

WYKE REGIS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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OPENING TIMES

WEDNESDAY 2 – 4PM

SATURDAY 9.30AM – 12.30PM

MARCH 2016 NEWSLETTER

EMAIL ADDRESS REMINDER

Have you updated your address book? wrhs1925@btconnect.com

HELP REQUIRED

1. We hope to reintroduce a programme of **Evening Talks** for Members. Topics would naturally include gardening and horticulture, but could include subjects of general interest. **Could you help to organise a programme?**
2. We need a **Publicity Officer** (or team) to liaise with local papers, distribute posters etc. **Could you help?**
3. Jackie Rockett needs people to **make cakes or scones** for the Plant Swap Day on Saturday 23 April.

If you can help with any of these jobs, please email wrhs.news@markhamhouse.org.uk or leave a message at the Trading Post.

ANYONE FOR PARSNIPS?



Maybe we can get Malcolm to tell us how to grow them!



Your free copy of the Country Gardener is available to collect from the Trading Post.

WEBSITE

The WRHS website is expanding steadily, with more of the Trading Post stock being added. We hope to add general information and cultivation instructions relating to varieties offered at the Trading Post. Why not email some photos of the crops you have raised, to wrhs.news@markhamhouse.org.uk for inclusion? In the hope of making the newsletter more useful to you, I have started adding links (shown in blue, and underlined). Double clicking on these should take you to the relevant page of the WRHS website.

Dave Best (Editor) wrhs.news@markhamhouse.org.uk

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TRADING POST

Sales are restricted to WRHS members. Membership is available from the Trading Post for £5 per year.

If you have a bright idea for new stock items, please tell Andrea Inns or Paul Hare.

<u>SEED POTATOES</u>	Salad	International Kidney, Nicola, Charlotte (sold out)	All at £1.25 / kg				
	1 st Early	Rocket, Pentland Javelin (almost gone)					
	2 nd Early	Kestrel, Wilja, Marfona (almost gone)					
	Main	Cara, Desiree, King Edward, Maris Piper, Picasso					
	Main	Sarpo Mira (blight resistant)	£1.40 / kg				
<u>ONION SETS</u>	Stuttgart, Sturon, Red Karmen		200g	80p			
<u>SHALLOTS</u>	Red Sun, Golden Gourmet		500g	£2.00	800g	£3.00	
<u>PEAS</u>	Meteor		100g	50p			
	Douce Provence		100g	60p			
	Sugar Snap, Kelvedon Wonder,		100g	70p			
	Early Onward, Onward		100g	80p			
	Waverex		100g	£1.20			
<u>BROAD BEANS</u>	Bunyard's Exhibition, Giant Exhibition, Witkiem Manita,		100g	60p			
	Masterpiece Green Longpod		100g	60p			
	Sutton Dwarf		100g	70p			
	Karmazyn		100g	90p			
<u>SEEDS</u>	A large order of seeds for Spring sowing has arrived. Can't find the seed variety you particularly wanted? Add it to the new Seed Request Book .						
<u>POTTED BULBS</u>	Crocus, "Tête-à-Tête" miniature daffodils, all ready potted up. Snow Drops & Aconites in the green £1.25 per pot						
<u>LAWN CARE</u>	Grass seed, hard wearing, low maintenance.		100 g	£0.75			
	Lawn sand		2.5 kg	£1.75			
	'Sportsmaster' spring/summer lawn feed		1 kg	£2.00			
	'Renovator Pro' lawn weed, feed and moss killer		1 kg	£2.00			
<u>FEEDS</u>	Rose & Shrub Feed		1kg	£1.50			
<u>COMPOSTS</u>	Multipurpose Compost	40 litre	£2.00	80 litre	£4.00	3x80 ltr	£11.00
	Horse Manure Compost	45 litre	£2.00	70 litre	£3.60		
	Ericaceous Compost	75 litre	£3.75				
	John Innes No.1 John Innes No.3	25 litre	£5.00				
<u>SOIL IMPROVERS</u>	Somerset Peat	40 litre	£2.50				
	Somerset Topsoil	25 litre	£2.50				
<u>GROW BAGS</u>	Oak Tree brand Grow Bags		33 litre	£7.95			
<u>FERTILISERS</u>	"Groworganic"	40 litre	£7.95				
	6X Organic Pellets	20 kg	£8.95				
<u>SAND & GRIT</u>	Potting grit (new stock)	Bag	£1.30				
	Sharp sand	Bag	£0.95				
<u>LANDSCAPE BARK</u>	Oak Tree brand Landscape Bark		70 litre	£5.50	2x70 litre	£10.00	
<u>SHEET MATERIAL</u>	Bubble wrap. Anti-pigeon netting. Fleece wrap. Pea & bean netting. Weed suppressing fabric.						
<u>TOOLS</u>	Spades, forks, hand forks, trowels, shears, & secateurs.						
<u>WILDLIFE FOOD</u>	Bird seed, fat-balls, and peanuts.						
<u>WRHS BAG</u>	Strong jute shopping bags printed with the WRHS logo – very smart! £1.50 each						

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WRHS GROWN PLANTS

The following plants are being raised from seed in the WRHS poly-tunnel, and will be available for sale:
Broad Beans, French Beans, Summer/Autumn Cabbage, Celeriac, Celery, Indoor Cucumber, Leeks.

WHAT TO DO THIS MONTH

Plant [onion sets](#) from mid-March, 4" (10cm) apart, 12" (30cm) between rows.
Push sets into soil so their tips are just showing. Cover with [fleece](#) until well established, to avoid bird damage.
Plant Jerusalem artichoke tubers and asparagus crowns.
Prepare trenches for runner beans with [well rotted manure](#) and shredded paper in the base.
[Feed the slugs!](#) Or set out your slug traps and share a bottle of beer with the blighters.
Mulch borders with organic material, keeping it away from the bark of trees & shrubs to avoid rot.
Prune established bush & standard roses; [feed](#) them as they come into growth.
Indoor sowing of sweet peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers, aubergines, celery, salads and globe artichokes.
Disinfect [pots](#) & [seed trays](#) with [Jeyes Fluid](#) before planting seeds to avoid damping off.
Chit early and main-crop [potatoes](#).

SOCIAL EVENTS

Plant Swap Day - Saturday 23rd April 2016 10:00am until 12:00 noon

Details: <http://wrhs.btck.co.uk/e/PlantSwapDay>

If you can make some cakes or scones for this event, please speak to Jackie Rockett,
or email wrhs.news@markhamhouse.org.uk

Quiz Night - Friday 3rd June 2016. Starts at 7:30pm prompt !

There will be questions on gardening and a multitude of other subjects.

Tickets £5 each. **Places are limited to 30.** The price includes a finger buffet (bring your own drinks).

Tickets are on sale now at the Trading Post

WRHS Quiz Nights are always popular, so get your tickets quickly

Details: <http://wrhs.btck.co.uk/e/QuizNight>

A trip to **Wilton House & Country Fair - Sunday 7th August 2016** is under consideration.

Details: <http://wrhs.btck.co.uk/e/WiltonHouse>

Summer Show - Saturday 13th August 2016

Schedule & Entry Form available from the Trading Post now

Details: <http://wrhs.btck.co.uk/e/SummerShow>

BUILDING NEWS

WORK COMPLETED

A new fireproof safe has been installed.

WORK SCHEDULED

Repairs to the shed roof are being organised. Exterior painting will be deferred until the weather improves.

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

There has been intense activity since the last meeting by a group of Officers to progress the Management Systems of the Society. The details of these systems will be advised in the Officers' Reports and the progress towards their implementation identified.

The draft Constitution which is being presented to the Committee includes changes which enable the new management systems to work. Members' concerns expressed at and subsequent to the AGM have also been addressed and changes made to the Constitution where necessary.

One of the activities identified in the Constitution is Evening Talks.

Some subject suggestions are:

- Planning and Designing the Garden or Allotment
- Cultivation and Growing in the Greenhouse
- Soil Preparation
- Composting
- Plant Rotation
- Propagation
- Care While Growing
- Controlling Pests and Diseases
- Expertise and Skills Used to Enhance the Quality of Your Favourite Vegetables, Flowers and Fruits
- Harvesting and Storing
- Preserving Garden / Allotment Produce
- Making Pickles and Chutneys
- Making Jams and Jellies
- Bottling
- Freezing
- Showing and Judging

We would like a member or a group of members to organise these evening talks.

A suggestion is that there be a combination of short talks in an evening so that interest is increased and the task of public speaking is not seen as too daunting.

Brian Shaw (Chairman)

CROP ROTATION DISPLAY



Crop rotation is important if you grow vegetable crops - see Gill Ketchley's information display at the Trading Post.

FOR SALE



BIO GREEN HEAT MAT

With thermostat and soil probe.
40cm x 120cm 85 watt Hardly used.
Cost £75.00 - For sale at £50.00
Enquire at the Trading Post