

Hello Everyone

After a few glorious days of Easter sunshine, it seems we are back to rain for a while, not to mention strong winds. My tile hanging is rattling and the trees in the garden are doing a wild dance. I guess that is April by the sea.

Thank you to all the people who voted for the charities and filled in the survey last month. I will be bearing in mind the feedback and will re-visit the idea of open gardens and how it might be organised after the plant fair is out of the way.

The two charities with the most votes were <u>Honeypot</u> and **The** <u>Brain Tumour charity</u> so they will be our charities for the coming year and will benefit from whatever is raised at the plant fair.

This brings me nicely to my next item, the **plant fair**. At next week's meeting I will be putting out sign-up sheets for help on the day.

In particular we need some able-bodied volunteers who would be able to help us set up from about 7.30am and to help clear away at the end, usually around 12.30ish.

If you are only able to help for an hour please write your name in the appropriate time slot with 1 hour beside your name, all help is welcome. It's good fun and you don't need to worry about pricing or labelling, you just need to be a persuasive salesperson!

As ever, I hope you are starting to pot up some plants at home for the fair, with labels please! If you have plants now that can't wait for the plant fair we will run a plant sales table at next week's meeting.

Jen has now sent out the final details for those going on this years' club holiday. Payment by end of the month, please.

That's it for this month. I hope to see lots of you next week for "Unusual Perennials", sounds interesting and there will be some plants for sale so come prepared!

Sue Crabb (Chair)

April 2023

Forthcoming meetings:

Wednesday 19th April

Some unusual perennials Bryan Madders Plants for sale

Wednesday 17th May

Less work, more colour: sustainable low maintenance gardening *Gillian Taylor*

Wednesday 21st June

How to grow roses successfully Glenn Duggan (NB Change of speaker)

Wednesday 19th July 6.30pm Out evening to Folium and Flos

Wednesday 20th September

Wildlife in common: Martin Down and New Forest commons *Pete Durnell*

Wednesday 18th October

Container planting with bulbs for a year of colour *Tim Woodland*

Wednesday 15th November

Plants for problem areas *Roger Hirons*

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.

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