

# WYKE REGIS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



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

## AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER

### CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

The Committee Meeting of 5th July 2016 agreed a new "Rule" to supplement the Constitution

**"That the person responsible for the organisation of a social event also takes complete responsibility for supervising the setting up of the room and more importantly, after the event, ensures that the room is left in a state ready for trading, with all the products and displays properly replaced."**

To ensure that this new rule is implemented it will be necessary for the person responsible for the event to choose a designated team of Members who will make the overall task of setting up, and after the event ensuring that the Trading Post is "fit for purpose", a shared experience.

There are now 445 fully paid up Members of the Society who could give some of their time to make these Social Events enjoyable.

**Please advise me of your willingness to help so that I can tell the Event Organisers**

**THE AGM WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> SEPT 7:30pm AT THE TRADING POST - MEMBERSHIP CARD REQUIRED**

Brian Shaw (Chairman)

### OBITUARY

It is with sorrow that we announce the death of

#### Mr Ernie Smith

Life Member and past Treasurer of this Society  
who died recently at the age of 96

Ernie was an active member of the Society for many years  
His funeral was held on the 1st August at the Weymouth Crematorium

### SOCIAL EVENTS

#### [Trip to Wilton House & Country Fair](#)

**SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

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

**LAST DAY FOR ENTRIES - WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**  
Schedule & Entry Form at the Trading Post and on the [website](#)

### MEMBERS' PLANT SALES

WRHS Members may offer home-grown plants for sale at the Trading Post, provided that certain conditions are met.

All plants must be potted up in **good quality compost**, in **clean, undamaged pots**, and kept **weed free**.

Details of how to label your plants are obtainable from the website, or the Trading Post.

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.

## A RECIPE FOR AUGUST

### Citrus Courgette Ribbon Salad

Vegetable growers often have a glut of courgettes.

This salad is a tasty way to use some of them.  
Excellent for a barbecue.

#### Ingredients:

1 lemon, zest and juice  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
4 salad onions, finely chopped  
50g walnuts or pine nuts  
1 courgette, sliced into ribbons using a vegetable peeler  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper  
1 teaspoon chopped parsley  
Lemon wedges to garnish



#### Method:

1. In a large bowl, whisk together the lemon zest & juice, oil, onions & nuts.
2. Add the courgette ribbons, toss & season with salt & freshly ground black pepper
3. Serve sprinkled with parsley and garnished with lemon.

## TRADING POST PRICE REDUCTIONS

MEMBERSHIP CARD MUST BE SHOWN WHEN MAKING ANY PURCHASE

<p><b>Vitax Weed Free Concentrate</b> 6x100ml sachet <del>£7.80</del> £6.00</p>		<p><b>Bayer Super Strength Weedkiller</b> 12x8g sachets <del>£15.60</del> £12.00</p>		<p><b>Vitax Slug Gone Wool Pellets</b> 1 litre <del>£3.10</del> £2.00</p>		<p><b>Doff Ant Killer Spray</b> 1 litre <del>£2.50</del> £2.00</p>	
<p><b>Nippon Woodlice Killer</b> 150g <del>£1.65</del> £1.50</p>		<p><b>Nippon Flypaper</b> 3 traps <del>£1.50</del> £1.00</p>		<p><b>Hozelock Fan spray</b> 2660 £5.45</p>		<p><b>Hozelock Spray gun</b> 2674 RRP <del>£13.00</del> £8.50</p>	

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

We need a few more folk to staff the sales desk & café, and to assist generally, as the rota is getting a bit sparse.

Could you spare 2 or 3 hours on an occasional Saturday morning or Wednesday afternoon?

Operating the new till consists of little more than waving a few barcodes in front of the reader, taking the cash and giving the change and the receipt. The till even tells you how much change to give! Not at all scary!

You get to meet some very nice fellow gardeners too.

## MEMBERSHIP DETAILS UPDATE

Much of the membership data has been copied from old lists, and needs updating, so some of you may receive some slightly odd greetings on emails from the Society, until you provide the missing data.

If you have provided a current email address, you should soon receive an email listing your personal data record.


















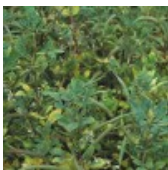






















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If you have an email address that is not registered with the Society, please email the above address.



**HARDWARE**

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<p><b>Multipurpose Compost</b> 40 litre £2.00 80 litre £4.00 3x80 litre £11.00</p> 	<p><b>Horse Manure Compost</b> 45 litre £2.00 70 litre £3.60</p> 	<p><b>Gro-Organic Compost</b> 15 kg £7.95</p> 	<p><b>Ericaceous Compost</b> 75 litre £3.75</p> 
<p><b>Vitax 6X Chicken Manure Pellets</b> 20kg £8.95</p> 	<p><b>Somerset Peat</b> 40 litre £2.50</p> 	<p><b>Somerset Top Soil</b> 25 litre £2.50</p> 	<p><b>Oaktree Growbag</b> 33 litre £1.50</p> 
<p><b>Landscape Bark</b> 70 litre £5.50</p> 	<p><b>John Innes No.1</b> 25 litre £5.00</p> 	<p><b>John Innes No.3</b> 25 litre £5.00</p> 	<p><b>Organic Fertiliser Vitax 6X</b> 15kg bag <b>SPECIAL OFFER</b> <del>£8.91</del> £5.00</p> 
<p><b>Winter Tares</b> Sow 25g/sq m Dig in before flowering Heavy soil NOT acid £1.35</p> 	<p><b>White Mustard</b> Sow 2.8g/sq m Dig in before flowering Moist soil £1.05</p> 	<p><b>Buckwheat</b> Sow 10g/sq m Dig in while flowering. Any soil £1.35</p> 	<p><b>Crimson Clover</b> Sow 3.5g/sq m Dig in before flowering. Light soil £1.35</p> 
<p><b>Phacelia</b> Sow 3.5g/sq m Dig in just before flowers open. Any soil £1.35</p> 	<p><b>Fenugreek</b> Sow 4.5g/sq m Dig in before flowering £1.35</p> 	<p><b>Beet</b> <b>Rhubarb</b> <b>Chard</b> <b>Salad leaf</b> £1.35</p> 	<p><b>Borecole (Curly Kale)</b> <b>Green Curled Dwarf</b> £1.15</p> 
<p><b>Cabbage Durham Early</b> £1.15</p> 	<p><b>Cabbage Red Drumhead</b> £1.15</p> 	<p><b>Cabbage Tundra F1</b> £2.50</p> 	<p><b>Savoy Best of All</b> £1.25</p> 
<p><b>Rocket</b> £1.35</p> 	<p><b>Lettuce Winter Density</b> £1.35</p> 	<p><b>Celtuce</b> <b>Celery &amp; Lettuce combined</b> £1.35</p> 	<p><b>Pea Shoot Serge</b> £1.80</p> 
<p><b>Chinese Cabbage Yuki</b> £1.35</p> 	<p><b>Pak Choi Hanankan F1</b> £1.35</p> 	<p><b>Pak Choi Red F1</b> £1.35</p> 	<p><b>Pea Kelvedon Wonder</b> 70p/100g</p> 
<p><b>Pea Ambassador</b> <del>60p/100g</del> 50p/100g</p> 	<p><b>Pea Meteor</b> 50p/100g</p> 	<p><b>Pea Douce Provence</b> 60p/100g</p> 	<p><b>Pea Hurst Greenshaft</b> 60p/100g</p> 
<p><b>Pea Early Onward</b> <del>95p/100g</del> 80p/100g</p> 	<p><b>Pea Onward</b> 80p/100g</p> 	<p><b>Pea Waverex</b> £1.20/100g</p> 	<p><b>Pea Sugar Snap</b> 70p/100g</p> 


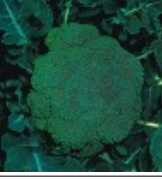






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### HARDWARE













<p>Fork Spear &amp; Jackson £15.50</p> 	<p>Water Butt 210 litre with lid &amp; tap £26.00 Plinth £10.00</p> 	<p>Galvanised Incinerator with lid £16.00</p> 	<p>Wheelbarrow 90 litre DIY £30 Assembled £35</p> 
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### WRHS GROWN PLANTS

Young plants, mostly ready to plant out now ( \* means ready late August ). £1.50 per tray of six plants.

<p>Black Kale Borecole Nero Di Toscana</p> 	<p>Calabrese Marathon F1</p> 	<p>*Cabbage Durham Early</p> 	<p>*Leaf Beet Rhubarb Chard</p> 
<p>Sweet William Auricula Eyed Mixed</p> 	<p>Hollyhock Chater's Double Mixed</p> 	<p>Wallflower Persian Carpet Mixed</p> 	<p>*Lettuce Winter Density semi-cos</p> 

### WHAT TO DO THIS MONTH

-  Time to prune the Wisteria to promote flower growth and control the shape and spread. Tie in strong new shoots horizontally. Cut back all whippy green shoots to 5 or 6 leaves from woody branch.
  -  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.
  -  Sow "green manure" plants to feed the soil where you have lifted crops. See previous page for green manure seeds stocked at the Trading Post, with information on how densely to sow, and when to dig the plants into the soil.
  -  Dead head flowering plants regularly. Harvest sweetcorn.
  -  Pick courgettes regularly, before they turn into marrows. There's a quick and easy courgette recipe on page 2.
  -  Summer lettuce, radish, rocket, sorrel, chicory and fennel can still be sown in this part of the country.
  -  Sow spring cabbage, turnips, oriental vegetables and overwintering onions.
  -  Utilise gaps between winter brassicas for fast growing crops like radishes and cos lettuces.
  -  Collect any ripe seed you wish to save. Cut out old fruited raspberry canes. Lift and pot up strawberry runners.
  -  Keep ponds topped up, but avoid using tap water, or at least let it stand in a butt for several days to release chlorine.
  -  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!](#)

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

### MODERNISATION PROGRAMME

The Trading Team are getting to grips with the "Back Office" facilities of the EPOS system, which will streamline the ordering of fresh stock at the right time and in the right quantities. The volunteers who staff the till are becoming familiar with the new technology, and mastering it. Improved and simplified methods of working are being developed.

The installation of Ethernet cabling between till and office is complete. The first of two desktop PCs belonging to the Society, equipped with the latest Linux operating system, has been installed in the office area, and connected to the network. The Trading Team have started to use this computer to access the cloud-based EPOS Back Office systems. This should significantly relieve demand for the Society's laptop machine which is currently its main work-horse. The second desktop PC is being rejuvenated, and will be installed in the office later in the year.