



Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

Hello Everyone ...

The weather so far this year hasn't been very kind to us in terms of gardening. First water logging and now it's too cold to even want to be outside. Things have to change soon but we have had the occasional appearance of the sun, just not enough of it!

I did take advantage of one sunny day recently, to go over to Hillier's at Romsey. The winter garden is looking fabulous with snowdrops and winter aconites coming into bloom, wonderful stems of cornus and the air is full of the scent of daphnes and witch hazels. If you have RHS membership, it's free until the end of the month and is well worth a visit.

We started the year with a very good attendance for the talk on Holme Gardens. I think it whetted people's appetites as 42 of you expressed interest in a visit later in the year.

We have a change of speaker for the AGM meeting but I am delighted to tell you that Janette Merillion has stepped in at short notice. She's been before and has given us 2 excellent talks and will be bringing plants for sale! She'll only be dealing with cash so make sure you come along with some if you think you will want to buy something.

If you were not at the January meeting I had two lists out to gauge interest in two proposed outings. One to **Wisley on Friday May 9th, cost about £15.50 if 45 people sign up.** The other to **Holme gardens near Wareham on Thursday July 17th, cost about £17.70 if 45 people sign up.**

I am going to offer these to the WI this week to see if we can fill a 53 seater coach which would bring the cost down. If you think you would like to go and haven't signed up, please email the club at the milfordgardeners@gmail.com soon. Garden club members will have priority.

Lastly, I have so far received four nominations for our charities this year: Oakhaven, Honey Pot, Boldre church organ repairs and the Countryside Education Trust. Nominations are open until March 10th if you want to add any more (please also provide some information about the charity) and we will vote on them at the March meeting. The next newsletter will contain a little information about each one.

I do hope to see lots of you at the next meeting. Our membership numbers are down on last year so far but more importantly, I'm sure this will be a good talk. Come and give us your support.

Sue Crabb, Chair

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Forthcoming meetings:

Wednesday 19th February
AGM followed by 101 of my favourite plants *Janette Merillion* *Plants for sale*

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 18th June
Inspiration from Tresco Abbey Gardens *Ben Turner*

Wednesday 16th July 6.30pm
Out evening to Oakhaven Hospice

Wednesday 17th September
Attracting beneficial wildlife to your garden with flower power *Marina Christopher*

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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