



# Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

## Hello and Season's Greetings to Everyone

As I write the sun has struggled out and the sky is a lot brighter, what a relief after the last few days of wind and rain! Christmas is fast approaching, and our social evening is next week. I know people are getting a bit twitchy about attending events, with the rise in the latest Covid variant but I hope to see some of you there.

You will find the details of next year's programme overleaf and arrangements for fees. I do hope most of you will rejoin. The coming year is a special one for the Club, marking our 25th year and it will also be the 20th Plant Fair and we are planning a few extra events that are not currently on the programme..... watch this space!

If you are unable to make the social we hope to see you back in the New Year, which will be the 4th Wednesday in January because of the pantomime.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy Christmas

*Sue Crabb (Chair)*



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## Christmas Social Evening

We will be using long tables and spacing them out with 6 chairs to a table.

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 will be using the Committee room opposite the kitchen for the food. When you arrive, please go down the corridor and leave your food contribution there and enter the Hall by the door opposite where the registers will be on a table in front of the serving hatch, don't forget to sign in!

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

As usual I have been sorting out some table quizzes and also two picture boards which will require you to walk around if you wish to do them!

We are also having a raffle so please bring a little money with you.

Finally, the food. A gentle reminder that this is only "drinks and nibbles" and not supper! We will be providing crisps and nibbles so we won't need any more but a plate of sweet or savoury finger food ie. small things such as sandwiches, sausages, cheese bits, mini tarts, pies, anything chocolate or marzipan, things that are your favourites, would be great.

## December 2021

### Forthcoming events:

**Wednesday 15th December**  
Christmas social evening

**Wednesday 26th January**  
My Japanese Journey  
*Rosemary Legrand*

**Wednesday 16th February**  
**AGM** followed by Plight of the  
Bumblebee—*Gill Perkins,*  
*Bumblebee Conservation Trust*

See overleaf for full  
programme

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

## Membership fee for 2022

Due to the increasing cost of speakers and other expenses, the membership fee will rise to £20. (It would have been more, but we have had a volunteer to provide technical support which will save us a considerable amount over the year.)

As we explained at the last meeting, the bank have introduced new charges. We would therefore be grateful if members could pay by BACS if possible (no charge) or cash (small charge). If you have no other option except paying by cheque, then we regretfully will have to add a surcharge of 40p to cover the bank charges.

Membership forms will be available in January, by email, on the website or at the meeting, and will contain full details on how to pay. Please complete a form, even if you are paying by BACS, as we need to ensure our membership details are up to date.

Clare Johnston (Treasurer)

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## Programme for 2022

Date		Talk
January	26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>My Japanese Journey</b> <a href="#">Rosemary Legrand</a> A return visit from this well-travelled speaker who always has great pictures.
February	16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>AGM followed by Plight of the Bumblebee</b> Gill Perkins, <a href="#">Bumblebee Conservation Trust</a>
March	16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Gardens of Ireland</b> - John Baker
April	20 <sup>h</sup>	<b>Fabulous foliage and tempting tenders</b> Steve Edney. Plants for sale
May	18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Hydrangeas</b> - Martin Young
June	15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Designing and planting my new garden</b> Jenny Spenser
July	20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Out evening</b> <a href="#">Shallowmead Nursery</a>
August		No meeting
September	21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>The Gilberts Dahlia Year</b> Nick Gilbert, <a href="#">Gilberts Dahlias</a> , Sherfield English
October	19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Nature's Garden</b> <a href="#">David Boag</a> , professional wildlife and nature photographer
November	16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Crackers—Plants for the festive season</b> <a href="#">Janette Merillion</a> , horticultural speaker and garden designer. Plants for sale
December	21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Christmas Social Evening</b>



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year