



Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

Hello Everyone

I can't believe this is the April newsletter already. Who was it who said the years speed up as you get older?!

Thanks to Clare and Sharie for running last month's meeting. I hear that Steve Edney was excellent, as usual. We are very lucky to have Rosy Hardy this month; she's been several times and is a hugely knowledgeable speaker. She is bringing plants for sale so bring your cash; she may take a card but I'm not sure.

In the voting for the charities, **HoneyPot and New Forest Basics Bank** had the most votes so they will be the ones we are supporting this year with the money raised at the plant fair.

There are still a few places available for the **outing on May 23rd to Houghton Lodge, Longstock Park and an NGS garden near Stockbridge**. Details were in the last newsletter but the date for payment has changed. We have 45 people signed up (WI and Garden Club) so the cost will be £35. I'll be asking for payment by **Monday, April 22nd** but you will be emailed with how to pay by BACS before then. Just hope no one drops out!

Finally, the most important bit of this month's newsletter! The annual Plant Fair is on Saturday, May 18th and it's coming up fast. I will be putting out sign-up sheets at next week's meeting for help on the day. **In particular, we need some able-bodied volunteers who would be able to help us set up from about 7.30 am and to help clear away at the end, usually around 12.30 ish.**

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. You have always "come up trumps" on the day so let's try and make this another bumper year.

The ladies who are re-launching the village show will have a stall on the Green with the schedules available, after that, they will be available from the two newsagents. They are working very hard on making this a success and I do hope that garden club members will support it by taking part and attending. The date is Saturday July 6th at the Church Hall.

Sue Crabb, Chair

April 2024

Forthcoming meetings:

Wednesday 17th April

Seasonal herbaceous perennials *Rosy Hardy*

Wednesday 15th May

Merton's Dream Garden: the story of Russell-Cotes
Phil Broomfield, Russell-Cotes Museum

Wednesday 19th June

The rejuvenation of Athelhampton House and Gardens
Speaker tbc

Wednesday 17th July 6.30pm

Out evening at Woodpeckers, Brockenhurst

Wednesday 18th September

Beautiful English Gardens
Andy McIndoe

Wednesday 16th October

Wildlife in a village *Mike Read*

Wednesday 20th November

Camellias and their cultivation
Tom Clarke, Exbury Gardens

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

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