



Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

Hello Everyone

The recent weather has certainly kept us on our toes with all the changes of temperature. I sowed seeds mid-March in my windowsill propagator. They all germinated well but having pricked them out and then put them in my wall greenhouse they are in a suspended state! I'm hoping we get a bit of warmth in the next few days to get them moving.

I have quite a lot of news and reminders this month.

First, the holiday. A single room has become available at £520. This is for 4 nights, 5 days away and lots of lovely gardens to visit! Breakfasts and evening meals are included. If you are interested contact Jenny Spencer or speak to her next week on the club evening. Payment is due by April 22nd.

I shall be asking for volunteers to help on the club stall at the Plant Fair, at our April meeting. It will only be just over 4 weeks away by then! The last time we had a stall you all came up trumps with well potted and labelled plants. That's how we like them! Please don't donate a chunk of plant in a carrier bag..... we just can't cope with that. As ever, there will always be a demand for vegetable plants.

We will be starting the plant sales table and "plant of the month" at the April meeting next week. If you have any plants that need going in now or you think they won't last until the plant fair, bring them along. Proceeds to our charities. Plant of the month, just to remind you, is a chance to bring something in bloom from your garden that you think is lovely to share with us. It only needs to be in a small vase or jam jar. Our speaker, **Steve Edney** will also be bringing plants for sale.

I'd like to give you advance notice of a date for your diary for **Wednesday afternoon August 17th when we are planning a "posh" tea party at the Community Centre to celebrate the Club's 25th Anniversary.** It will be a chance to dress up and we have some exciting things planned. More details to follow next month but I hope lots of you will support this event.

At the last meeting I told you that I had missed out a bit when reading my report at the AGM. As there were only just over 40 at the meeting, I just wanted to let Richard Bickle and all the volunteers who have looked after the Copse over the years know, that I did thank them! The Copse is now in the hands of the Parish Council.

Finally, not exactly garden club business, but I have been asked by Paul Hightt-Smith, one of the trustees of Milford Hospital League of Friends, to ask you to complete the survey regarding the future of Milford Memorial Hospital if you have not already done so. I think it was distributed with the Village Voice and so far less than 12% of the adult population in the Village have replied. This is the first chance in five years to make your views known

April 2022

Forthcoming events:

Wednesday 20th April

Fabulous foliage and tempting tenders *Steve Edney*

Wednesday 18th May

Hydrangeas *Martin Young*

Saturday 21st May 8.30-1.30

Plant Fair, Village Green

Wednesday 15th June

Designing and planting my new garden *Jenny Spenser*

Wednesday 20th July 6.30pm

Out evening *Shallowmead Nursery*

Wednesday 17th August

25th Anniversary event - afternoon, more details nearer the time

Wednesday 21st September

The Gilberts Dahlia Year *Nick Gilbert, Gilberts Dahlias*

Wednesday 19th October

Nature's Garden *David Boag, professional wildlife and nature photographer*

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.

so don't waste it! To make it easy, you can complete it online at www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/LOFYourHealthSurvey and it is also attached to this email. It is very short and won't take more than a few minutes to complete.

Think that's it for this month! I hope to see lots of you at next week's meeting.

Sue Crabb (Chair)

Holiday reminder:

Balance is due by Friday 22nd April. £370 per person, plus £86 if you've booked a single room.

Online payments to **Milford Gardeners Club** Sort code: 40-30-36 Account no: 21213644 Ref: Your Surname/**holiday**. Please note if you pay by cheque there is a 40p surcharge.

Other events you might be interested in:

Gardeners World Spring Fair at Beaulieu Friday 29th April - 1st May 2022

For more details visit www.beaulieu.co.uk/events/bbc-gardeners-world-fair-spring/

Sway Open Gardens Sunday 22nd May 2022 11am-5pm

19 gardens open in the village, as well as plants sales, musical entertainment, raffle and refreshments.

All proceeds to Oakhaven Hospice Trust. A free park and ride service will be available to transport people between gardens. Parking at Jubilee Fields, SO41 6BB. Tickets available from Oakhaven website for £7 per person, or £8 on the day from gardens or Jubilee Fields.



My elderly tree. This has been weighed down with blossom this year and I was afraid the bough would break! It's very old and very brittle but has been fab - Sue Crabb