

WYKE REGIS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



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10p

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

MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER

NEWS & EVENTS

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR WRHS MEMBERSHIP YET ?

If you are among the 200+ members who paid up on time - THANK YOU !

If you are one of the 380 who haven't got round to it, please renew as soon as possible - it was due on 1st April.

If you are as busy (and forgetful) as most of us, why not arrange a Standing Order - ask at the Trading Post.

EXTENDED WEDNESDAY OPENING HOURS ARE PROVING POPULAR

The Trading Post now opens longer on Wednesdays: 2.00pm - 6.30pm

Thanks to Members who have offered garden stone for the new WRHS Rockery

VOLUNTEERS !

This Society is run by its Members, for its Members, and is always looking for people to help with odd jobs, such as weighing out fertilisers, stocking the shelves or watering plants. There are opportunities for sowing seeds and propagating plants, too.

We rely on Members giving an hour or two when they can spare it - just pop in and offer your help.

There is also a regular rota for those willing to attend more often: strong people to serve in the yard, tea-makers, till operators. We have an EPOS system - would you like to be trained to run the till?

There are several projects coming up that will require DIY skills, particularly woodwork. Can you help?

We can adapt our working hours to suit the help available.

The **Summer Show** will be held on **Saturday 15th July** and we will need volunteers to help throughout the day - see below.

The café will be open, so donations of cakes and savouries would be much appreciated.

Donations of raffle prizes are also needed. The raffle will help defray the cost of hiring the Scout Hall.

If you are interested, please talk to Carrie Dalby, General Secretary, in the Trading Post or via generalsecretary@wrhs.org.uk

DUTY MANAGERS REQUIRED !

A Duty Manager is responsible for the smooth running of the Trading Post during Opening Hours. The Duties include: unlocking all the doors and gates; helping the Till Operator to set up the Till; checking the shelves are stocked, assisting as required.

There are three shifts: Wednesday from 2 - 4pm; Wednesday from 4pm - 6.30pm; Saturday from 9.30am - 12.30pm.

Ample training is given and there is always someone else available in case it gets busy.

Could you help? We have a rota and you can volunteer for one shift at a time, to suit your availability.

For more information, please contact Carrie Dalby, General Secretary via email on generalsecretary@wrhs.org.uk or ask in the Trading Post.

Pumpkin Competition

May is the time to sow your pumpkin seeds.

Have you bought yours yet?

Why not enter the Heaviest Pumpkin Competition in aid of Hangers Heroes?

They support local charities.

Entry of £2.50 is open to members and non-members and includes 4 seeds, full instructions and information. Available from the Trading Post.

The WRHS Summer Show

Saturday 15th July 2017













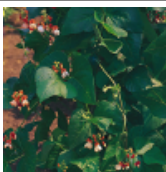








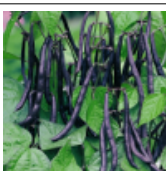


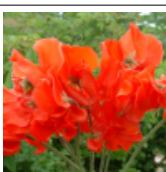





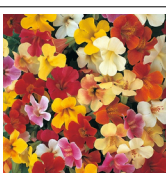
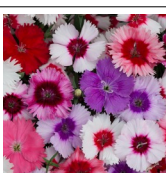
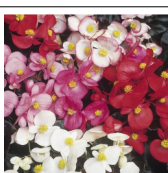




Many classes, not just in Horticulture. Schedule and Entry Form available at the Trading Post or the website <http://wrhs.org.uk/>

SHOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Set up tables in the Scout Hut on Friday 14th at 7:30pm
 - Stewards to help Exhibitors & Judges on Saturday 15th
 - Kitchen / Café helpers (2 hour rota slots) on Saturday 15th
 - Dismantle tables and clear up after 4pm on Saturday 15th
- Email: enquiries@wrhs.org.uk or speak to Rachel Waldoock

PEAS, BEANS, ETC.

Well below normal retail prices

<div>Douce Provence Pea</div> <div>60p/100g</div> <div></div>	<div>Hurst Greenshaft Pea</div> <div>60p/100g</div> <div></div>	<div>Kelvedon Wonder Pea</div> <div>70p/100g</div> <div></div>	<div>Meteor Pea</div> <div>50p/100g</div> <div></div>	
<div>Delikett Pea</div> <div>£1.05/100g</div> <div></div>	<div>Onward Pea</div> <div>60p/100g</div> <div></div>	<div>Bunyard's Exhibition Broad Bean</div> <div>80p/100g</div> <div></div>	<div>Masterpiece Green Broad Bean</div> <div>80p/100g</div> <div></div>	
<div>Sutton Dwarf Broad Bean</div> <div>70p/100g</div> <div></div>	<div>Enorma Runner Bean</div> <div>£1.10/100g</div> <div></div>	<div>Hestia Runner Bean</div> <div>£1.85/100g</div> <div></div>	<div>Moonlight Runner Bean</div> <div>£2.25/100g</div> <div></div>	
<div>Painted Lady Runner Bean</div> <div>£1.20/100g</div> <div></div>	<div>Polestar Runner Bean</div> <div>£1.15/100g</div> <div></div>	<div>Red Knight Runner Bean</div> <div>£1.35/100g</div> <div></div>	<div>White Lady Runner Bean</div> <div>£1.45/100g</div> <div></div>	
<div>Blue Lake Climbing French</div> <div>60p/50g</div> <div></div>	<div>Cobra Climbing French</div> <div>£2.20/50g</div> <div></div>	<div>Cosse Violette Climbing French</div> <div>£1.10/100g</div> <div></div>	<div>Hunter Climbing French</div> <div>£1.25/50g</div> <div></div>	
<div>Canadian Wonder Dwarf French</div> <div>85p/100g</div> <div></div>	<div>Purple Teepee Dwarf French</div> <div>80p/50g</div> <div></div>	<div>Safari Dwarf French</div> <div>95p/50g</div> <div></div>	<div>Tendergreen Dwarf French</div> <div>50p/50g</div> <div></div>	
<div>Sweet Pea Seeds</div> <div>40 varieties</div> <div></div>	<div>DID YOU KNOW ?</div> <div>Growing scented sweet peas together with your runner beans attracts pollinating insects.</div> <div>They detect the sweet pea scent and then visit the runner bean flowers.</div>		<div>Trug</div> <div>£1.50</div> <div></div>	
<div>Canes</div> <div>6 foot</div> <div>£2.50/10</div> <div></div>	<div>Canes</div> <div>8 foot</div> <div>£4.35/10</div>	<div>Pea & Bean Netting</div> <div>2m wide</div> <div>50p/metre</div>	<div>Vegetable Seeds</div> <div>120 varieties</div> <div></div>	<div>Flower Seeds</div> <div>52 varieties</div> <div></div>
<div>Petunia</div> <div>Tray of 6 plants</div> <div>£2.00</div> <div></div>	<div>Mimulus</div> <div>Tray of 6 plants</div> <div>£2.00</div> <div></div>	<div>Dianthus</div> <div>Tray of 6 plants</div> <div>£2.00</div> <div></div>	<div>Begonia</div> <div>Tray of 6 plants</div> <div>£2.50</div> <div></div>	
<div>Antirrhinum</div> <div>Tray of 6 plants</div> <div>£2.00</div> <div></div>	<div>Fibre Pots</div> <div>6cm square</div> <div>Pack of 20</div> <div>£2.00</div> <div></div>	<div>Fibre Pots</div> <div>6cm diam</div> <div>Pack of 24</div> <div>£2.40</div> <div></div>	<div>Fibre Pots</div> <div>7cm diam</div> <div>Pack of 16</div> <div>£2.45</div> <div></div>	

SELECTED ITEMS AT THE TRADING POST

Fibre Pots for ring culture Pack of 6 £3.30		Grow Tubes Biodegradable Pack of 20 £3.30		Vitax Slug Rid 500g £4.15		Gloves Master Gardener £4.75	
Weedfree Concentrate 1 litre £12.90		Watering Can 2 gallon red £5.40		Watering Can 10 litre £5.40		Indoor can 0.7 litre £5.49 £4.45	
Wheel Barrow Kit £30.00 Built £35.00		Barrow Booster £4.00		Fork Spear & Jackson £15.50		Spade Stainless Steel £24.95	
Tidy Tray for potting up £11.65 £6.00		Shelf clips onto Tidy Tray £3.70 £1.95		Scoop Flat Base £2.75 £1.60		Compost Scoop £2.75 £1.50	
Sprayer 5 litre £13.24 £7.50		Extendable Spray Wand £4.05 £3.00		Hand Fork Stainless Steel £4.25		Trowel Stainless Steel £7.95	
Handy Tray £4.85 £2.80		Pea & Bean Bag £10.75 £5.80		Potato Bag £6.90 £3.80		Maxicrop Original 500ml £4.40	
Plum Maggot Trap £8.50		Plum Moth Trap Refill £5.85		Mychorrhizal Fungi 250g £3.90		Premium Tomato Feed 1 litre £7.25 £6.55	
Rose Clear 1 litre £4.50		Py Bug Killer 750 ml £6.45		Jute Twine 500g £2.70		Compost 40 litre £2.00	

SEED POTATOES

Select your own tubers. Buy just the quantity you want. Only a few varieties left.
Sold by weight. All varieties £1.30 per kilo - **well below normal retail prices**

Charlotte Salad Waxy variety		International Kidney Salad Scab resistant		Marfona 2nd early		Red Duke of York 1st early ALMOST GONE	
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A RECIPE FOR MAY

Tomato & Asparagus Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette

Contributed by The Kitchen Gardener

If you are lucky enough to have grow your own asparagus you will know that there are many ways of eating it – griddled, as a soup, quiches and salads. I thought I would share this salad recipe with you, as a light lunch or an accompaniment to fish or meat. Personally I think asparagus was made to eat with your fingers, and I love it warm with a bowl of vinaigrette for dipping!

Ingredients

½ bunch asparagus, ends trimmed
1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
2 tbsp olive oil
salt & freshly ground black pepper
150g tomatoes, halved
2 tbsp chopped parsley
2 tbsp chopped basil

Method

- 1 Bring a saucepan of water to the boil.
- 2 Immerse the asparagus in the boiling water for 2-3 minutes.
- 3 Plunge asparagus a bowl of cold water for one minute. Drain.
- 4 Whisk balsamic vinegar & olive oil in a bowl.
- 5 Season dressing with salt & black pepper.
- 6 Put the asparagus & tomatoes together into a serving bowl.
- 7 Dress with the vinaigrette & sprinkle with the herbs.



WHAT TO DO THIS MONTH

- Protect tender plants from late frosts. The Trading Post has stocks of fleece, bubble-wrap etc.
- Open greenhouse vents and doors on warm days - remember to close them before the temperature drops too far.
- Earth up potatoes. There's still time to plant, but be quick. The Trading Post still has small stocks of some varieties.
- Still just time to enter the Hangers Heroes Pumpkin Competition - rules, seeds and advice from the Trading Post.
- Water early and late in the day for best effect.
- Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of daffodils and other spring-flowering bulbs while you can still locate them.
- Watch out for viburnum beetle and lily beetle grubs.
- Harden off other young plants ready to plant out.
- Plant out summer bedding at the end of the month.
- Keep an eye on hedges for nesting birds. Don't trim hedges until all the nestlings have fledged.
- Plant out tomatoes, courgettes, & pumpkins once the danger of frost has passed.
- Plant French beans, runner beans, squash, cucumbers, & pumpkin seeds directly into prepared beds outside. Be alert to late frosts (for which a covering of horticultural fleece should provide sufficient protection).
- Provide peas with support before they flop - the Trading Post stocks pea netting and canes.
- Sow cauliflowers and purple sprouting broccoli ready for winter cropping.
- Hoe surface weeds regularly before they become established. Deep rooted weeds should be dug out.



Remember to keep notes throughout the year - which varieties you plant, and when, and how well (or badly !) they fare. Take a few photos to go with your notes. If we all pool our experiences, we can all help each other. Local knowledge is worth more than the generalisations you can get from gardening books!

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

IMPORTANT RESEARCH

There is increasing pressure on land in the UK - the future of urban land for gardens and allotments is a stake. If you don't want the local landscape to become entirely flats and roads, then help researcher Jill Edmonson of the University of Sheffield to gather evidence of the value of crops grown at home and on allotments. Jill needs to know how much allotment and garden space you use for growing food crops, and what yields you get. Her research is backed by the Royal Horticultural Society.

Please take part at www.myharvest.org.uk. If you haven't got a computer, use the WRHS iPad in the café, or ask for help.

Details are available at the Trading Post.