



Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

Hello Everyone

It feels as though Spring is on the way as I write this in bright sunshine. The days are lengthening and my need to start sowing seeds is stirring!

What a terrific turn out for last month's meeting. 76 people attended which is well up to our top numbers pre-covid. It was so nice to be able to say hello again. Lots of new members have joined and I hope to get to know you all soon.

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the Club and we have earmarked the third Wednesday in August, the 17th, in the **afternoon**, for a special social event. We don't usually meet in August so I am giving you advance notice so you can put it in your diaries. Details nearer the time; we are still working on it!

I will be **two** committee members short this year and I still urgently need someone in the Secretary role. It's not a huge job, it just needs someone who is organised and who cares about keeping the club going.

We are a very supportive, friendly group on the committee so if you are interested in the future of the club and feel you could help, either as an ordinary committee member or in the Secretary role, please get in touch with me and have a chat.

Both roles would involve attending committee meetings (about 5 a year) and most club evenings and the Secretary takes minutes at committee meetings and organises the paperwork for the AGM.

I can't run the club without a Secretary!

Finally, I expect a number of you read my article in the Village Voice about gardening for the environment in which I talk about doing one small thing for nature to make a difference.

I am challenging each and every one of you to do something specific in your garden this year, no matter how small and share it with us via the photo gallery on our website. You can send pictures or a video if you like. I just think it would be great to be able to say that Milford Gardeners are doing their bit for the environment.

I'm sure you will be hearing more of this from our speaker at the AGM regarding bumblebee conservation.

I hope to see lots of you there.

Sue Crabb (Chair)

February 2022

Forthcoming events:

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

Wednesday 16th March
Gardens of Ireland *John Baker*

Wednesday 20th April
Fabulous foliage and tempting tenders *Steve Edney*

Wednesday 18th May
Hydrangeas *Martin Young*

Wednesday 15th June
Designing and planting my new garden *Jenny Spenser*

Wednesday 20th July 6.30pm
Out evening *Shallowmead Nursery*

Wednesday 17th August
25th Anniversary event - more details nearer the time

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.