



# Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

**Hello again everyone ...**

Christmas is fast approaching and I hope you are all managing to dodge the germs and bugs that are circulating. I know there are many parties and social events going on right now, lots of mingling in large groups!

I'm fed up with the rainy dark days though we shouldn't grumble, it's not very cold and in less than 2 weeks it will be the Winter solstice and the turning point of winter as far as I'm concerned. In the meantime I have lots of twinkly light chains indoors and it certainly helps to brighten things up and give me a lift in these dark days.

There will be quite a lot of news and things to think about in the January newsletter but for now, all you need is the information about our social afternoon which is on **December 17th at 2.45pm.**

You will find all you need to know below! I hope some of you make what will be our last ever Xmas social; I know there are other events on that day that some of you want to attend.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy Xmas and New Year and I hope we will see you all back in 2026.

*Sue Crabb, Chair*

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## **Arrangements for Christmas Social afternoon December 17th 2.45 -4.15pm**

There will be two long tables for food along the side of the hall and the committee will tell you where to put your contributions.

Please bring a plate of finger food, savoury or sweet, such as sausage rolls, sandwiches, cheese bits, mini quiches, chocolate biscuits, anything really that can be easily eaten with fingers and which you like.

Richard and Anne will be serving mulled wine and soft drinks as you come in and the committee will be serving tea and coffee later on. There will be the usual table quizzes and our hidden ticket for the table plant.

We look forward to to a relaxed, sociable afternoon with like minded people, a chance to step back from the mad rush towards Xmas for a couple of hours!

## **December 2025**

### **Forthcoming meetings:**

**Wednesday 17th December**  
Christmas social (afternoon)

**Wednesday 21st January**  
Sea Spring seeds - how to choose the right variety for your needs *Joy Michaud*

**Wednesday 18th February**  
**AGM** followed by The road to Winchester *Pip Bensley*

**Wednesday 18th March**  
The genius of the Georgians  
*Janette Merilion*

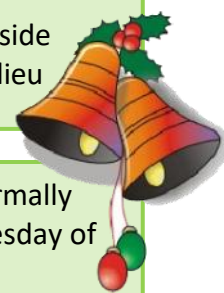
**Wednesday 15th April**  
Glorious gardens of France  
*Rosemary Legrand*

**Wednesday 20th May**  
The English garden - a quest for paradise *Gillian Taylor*

**Wednesday 17th June**  
Plants and landscapes of the Western Cape *Ben Turner*

**Wednesday 15th July**  
Out evening - Countryside Education Trust, Beaulieu

**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.



## Subscriptions for 2026

We hope you have enjoyed your membership this year and will rejoin. 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*

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## Programme for 2026

January	21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Sea Spring Seeds - how to choose the right variety for your needs</b> <i>Joy Michaud</i>
February	18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>AGM followed by The road to Winchester</b> <i>Pip Bensley</i>
March	18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The genius of the Georgians</b> <i>Janette Merilion</i>
April	15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Glorious gardens of France</b> <i>Rosemary Legrand</i>
May	20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The English garden - a quest for paradise</b> <i>Gillian Taylor</i>
June	17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Plants and landscapes of the Western Cape</b> <i>Ben Turner</i>
July	15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Out evening</b> Countryside Education Trust, Beaulieu NB 6.30pm start
September	16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Scotland's western islands</b> <i>Mike Read</i>
October	21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>A brief history of garden design - 4000 years in 60 minutes</b> <i>Helen Milne</i>
November	18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Edibles outside the vegetable plot</b> <i>Roger Hiron</i>



**Merry Christmas**  
**and a Happy New Year**