



Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

Hello Everyone ...

and a very Happy Christmas to you all.

As I write, it's just 2 weeks until Christmas Eve and I can't believe December has gone by so fast. I think they say it's a sign of getting older. I, for one, am happy that the month is whizzing by, the shortest day will soon have been and gone and soon after Christmas the evenings will lighten a bit. As they say these days, "bring it on"!

I hope you have been managing to dodge the various bugs out there and have a happy and healthy time over Christmas and the New Year. I know some of you are having a hectic time, dashing from one group to another for Christmas celebrations but I do hope some of you will make the Christmas social next Wednesday afternoon, December 18th. I know there is a clash of village events and quite a few of you are going to hear "Straight Banana" that afternoon.

Anyway, arrangements are the same as last year and you will find them below. If I don't see you, I'm wishing you all the best for the season and 2025.

Our January meeting is on the 22nd, which is the 4th Wednesday because of the Panto and is about Holme Gardens near Wareham and I am planning a trip there later in the year..... Watch this space.

Sue Crabb, Chair

Christmas Social Wednesday 18th December

Like last year we are having it **in the afternoon from 2.45 to 4.15 pm**. It's a chance just to socialise and chat to other members, relax and have a break from the tearing around that seems to happen in the run up to Christmas.

There will be tables in the main hall for food contributions. As usual, we ask you to bring a small plate of sweet or savoury finger food i.e. small things such as sandwiches, sausages, cheese bits, mini tarts, anything chocolate or marzipan, things that are your favourites.

As ever, Richard and Anne Bickle will be serving drinks, a glass of sparkling wine this time. In addition, tea and coffee will also be available.

I have quizzes prepared and will be bringing the club "archive boards" as well.

Don't worry if you didn't sign up last month, it was only to give us a guide for potential numbers. We will be pleased to see as many of you as possible who can make it and let's enjoy a happy afternoon spent with like-minded people.

December 2024

Forthcoming meetings:

Wednesday 18th December
Christmas Social (afternoon)

Wednesday 22nd January
The making of a new public garden *Simon Hopsack, Holme for Gardens*

Wednesday 19th February
AGM followed by Sustainable growing practices on the allotment *Gill Hickman, Pennington Allotments*

Wednesday 19th March
How we made the Down House garden *Mark Porter*

Wednesday 16th April
Clever ways to grow vegetables *Martyn Cox*

Wednesday 21st May
Hanging baskets and pots - demonstration *Ray Broughton*

Wednesday 28th June
Inspiration from Tresco Abbey Gardens *Ben Turner*

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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Subscriptions for 2025

In spite of rising costs, we have been able to keep subscriptions to **£25 per person**. You can pay by any of the following methods:

- Bank transfer to **Milford Gardeners Club, Sort Code 40-30-36, A/c no 21213644**, quoting your name as the reference (*preferred option as cheapest for the club*)
- Cash at the January meeting
- Cheque payable to **Milford Gardeners' Club**. **Important:** please add 40p to cover our bank charges.

Please DON'T pay by bank transfer before 1st January - it makes the end of year accounting so much easier!

There is no need to complete a form as long as your contact details are unchanged.

Many thanks

Clare Johnston, Treasurer

Programme for 2025

January	22 nd	The making of a new public garden <i>Simon Hopsack, Holme for Gardens</i>
February	19 th	AGM followed by Sustainable growing practices on the allotment <i>Gill Hickman, Pennington allotments</i>
March	19 th	How we made the Down House gardens <i>Mark Porter</i>
April	16 th	Clever ways to grow vegetables (in small gardens and containers) <i>Martyn Cox</i>
May	21 st	Hanging baskets and pots - demonstration <i>Ray Broughton</i>
June	18 th	Inspiration from Tresco Abbey Gardens <i>Ben Turner</i> *Plants for sale*
July	16 th	Out evening Oakhaven Hospice, Lower Pennington Lane, Lymington SO41 8ZZ NB 6.30 pm start
August		No meeting
September	17 th	Attracting beneficial wildlife to your garden with flower power <i>Marina Christopher</i>
October	15 th	The history of Furzey Gardens <i>Julia Baker</i> *Plants and handicrafts for sale*
November	19 th	Grasses and Ferns <i>Chris Bird</i>
December	17 th	Christmas Social NB afternoon event



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year