

# WYKE REGIS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



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OPENING TIMES  
WEDNESDAY 2pm - 6.30pm  
SATURDAY 9.30am - 12.30pm

## DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

### WINTER CLOSURE

The Trading Post will close on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm

Free tea, coffee, mince pies & cake will be served  
throughout the morning, and the

## Grand Christmas Raffle

will be drawn at 11:30 am

Raffle tickets are on sale now at the Trading Post at £1 per strip



### Raffle Prizes

Hand-made Patchwork Quilt  
Bottle of Jamaica Rum  
Three Bottles of Wine  
Small Town Gardens  
by Rachel de Thame  
Picture frame  
2 Boxes of Chocolates  
An Amaryllis bulb  
The Victorian Garden Series  
boxed set



### Raffle Prizes

Flower Bulbs in Pots  
Tulips, Muscari, Hyacinths  
Hand Trowel  
Hand Fork  
Kneeler  
Planter  
Trug  
Flower Seeds  
Herb Seeds  
Vegetable Seeds

If you would like to do some baking, or donate a raffle prize. that would be much appreciated.

During the Winter closure, more work must be done improve the Society's facilities.

Cupboards and shelving will surround the shop, with a new till desk installed.

Several volunteers with DIY skills have offered to help with this work, for which we are grateful.

Help will also be needed to clean the premises and set out the stock ready to open on 13th.

**Something will be happening most days after Christmas, why not offer to help?**

If you have DIY skills and would like to help, please contact the General Secretary, Carrie Dalby,  
via email on [generalsecretary@wrhs.org.uk](mailto:generalsecretary@wrhs.org.uk) or leave a message on the answerphone 01305 759668.

The Trading Post will reopen on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018 9.30am - 12.30pm

Publication of the January newsletter is planned for 12<sup>th</sup> January  
if the Editor survives the Winter Shop Refit programme !

## CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP



**Richard & Angie Williamson's  
Christmas Wreath Workshop**

**Wednesday 13th December  
10am - 12.30pm**

Tickets £5 per head, available at the Trading Post now.

Refreshments, frames, tape, etc. provided.

**Bring your own greenery and decorations.**

**Only a few places left !**



## CHRISTMAS GIFTS

**Solve your Christmas present problems at the Trading Post**



**£5 and £10 vouchers available**  
Recipients **DO NOT** need to be  
Members to spend them !

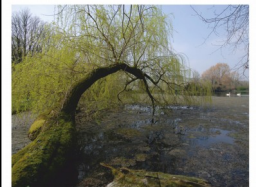
**Gardening Tools  
at good prices**



**WRHS  
Calendar  
£5**

A photo  
for each  
month

Wyke Regis  
Horticultural Society



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## WORK PARTIES

The Society is very grateful to all the Members who have given their time and skills to complete so many jobs.

**An amazing transformation!**

The raised bed is finished; the porch is turning white; the front yard is clean; the rear yard is tidy... so is the garage!

The big poly tunnel is bursting with new plants and the small poly is ready to share the load.

These work parties have been so successful that we have run out of jobs until the refurbishments are completed.

**The next scheduled Party will be from 9.30am on Friday 12th January**

to clean up and make the Trading Post ready to open on Saturday 13th January.

## GREENHOUSE FOR SALE























**The WRHS has a lean-to greenhouse  
10ft x 12ft aluminium frame  
surplus to requirements.**



**It has a pair of doors, louvre windows  
and a small quantity of glass.**



# WHAT TO PLANT NOW

<p><b>Tulip Short Stemmed</b> 5 varieties 20p</p> 	<p><b>Hyacinth outdoor</b> 5 varieties <del>45p</del> 30p</p> 	<p><b>Daffodil</b> Tête a Tête 10p each</p> 	<p><b>Tulip Miniature</b> 5 varieties 15p</p> 
<p><b>Iris Dutch Mixed</b> 7p each</p> 	<p><b>Narcissus Miniature Mixed</b> 10p each</p> 	<p><b>Crocus Specie Mixed</b> 5p</p> 	<p><b>Lettuce Plants Arctic King</b> £1.50 tray of 6</p> 
<p><b>Broad Bean Aquadulce Claudia</b> 50p/100g</p> 	<p><b>Broad Bean Witkiem Manita</b> 60p/100g</p> 	<p><b>Broad Bean Sutton Dwarf</b> 70p/100g</p> 	<p><b>Pea Meteor</b> 50p/100g</p> 
<p><b>Pea Douce Provence</b> 30p/50g</p> 	<p><b>Pea Douce Provence</b> 60p/100g</p> 	<p><b>Shallot Red Sun</b> £2.00/500g</p> 	<p><b>Shallot Golden Gourmet</b> £2.00/500g</p> 
<p><b>Onion Red Winter</b> 80p/200g</p> 	<p><b>Onion Shakespeare</b> 80p/200g</p> 	<p><b>Elephant Garlic medium bulb</b> <del>60p</del> 45p each</p> 	<p><b>Garlic Carcassonne Wight</b> £1.50 each</p> 

# NEW VARIETIES TO SOW NEXT YEAR

<p><b>Achillea Summer Berries</b> <del>£1.55</del> £1.40</p> 	<p><b>Chrysanthemum Rainbow</b> <del>£1.55</del> £1.40</p> 	<p><b>Rudbeckia Rustic Dwarfs</b> <del>£1.55</del> £1.40</p> 	<p><b>Wild Flowers Hedgerow Mix</b> <del>£3.75</del> £3.38</p> 
<p><b>Aubergine Long Purple</b> <del>£1.50</del> £1.35</p> 	<p><b>Beetroot Mixed</b> <del>£1.80</del> £1.62</p> 	<p><b>Flower Sprout</b> <del>£2.50</del> £2.25</p> 	<p><b>Calabrese Stemia F1</b> <del>£2.80</del> £2.52</p> 
<p><b>Carrot Mixed</b> <del>£2.35</del> £2.12</p> 	<p><b>Celery Victoria F1</b> <del>£1.95</del> £1.76</p> 	<p><b>Cucumber Mini Munch F1</b> <del>£3.35</del> £3.01</p> 	<p><b>Onion Tosca</b> <del>£1.70</del> £1.53</p> 
<p><b>Onion Paris Silverskin</b> <del>£1.25</del> £1.13</p> 	<p><b>Chilli Pepper Basket of Fire</b> <del>£2.45</del> £2.21</p> 	<p><b>Sweet Corn Minipop</b> <del>£1.75</del> £1.58</p> 	<p><b>Turnip Golden Ball</b> <del>£1.10</del> £0.99</p> 
<p><b>Dill</b> <del>£1.45</del> £1.30</p> 	<p><b>Bronze Fennel</b> <del>£1.45</del> £1.30</p> 	<p><b>Creeping Thyme</b> <del>£1.45</del> £1.30</p> 	<p><b>Herbs Culinary Favourites</b> <del>£3.95</del> £3.35</p> 

## A RECIPE FOR DECEMBER

### Christmas Biscuits

I always think that ginger and cinnamon are the taste and smell of Christmas.



Contributed by The Kitchen Gardener

These biscuits are ideal for all the family to make. They can be cut to your favourite shapes and decorated in various ways with water icing and sweets, silver balls, and edible glitter. Writing icing can be bought in tubes, to add names or designs. I hope you enjoy making and eating them.

Merry Christmas!

#### Ingredients

100g butter  
175g dark muscovado sugar  
85g golden syrup  
350g plain flour, plus extra for dusting  
½ teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda  
1 tablespoon ground ginger  
¼ teaspoon ground cloves  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 egg, beaten



#### Method

1. Gently heat the butter, sugar & syrup in a large pan until the sugar dissolves.
2. Mix the flour, spices & salt. Cool the butter mixture a little, then stir in the bicarb.
3. Immediately add half the spiced flour and beat well. Add the egg & remaining spiced flour, and beat into a soft dough.
4. Tip onto a sheet of foil, flatten to a large disc. Cool and chill until firm. (Dough can be frozen for up to 6 weeks.)
5. Heat oven to 190°C (170°C fan) Gas 5.
6. Roll out half the dough on a floured surface. Cut out shapes and arrange on baking sheets, well spaced apart.
7. Bake for 12-15 mins until golden. Leave to harden, then lift onto a rack. Repeat with the remaining dough.
8. Decorate as you wish. Baked biscuits will keep in a tin for 3-4 days.

## WHAT TO DO THIS MONTH

- ✓ Check winter protection structures are securely in place, and that greenhouse heaters are working.
- ✓ Insulate outdoor taps and prevent ponds from freezing.
- ✓ Prune **open-grown** apples and pears, but **not** those trained against walls.
- ✓ Prune acers, birches and vines before Christmas to avoid bleeding.
- ✓ Harvest leeks, parsnips, winter cabbage, sprouts and remaining root crops.
- ✓ Take hardwood cuttings.
- ✓ Keep mice away from stored produce.
- ✓ Reduce watering of houseplants.



Work off all that Christmas Pudding – lend a hand with the Trading Post Winter Refit Project !



**A Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to you all !**

**From the General Committee**

