

Milford on Sea Gardeners' Club Newsletter



Hello everyone

It was lovely to see such a big audience last month and to welcome some new members. If you see someone with a visitor badge or looking a little lost, don't forget to say 'hello'!

I hope you are all saving plants for the Plant Fair next month. It's only six weeks away and now is the time to split and pot up things. Everything seems to be raring to go with this warm weather.

Finally, our speaker on "Drought plants" next week will be bringing plants for sale so make sure you come with some cash!

Sue Crabb – Chair

Plant Fair: Saturday 18th May, Village Green

As usual we are hoping members will be able to supply lots of well-established and labelled plants, including vegetables, for the day. Please try and deliver as early as possible during the morning as we start selling by 8.30am, though later plants are always welcome. AND if you cannot supply plants, come & buy what we have or come and help sell.

HELPERS will be needed throughout the morning: the 7-9am slot for helping to set up and some selling, 9-11am selling and 11-1/1.30pm for the last of the selling and clearing away. The setting up and clearing needs a few able-bodied people to carry a few tables etc. If you can help, please email me and say which time you would prefer. I shall also bring the list to the April & May Club nights. Email: jspenser@talktalk.net or tel: 01425 837763

Jenny Spenser

Outing in June

After a good response at the last meeting to the proposed outing to two gardens near Bere Regis, the date is now confirmed as **Thursday 6th June**. We will leave Sea Road car park at 9am and return at 6pm approx. The cost will be £25 to include entry to the two gardens and afternoon tea at the second, which is a private garden. The first is Holme Gardens which has a farm shop, garden centre and restaurant for morning coffee and lunch; they do not have facilities for picnics. Iris will be taking money and giving out tickets at the April meeting, so please bring a cheque or cash please.

Charities for 2019

Thanks to those that voted at the last meeting. The results were as follows:

- Bumblebee Conservation Trust 35
- Milford on Sea Community Library 32
- New Forest Disability Information Service 19

Therefore, our charities this year will be the **Bumblebee Conservation Trust** and **Milford on Sea Community Library**.

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April 2019

Notice Board

Plant Fair - Saturday 18th May
Please sign up to help at the Plant Fair.

Monthly Meeting Dates

Wednesday 17th April
Drought plants Janette Merillion, horticultural speaker and garden designer. *Plants for sale*

Wednesday 15th May
All there is to know about orchids at home and orchid production at the nursery Malcolm Gregory, Double H Nursery, New Milton

Wednesday 19th June
The history of the cottage garden Neil Lovesey, Picket Lane Nursery, Dorset

Wednesday 17th July
Out evening at Ivy Bank, Vinegar Hill, MoS. A glass of wine and wander round this beautiful garden. (NB 6.30pm start; members and their guests only)

Club meetings are normally held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at **Milford Community Centre**, unless otherwise stated. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start. Refreshments available from 7pm.

email: milfordgardeners@gmail.com

Holiday to Ireland: 30 May-4 June 2020

The interest in this fly/coach holiday has been quite good and as I write I am waiting for deposits for those who have signed up. These should have been with me by about 10 April 2019 and I will then send them on to Greatdays Ltd and then contact all those whose cheques I have received (or debit/credit details). Anyone still wanting to come, or to hear more of what is planned, can always join us, there is still plenty of room.

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Community Meadow

Five members expressed an interest in the Community Meadow garden. We are going to have a look, along with some of the committee, on **Thursday 11th April at 2.00pm** to see what this might entail. If you missed out and wish to join us, please just turn up.

I have not committed the club to anything yet; this is a fact-finding visit.

Sue Crabb



The meadow prior to clearance work undertaken by MCV.
