



Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

Hello Everyone

It was lovely to see so many of you at the January meeting and what a lovely talk to start the year. Pip Bensley is so enthusiastic and such a fluent speaker; add the lovely photos and what more could you ask for!

Next week is our AGM and as usual I will aim to get through the business part quickly to what I hope will be an interesting talk about gardening for wildlife communities.

The weather continues to be tricky for gardening, but the evenings are getting lighter and it feels as though we are moving forwards to Spring. I hope you took full advantage of Monday's lovely day. And no, I did not garden!

I spent the day at Mottisfont with my niece and her 8-year-old daughter and had a lovely time. Lots of snowdrops out by the river walk and I learnt lots of things I didn't know about them from the hanging 'information' snowdrops (aimed at children as it's half term) and it was just lovely to have blue sky and sunshine.

The committee will be down to 8 after the AGM unless anyone has thought about joining us. There's still time!

Don't forget to have a think about charity nominations for 2024/25. We will have a vote at the March meeting, and you have until 11th March to get information to me about your nominated charity. As I said at last month's meeting, I am proposing Honeypot again.

I have received some apologies for the AGM but hope to see a good number of you there next week.

Sue Crabb, Chair

AGM

The agenda and accompanying papers have been sent out under a separate email to all currently paid up members. If you haven't received them, it means I haven't received your subs yet! Details on how to pay are overleaf.

Thanks

Clare Johnston, Treasurer

February 2024

Forthcoming meetings:

Wednesday 21st February

AGM followed by Gardening for our wildlife communities
Bob Lord, Chairman or Friends of Ballard Water Meadows

Wednesday 20th March

The land and the No Name Nursery
Steve Edney

Wednesday 17th April

Seasonal herbaceous perennials
Rosy Hardy

Wednesday 15th May

Merton's Dream Garden: the story of Russell-Cotes
Phil Broomfield, Russell-Cotes Museum

Wednesday 19th June

The rejuvenation of Athelhampton House and Gardens
Speaker tbc

Wednesday 17th July 6.30pm

Out evening at Woodpeckers, Brockenhurst

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.

Subscriptions for 2024

Many thanks to those who have already paid their subs. If you haven't yet, here are the details again:

£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 next meeting
- Cheque payable to **Milford Gardeners' Club. Important: please add 40p to cover our bank charges.**

There is no need to complete a form as long as your contact details are unchanged. Membership cards will be available at the next meeting.

Many thanks

Clare Johnston, Treasurer

Ideas for days out

If you are looking for a nice day out, the club has received some invitations from various gardens which might be of interest.

Spring Plant Fair at The Walled Garden Moreton Saturday 20th April 10am – 2pm

"We will be offering a huge gathering of plant nurseries, growers, and garden enthusiasts, along with family fun, food, blacksmiths, professional advice and more! For more details, please visit our website" <https://walledgardenmoreton.co.uk/events/> See poster on next page

Garden Tours at Kingston Maurward, Dorchester

"With the longer days offering hope for spring, we would like to showcase our gardens and parkland here at Kingston Maurward.

It includes our Grade II* Listed Formal Garden, a Walled Demonstration Garden, a Japanese-inspired garden and a stunning lakeside walk - all set within the backdrop of the beautiful Dorset countryside - beloved by Thomas Hardy himself.

We also hold monthly walks with our Head Gardener, Nigel Hewish, on the below dates, these start at 1.30pm:

- Friday 8th March - Cream Tea available*
- Monday 15th April
- Friday 14th June Early Summer
- Monday 8th July
- Friday 30th August - Cream Tea available*
- Monday 23rd September - *Special Penstemons and Salvias National Collection* - Cream Tea available*
- Friday 18th October
- Monday 2nd December - *National Tree Week* - Cream Tea available

For more information and to book onto a tour date above, please email us at: events@kmc.ac.uk "
<https://www.kmc.ac.uk/gardens/>



£5
Per Person
Entry

Spring Plant Fair

at THE WALLED GARDEN MORETON

Saturday 20th April | 10am – 3pm

- * Plant Nurseries & Veg Growers
 - * Seasonal Plants & Gifts
 - * Blacksmiths
 - * Crafts & Family Fun
 - * Professional advice
- ...and more!



The Walled Garden, Moreton, Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 8RG
Tickets available on Eventbrite, or at the gate on the day!
www.walledgardenmoreton.co.uk