

# WYKE REGIS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



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10p

OPENING TIMES  
WEDNESDAY 2pm – 4pm  
SATURDAY 9.30am – 12.30pm

## OCTOBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### OPEN DAY !

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 10am to 4pm

##### SPECIAL OFFER

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

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.  
**Existing Members - bring your friends !**  
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.

##### Talks & Demonstrations

11am	What to do this month
12:00	Composting
2pm	Propagating from roots & divisions
3pm	Propagating from stems

### Longleat Festival of Light

4th December 2016

£37.50 each including coach and entrance

Coach pick-up points will be:  
St Edmund's Church, Wyke Smugglers Hotel,  
St Nicholas Church, The Law Courts,  
Dorchester Road, & Spa Hotel

Have you any photographs of this spectacular event  
from previous visits?

We would like to display some on the WRHS website.  
Please email to [webmaster@wrhs.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@wrhs.org.uk)



The last Trading Day for 2016

will be

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:trading_team@wrhs.org.uk)

### Richard Williamson's Christmas Wreath Workshop

Wednesday 14th December 2016

10:00 to about 13:00

Only £5.00

Frame, wire, moss  
& some greenery  
are included in the  
price

Bring your own  
choice of decorations



**Limited to 30 places**  
Always very popular  
so book quickly  
to avoid  
disappointment

# A RECIPE FOR OCTOBER

## Apple Crumble

A slightly different version of an old favourite

Contributed by The Kitchen Gardener



A slightly different version of an old favourite and lovely for this time of year. Of course you can add blackberries or any other fruit you like. I like to add a pinch of cinnamon to the apples.

### Ingredients:




















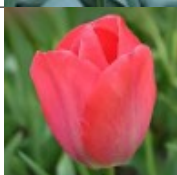




1kg Bramley Apples  
1 tablespoon apple juice or water  
100g plain flour  
75g butter  
50g rolled oats  
100g Demerara sugar  
Optional: Ground Cinnamon. Extra sugar to pre-cook apples.

### Method:

1. Wipe and core the apples. Slice each apple into 8 pieces
2. Put apples with water or apple juice in a pan. Add sugar if required.
3. Cook over a medium heat for 5 minutes, until apples start to soften.
4. Put mixture into a shallow oven-proof pie dish.
5. Blend flour & butter in a food processor, or rub in by hand, until the mixture looks like breadcrumbs.
6. Stir in oats & brown sugar. Sprinkle over the apples in the pie dish.
7. Bake 30 minutes in oven preheated to 200C/400F/Gas 6
8. Top should be crisp, golden brown. Serve with cream or custard.

# BULBS TO PLANT NOW













## NEW SEASON'S BULBS FOR INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PLANTINGS

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	
Hyacinth Carnegie for outdoor planting 48p each		Hyacinth Pink Pearl for outdoor planting 48p each		Hyacinth Peter Stuyvesant for outdoor planting 48p each		Darwin Tulip Apeldoorn Elite 18p each	
Darwin Tulip Golden Apeldoorn 18p each		Darwin Tulip Oluoules 18p each		Darwin Tulip Parade 18p each		Darwin Tulip Van Eijk 18p each	
Allium Purple Sensation 25p each		Crocus Species Mixed 6p each		Iris Miniature Mixed 15p each		Snow Crocus Mixed 11p each	



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### SEEDS & SETS TO PLANT NOW

Broad Bean Aquadulce Claudia 50p/100g		Elephant Garlic 80p each		Garlic Solent Wight £1.45 each		Cauliflower Aalsmeer £1.50/packet	
Sutton Dwarf Broad Bean Bush type 70p/100g		Pea Meteor Very dwarf type 50p/100g		Pea Douce Provence 60p/100g		Sweet Pea Starry Night £1.35/packet	
Onion Set Senshyu Yellow 80p/200g		Onion Set Shakespeare 80p/200g		Onion Set Red Winter 85p/200g		Grow Tubes Biodegradable Ideal for raising Sweet Peas £3.30 / pack of 20	

### WRHS PLANTS TO PLANT OUT NOW

Cabbage Durham Early Tray of 6 £1.50		Cauliflower All Year Round Tray of 6 £1.50		Leaf Beet Rhubarb Chard Tray of 6 £1.50		Lettuce Winter Density Tray of 6 £1.50	
Winter Pansy 50p each		Polyanthus 50p each		Cyclamen £1.30 each		Various perennials & small shrubs are also available Varieties change from week to week	

## MEMBERSHIP

### MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT DRIVE

The drive to recruit new WRHS Members is going well, but we need still more new 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.

We published a recruitment poster in the September Newsletter - printed copies are available from the Trading Post.  
Why not put up a poster in your window, or give copies to your friends and neighbours.

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## VOLUNTEERS

**The Society depends upon volunteers for its operation and its continued existence.**

Several new Members who joined recently immediately became volunteers, and are already doing sterling work, for which we are most grateful.

We still need a few more volunteers 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.













You don't need to be an expert in horticulture - there are knowledgeable folk here who will be happy to teach you basic horticultural skills.

Maybe you have other non-horticultural practical skills. If so, there may well be a place for you on the team.

An ambitious development project is taking shape, which will involve construction work, installing shop fittings, painting etc.

Plenty of possibilities for the enthusiastic volunteer !

## WHAT TO DO THIS MONTH

-  Cut back perennials that have died down.
  -  Divide herbaceous perennials. See <https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?pid=363> for RHS advice.  
Why not pot up a few spare plants to donate to WRHS - a good insurance policy in case the original plant dies !
  -  Collect & sow seed from perennials and hardy annuals. Store dried seed in paper bags, **not** plastic bags.  
Suitable paper bags are available free from the Trading Post.  
See <https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?pid=675> for RHS advice on seed collecting.
  -  Move tender plants into the greenhouse or conservatory.  
The Trading Post has stocks of fleece, bubble-wrap and canes to help you protect plants that cannot be moved.
  -  Plant out spring cabbages, like **Durham Early**, and Cauliflower **All Year Round** - plants now ready at the Trading Post.  
Chard can still be planted out now. The Trading Post is well stocked with anti-pigeon netting to protect your planting.
  -  Plant out Winter Lettuce. Winter Density is a good variety - plants available at the Trading Post.
  -  Plant winter-hardy peas and broad beans, but avoid planting while it's unseasonably warm, or they may grow too lanky and be damaged by the winter winds.
  -  Plant autumn onion sets and garlic. **The new stocks that recently arrived at the Trading Post are selling out rapidly.**
  -  Harvest apples, pears, grapes and nuts.
  -  Give hedges a final trim for this year.  
Feed and renovate old lawns, re-seed bare patches, and sow new grass.  
Grass Seed and Autumn Feed are available from the Trading Post.  
Note that Autumn lawn feed is not the same as Spring lawn feed - a different balance is needed.
  -  Take cuttings of blueberries, currants and gooseberries.
-  Keep notes of what varieties you plant, and when, and how well (or otherwise !) they fare.  
If we all pool our experiences, we can all help each other. Local knowledge is valuable !

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

## MEMBERS' PLANT SALES

WRHS Members may offer home-grown plants for sale at the Trading Post.  
The Society takes only 20% of the sale price for this service.  
Details of how to label your plants are obtainable from the website, or from the Trading Post.  
All plants must be potted up in **good quality compost**, in **clean, undamaged pots**, and kept **weed free**.  
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.

## MODERNISATION

We have invested in a new colour printer, giving much better colours at a lower running cost.  
Consequently we have been able to reduce the price of printed copies of this newsletter from 20p to 10p.  
Until recently, most of the work to revitalise and modernise the Society was going on behind the scenes.  
Now work has started to improve the display facilities and the lighting in the Trading Post sales areas.  
The old wooden shelving at the end of the main shop area has been removed and is being replaced by adjustable "slat board" display units. New display lighting is being investigated, and will be installed as soon as practicable.  
The refitting work is bound to cause temporary disruption in the shop area, for which we apologise.  
While the work is in progress, some stock that is less likely to be in demand at this time of year has been moved from the shop into storage areas, other items are still in the shop, but are no longer in their usual places.  
If you can't see what you need, just ask - there's usually someone working in the office who will be pleased to assist you.  
The closure of Value House will be an inconvenience to many local gardeners, and WRHS aims to stock the products that Members require, always at competitive prices, by buying in bulk and passing the savings on to Members.  
A group of Committee Members are off to a trade show this month, looking for new and interesting products.  
The EPOS system allows us to see exactly what products are most popular with the Members.  
It is interesting to discover that WRHS plants are among the fastest selling lines. We hope to increase the range of plants on offer, and will try to stock some of the more interesting varieties that are unavailable at Garden Centres.  
The Committee and the Trading Team are coming up with some very interesting ideas - working with them is never dull !  
So keep a close eye on developments, and get involved if you can break free from routine chores for an hour or two.