

WYKE REGIS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



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

JULY 2016 NEWSLETTER

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

I hope that you are now harnessing the results of your ingenuity and hard labour in the harvesting of your early crops and relishing the sight of an abundance of vegetables and flowers.

Why not gain further satisfaction by entering your vegetables, flowers & handicrafts in the Summer Show on Saturday 13 August 2016 ?

Bring the children along so that they can also be enthused by what they can do.

Why not join in the other social event being held on 7 August, the visit to Wilton House and Gardens? Check that you have booked if you have already decided to go on the coach to Wilton House.

May I thank all the volunteers for their dedication to the Society and their acceptance of the flexibility in the work patterns required to make it all happen.

Brian Shaw (Chairman)



JULY DISPLAY

◀ This month's display at the Trading Post is all about controlling pests and diseases.

Garden pests are very active in the summer months.

The Trading Post has a wide range of control measures, including organic products.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Trip to Wilton House & Country Fair

Sunday 7th August 2016

House & Gardens entrance £9.75

includes Cecil Beaton photographic exhibition

The Country Fair (entrance £5) features steam engines, vintage cars, dog and equestrian events, stalls, antiques & crafts, local bands, and a catering village. Coach £11.

Click on the blue web-links above for photographs.

Book at the Trading Post



Summer Show



Saturday 13th August 2016

30 Classes - flowers, fruit, vegetables, cakes, preserves, handicrafts, photography

Schedule & Entry Form at the Trading Post and on the [website](#)

GLYPHOSATE - THE CONTINUING SAGA

As I write, the European Commission **still** hasn't managed to decide whether to ban glyphosate weed killers or to re-licence them. Talk of granting a temporary licence extension has come to nothing, and by the time you read this, the present licence will have expired. The EC seems choked by its own bureaucracy.

They have been dodging the issue since autumn of last year, would you believe!

Farmers are understandably concerned by this indecision, and the NFU is threatening legal action against the Commission if they fail to make a decisive ruling on the matter. Who knows what the fallout will be?

MEMBERS' PLANT SALES

Members who have left home-grown plants for sale at the Trading Post are asked to inspect them frequently. Some plants have remained unsold for a long time, and have got very tatty. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

A RECIPE FOR JULY

Vegetable garden risotto

All the flavours of an English summer

Serves 4

Ingredients:

250g broad beans
50g butter
3 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoons chopped fresh mint leaves
1 onion, finely chopped
2 garlic cloves, crushed
3-4 sprigs fresh thyme
1 long strip lemon zest
1 bay leaf
150g Arborio risotto rice
150ml dry white wine
750ml hot vegetable stock
100g peas
1 bunch asparagus, trimmed and cut into short lengths
100g fresh runner beans, stringed & cut into long thin strips
100g feta cheese, drained and crumbled into small pieces
Sea salt flakes
Freshly ground black pepper
Parmesan shavings, to serve (optional)



Method:

1. Drop broad beans into boiling water for 1 minute. Chill under running water in a colander. Discard skins. Set beans aside.
2. Mix mint with 2 tablespoons olive oil. Set aside.
3. Melt 25g butter & 1 tablespoon olive oil in large non-stick saucepan. Fry onion & garlic 5 minutes until soft but not brown. Add thyme, lemon zest, bay leaf & rice. Cook for a few seconds until the rice is glistening.
4. Add wine, boil to reduce liquid by half. Add a ladle of stock, stir well, simmer 2-3 minutes until almost absorbed. Keep slowly adding stock, simmering & reducing until all is added. Cook 15 minutes until rice is tender.
5. Cook runner beans 3 minutes in boiling water, until tender. Drain, return to pan, and toss with a small knob of butter and plenty of ground black pepper.
6. Remove and discard thyme and lemon zest from rice mixture. Stir in broad beans, peas, & asparagus. Cook 3 minutes until tender, stirring regularly.
7. Remove from heat and stir in feta. Season with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Cover with lid and set aside.
8. Add remaining butter to the rice mixture, and stir.
9. Spoon into four deep plates and tap gently on work surface to spread the risotto. Spoon on minted olive oil. Top with runner beans & Parmesan and serve.

TRADING POST

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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



PRICE REDUCTIONS

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



PRICE REDUCTIONS

Organic Fertiliser Vitax 6X Special Offer
15kg bag
~~£8.91~~
£5.00



Hozelock Spray gun 2674
RRP ~~£13.00~~
£8.50

















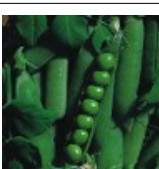

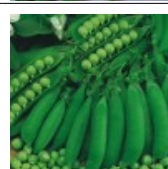










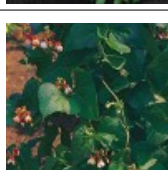








Hozelock Fan spray 2660
£5.45



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Multipurpose Compost 40 litre £2.00 80 litre £4.00 240 litre £11.00 	Horse Manure Compost 45 litre £2.00 70 litre £3.60 	Gro-Organic Compost 15 kg £7.95 	Ericaceous Compost 75 litre £3.75 
Vitax 6X Chicken Manure Pellets 20kg £8.95 	Somerset Peat 40 litre £2.50 	Somerset Top Soil 25 litre £2.50 	Oaktree Growbag 33 litre £1.50 
Landscape Bark 70 litre £5.50 	John Innes No.1 25 litre £5.00 	John Innes No.3 25 litre £5.00 	Wheelbarrow 90 litre DIY £30 Assembled £35 
Pea Ambassador 60p/100g 50p/100g 	Pea Meteor 50p/100g 	Pea Douce Provence 60p/100g 	Pea Hurst Greenshaft 60p/100g 
Pea Early Onward 95p/100g 80p/100g 	Pea Onward 80p/100g 	Pea Waverex £1.20/100g 	Pea Sugar Snap 70p/100g 
Pea Kelvedon Wonder 70p/100g 	French Bean Tendergreen 50p/50g 	French Bean Hunter £1.60/50g £2.55/100g 	French Bean Blue Lake 60p/50g 
French Bean Sprite 84p/100g 	French Bean Canadian Wonder 85p/100g 	French Bean Safari 95p/50g 	French Bean Cobra £2.20/50g 
French Bean Cosse Violette £1.10/100g 	Runner Bean Painted Lady 70p/50g £1.10/100g 	Runner Bean Polestar £1.15/100g 	Runner Bean Red Knight £1.35/100g 
Runner Bean White Lady £1.45/100g 	Runner Bean Hestia 95p/50g 	Runner Bean Moonlight £2.25/100g 	Shallots Golden Gourmet £1.00/500g 

WRHS GROWN PLANTS


















A good selection of vegetable plants is available, including black kale, red cabbage, dwarf and climbing French beans, and runner beans at various prices. Varieties change from week to week, so keep an eye on what's on offer.

MEMBERS' PLANT SALES

It is well worth dropping into the Trading Post regularly to see what home-grown plants WRHS members have for sale, especially at this time of year. You never know what gem you may pick up!

WHAT TO DO THIS MONTH

"In July the sun is hot ! Is it shining? ... "

-  Watering is important this month; evening watering avoids leaf burn caused by water drops focussing the sun. New plants and plants in tubs need particular care to avoid drying out. "Rain Gel" in the compost makes life easier. The Trading Post has water butts, spare taps, automatic rainwater diverters, watering cans, hoses & fittings.
-  Keep ponds topped up, but avoid using tap water, or at least let it stand in a butt for several days to release chlorine.
-  Pick courgettes regularly, before they turn into marrows.
-  Dead head bedding plants and repeat-flowering perennials to keep them flowering.
-  Give lawns a quick acting summer feed, particularly if you didn't apply spring feed.
-  Mow the lawns at least once a week.
-  Harvest apricots, peaches and nectarines before the blackbirds get them!
-  Keep sowing salad crops like beetroot, pak choi & radishes for a succession.
-  Sow salad leaf crops in partial shade, as full sun and dry conditions can make them develop a bitter taste.
-  Sow French, runner, & broad beans, peas, squash, sweetcorn, & outdoor cucumbers directly into beds outside.
-  There is still time to sow courgettes, marrows & pumpkins in early July in this part of the country.
-  Calabrese, turnips and kohlrabi can be sown now for an autumn crop.
-  Plant out celery, celeriac, and outdoor ridge cucumbers in beds enriched with lots of organic matter.
-  Utilise gaps between winter brassicas for fast growing crops like radishes and cos lettuces.
-  Treat apple scab.
-  Clear duckweed and blanket weed from ponds, but take great care not to trap small pond creatures, particularly in blanket weed. Baby newts and dragon-fly nymphs are particularly vulnerable.
-  **Keep weeding!** Shallow-rooted annual weeds can be hoed on a hot day and left to dry out. Deep rooted pests like dandelion, nettle, and bindweed need to be dug out carefully with a fork.

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

MODERNISATION PROGRAMME

EPOS

The modernisation at the Trading Post continues steadily. The volunteers who staff the till and assist with Trading Post sales are getting to grips with the new technology, and mastering it. Modern technology is an excellent servant, but it must be made to serve and never allowed to become the master! Methods of working must evolve so as to make life easier, and the Trading Team are discussing some of the adjustments that will be needed to streamline working practices. This process will take time, and indeed time and care should be taken over it. Patience and determined teamwork can quietly achieve great results.

ETHERNET

The IT Manager and the Maintenance Team have been busy installing Ethernet cabling between the till area and the office area. Wireless links are easy to set up, but can prove unreliable and slow. The switch to cable connections instead of wireless will solve these problems. The wireless link to the internet from the café area will not be affected by this change, and Members will continue to enjoy free internet access and the use of the Society's tablet computer.

COMPUTER HARDWARE

Some of the Society's computer equipment which has been in storage for some time is being rejuvenated. The plan is to install this in the office area in order to give the Trading Team easier access to the EPOS Back Office facilities, and to relieve demand for the laptop machine which is currently the main work-horse. This will not involve the Society in any expense, as the obsolete operating system and application software has been replaced by Linux software. It is expected that the rejuvenated computer hardware will be installed as soon as the re-cabling work is complete.

WEBSITE

Work continues steadily on the new website; meanwhile the existing website continues to be maintained. Much of the content of the Society's website is naturally devoted to the product lines in stock at the Trading Post. These stock lines change with the seasons, and with other factors, of course, so keeping the website updated with current product lines, stock levels, and prices is not a trivial task. One significant design objective for the new website is to make the updating process as automatic as possible. Make the blighted computer work for it's living, I say !