



Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

Hello everyone

I hope this finds you all fit and well and coping with the extreme weather in this strangest of times.

The summer of 2020 will certainly be one we remember! In terms of gardening it's been pretty much a battle to keep things alive, due to lack of water and, in my garden at least, nothing else much as the ground is like concrete. For once, I can sit in my garden and not find jobs to do apart from a bit of deadheading.

Over the last month I have met with the Committee (in 2 halves in my garden, socially distanced of course!) to exchange ideas on ways to keep the club running in the coming months.

The Covid situation seems to change on a daily basis and I would love to have some positive news to impart but it looks increasingly likely that limitations will be in place at least into the New Year.

I was hoping that we might be able to have some kind of Autumn Plant sale/swop, possibly in my garden, for members only, that would give us a chance to meet outside and socialise safely but I am not sure if current government rules would allow that. I haven't completely given up on this idea but think it will be a last minute thing if it goes ahead. In the meantime, do keep propagating and splitting plants as I know many of you do. There is always the Google group to offer plants on.

Our restrictions in moving forward are the Government guidelines, the number limits at the Community Centre and how **you** feel about attending garden club meetings.

To make things clearer for the Committee and help us plan, we need some information from you so we have a simple online survey for you to complete. I hope the majority of you will be able to do this. Please follow this link to complete the survey: <https://forms.gle/Pw7ZzNt16iT6zXBv5>

As many of you will know, when I took over as chair, one of my main aims was to promote greater social interaction between members. I am aware that many organisations are offering Zoom meetings and other online things. I have dipped in but don't really feel that is the way we want to go but I would not rule it out if enough members wanted to stay connected in that way.

August 2020

Monthly Meetings

All meetings have been cancelled until further notice....



I am very happy to have feedback from you regarding this and any other activities you think we could engage in. Some speakers are offering Zoom talks but as I have said, I think it is the personal interaction that is important. Until numbers in the Community Centre are allowed to be around the 60 mark, I don't really see how we can meet and that would necessitate 1 metre distancing to fit people in. It's a bit of a balancing act.

To end on a more positive note, I was thrilled to walk out of my back door and see a tiger moth on the wall opposite. I've not seen one before and it was very striking. It's a day flying moth but sadly, I did not see it fly away, and I am told it is an amazing orange underneath. Still keeping my eye open.....

Sue Crabb – Chair

[ED: Clare also had one in her kitchen and got some photos too!]



RHS magazines

We are accumulating a lot of copies of the RHS. Magazine and if anyone would like one to read, contact Sue or Marigold.

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Underside taken through the window!