



Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

Hello and seasons greeting to everyone

It's not been great weather for gardening recently but it's a time to dream of warmer days and lighter evenings and have a look at the "bare bones" of the garden, think about changes and new things to try growing next year, different planting schemes..... well at least that's what I have been doing!

Our social evening is coming up next week and the arrangements are detailed below.

We have a great programme for next year including an exciting speaker for January (see overleaf). If you can't make the social we hope to see you back with us in the New Year.

Sue Crabb – Chair

Christmas social evening

This is our first one at the Community Centre. The time is the same as usual: doors open at 7.00 pm. Please don't come before that as the Committee have some preparation to do.

We won't be having plants for sale this month and we are changing the layout of the hall a bit, just for the social. We have the Committee Room for the food; it's on the left hand side past the café. When you arrive, please go down the corridor and leave your food contribution in the Committee Room and then enter the hall through the door opposite, where Clare will have membership cards and the registers at a table in front of the hatch where the teas and coffees are usually served.

There will be no tea or coffee on this occasion as we are providing wine and soft drinks. Anne and Richard Bickle will be serving these in front of the stage.

Sue has been sorting out some quizzes and there will be two picture boards up which will require you to walk around if you wish to do them!! There will also be some table quizzes and Sue will be doing a short slide presentation.

Finally, just a gentle reminder that this is only "drinks and nibbles" so make sure you have some supper beforehand! We will be providing crisps so we won't need them but if you can make your food plate something with finger food on, ie. small things, sweet or savoury, that would be great.

December 2019 

Monthly Meeting Dates

Wednesday 18th December

Christmas social

Wednesday 22nd January 2020

Confessions of a TV gardener

David Domoney from ITV's 'Love your Garden' (N.B. 4th Wed)

Wednesday 19th February

AGM followed by "Will there be enough cake?" Mark Porter, County Organiser, NGS

Wednesday 18th March

Fabulous foliage and tempting tenders Steve Edney

Wednesday 15th April

Hanging basket demonstration
Sue Berriman and Anne McMurtry

Wednesday 20th May

Flowers of reserves and roadsides in the local area Gerald Ponting

Wednesday 17th June

Plight of the Bumblebee
Gill Perkins, Bumblebee Conservation Trust

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.

David Domoney

We are very lucky to have David Domoney speaking to us at the January meeting. David will be well-known to those that watch 'Love Your Garden' with Alan Titchmarsh or 'This Morning', both on ITV.

Our budget does not normally stretch to 'celebrity' gardeners but we are lucky that Jenny Spenser "won" David in a prize draw at the Chelsea Flower Show! As Jenny is more than capable of designing her own garden (the prize was design advice from David), she persuaded him to come and speak to us instead.

You can find out more about David from the following links:

<https://loveyourgarden2.wordpress.com/meet-the-team/>

www.Daviddomoney.com

Or you can follow David on social media:

Twitter at @DavidDomoney,

Facebook at @DavidDomoneyTV,

Instagram at @Daviddomoney



2020 Membership renewal

Thank you to everyone who has already renewed their membership for next year. If you've sent your application by post I will have your membership card ready for collection at the meeting. I will also be taking in completed forms and subs payments and will have blank forms if you haven't got one yet (or you can download from our website by [clicking here](#)).

Clare Johnston—Membership Secretary

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year

