that all photographs you submit are your own work and your own property, and that you give the WRHS permission to use those photographs without payment, and that no copyright will be infringed by any use by the WRHS.
 9. The closing date for the entries is midnight on 30th September 2016.
 10. Entries will be judged by the Calendar Competition Sub-committee, whose decision shall be final.
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WRHS LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION

The WRHS needs a new logo.

WRHS Members are invited to submit suitable designs.
The prize of a WRHS Gift Token will be awarded for the chosen design.

LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION RULES

1. The overall shape of the logo design must be either square or circular.
2. Artwork may be submitted in any common digital format.
3. A maximum of four designs per person may be entered.
4. Please **DO NOT** include "WRHS" or Wyke Regis Horticultural Society" in your design.
A purely pictorial design will allow the logo to be used flexibly, depending on the application.
5. Artwork files should be emailed to logo@wrhs.org.uk quoting your name and WRHS Membership number (it's on your new Membership Card, with the barcode.)
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Are you a gardener?

Come and join
Wyke Regis Horticultural Society
(You don't have to live in Wyke!)

Special Offer: membership Half price until
March 2017

Only £2.50 for a whole household!

The Trading Post in Rylands Lane sells
lots of gardening supplies at bargain
prices, including plants, seeds and
fertiliser. New stock of bulbs just arrived!

Friendly Internet Café with teas and coffee

Open Weds 2 - 4pm and Sats 9.30am - 12.30pm

OPEN DAY

Saturday 1st October

10am to 4pm

Fun, Games, Advice and Cake

www.wrhs.org.uk