



# Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

## Hello Everyone

With the current unsettled weather, it feels as though the summer is beginning to slip away but I really don't want to start thinking about planting bulbs yet! Hopefully things will brighten up again soon.

We had an excellent out evening at Folium and Flos in July; about 60 members attended. The weather was perfect and we were made very welcome by Jack and his family. There were lots of exciting plants to see and the opportunity to buy at special prices. I just wished I had a bigger garden where I could find room for a tree! Many thanks to Jenny for sorting all the arrangements.



I hope you are enjoying an August break from your usual regular activities; it seems most of the local clubs and organisations are having time out this month, great for those of us who keep things running and we can all come back in September with renewed enthusiasm. The old saying, "a change is as good as a rest" does have some truth in it. I am aware though, that many of you have grandparent duties during the school holidays so not so restful for you!

Our speaker in September is Pete Durnell, who is an excellent speaker and passionate about nature and particularly the local area. We have had him before and he always has amazing images. This should be a great talk to start us back again.

Jenny has been busy and following feedback from people who went on the club holiday, has sorted a 2-night break to North Devon to go to Rosemoor. It will be "first come, first served" as there are a limited number of rooms available, so if you want to go on it you will need to get your name down fast, along with the deposit. Full details overleaf.

Finally, thanks to all the people who opened their gardens over the summer. I will update you on how much money was raised from donations at our next meeting.

*Sue Crabb, Chair*

## August 2023

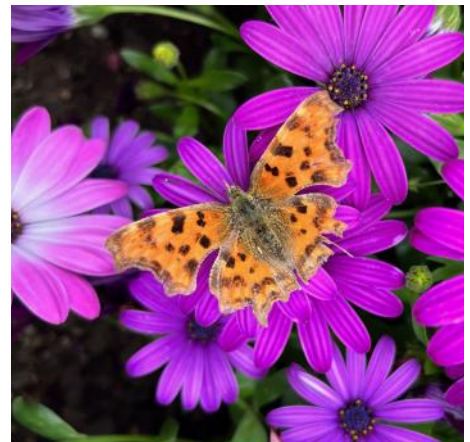
### Forthcoming meetings:

**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 Hiron*

**Wednesday 20th December**  
Christmas Social Evening



*Comma butterfly in my garden*

**Club meetings** are normally held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



## Holiday to Devon Friday 28th - Sunday 30th June 2024

A short 3-day trip to see [RHS Rosemoor](#) on the Saturday 29th June. We will be staying in Bideford at the [Durrant House Hotel](#) for DB&B. Other visits may include [Burrow Farm](#), Dartington Glass shop and Margery Fish's garden at [Lambrook Manor](#). These are all to be confirmed. Cost max. £300.

To book your place please send £50 deposit to Milford Gardeners Club (details below). Balance due next April, and full details will follow in due course. Single and twin rooms available but they are limited.

*Jenny Spenser*

### **How to pay your deposit:**

- Bank transfer to **Milford Gardeners Club, Sort Code 40-30-36, A/c no 21213644**, using your name as the reference
- Cheque payable to **Milford Gardeners' Club**. **Important:** please add 40p to cover our bank charges. Please send cheques to Clare Johnston, Treasurer, Rosemead, Pless Road, Milford on Sea SO41 0NY



*Rose gardens at Rosemoor* ↕



*Hot garden at Rosemoor*



*Burrow Farm Garden*

**NB.** The photos from this year's holiday are now on the gallery.

[Click here to view](#)

Sorry it took so long and I got a bit carried away so there are quite a lot!!

*Clare x*



*Durrant House Hotel*