



Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

Hello everyone ...

Well it's rain, rain and more rain and I've looked at the current predictions and it's looking like it will continue to the end of the month, apart from the coming Saturday which is showing sunny and dry! We'll see. There are snowdrops popping up, some primroses struggling into bloom, out and about daffodils on roadside verges are showing colour and I have tulips in pots coming through but it is all SO soggy. Your best bet at the moment seems to be doing some of those indoor jobs you have been putting off, like sorting paperwork or spring cleaning those drawers or cupboards you never seem to get round to!

Despite falling numbers we had a very good turnout at the January meeting, I didn't know we had so many vegetable growers in the club! Joy Michaud is extremely knowledgeable and was able to make many recommendations for particular needs. Her slides were great too except that her remote screen changer probably needed new batteries which rather spoiled the flow of her talk. Lots of seeds were sold and even I bought some tomato seeds, one yellow variety for a 3 litre pot and one called Apero which performs well at the showbench I have my eyes on the village show! Fingers crossed, I've never grown tomatoes from seed.

It's time to think about our charities for the coming year. **You have until 10th March to nominate a charity** and the vote will take place at the March meeting. You can give details and information about any you wish to nominate to me, or any of the committee, at the next meeting or you can email us.

I recently went to the first Friday lunch at the Bridge in support of the Stable Family Home Trust. They seem a very worthwhile charity and I will be nominating them for consideration. I have also had a nomination for New Forest for Ukraine. It's so easy to forget Ukraine but the people out there are trying to survive winter in sub-zero temperatures with no heating or means of cooking. They still need all the support they can get. The next newsletter will contain a little information about each nomination.

I do hope to see lots of you at the AGM meeting. Our membership numbers are down on last year so far, but more importantly, we have had our speaker, Pip Bensley, twice before and I'm sure this will be a good talk. Come and give us your support.

Sue Crabb, Chair

February 2026

Forthcoming meetings:

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

Wednesday 16th September
Scotland's western islands
Mike Read

Wednesday 21st October
A brief history of garden design - 4000 years in 60 minutes
Helen Milne

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.

Social media

In an attempt to raise awareness of our club and boost our numbers, I have set up a Facebook page and Instagram profile.

If you use FB or Instagram, please follow our page/posts and share to your friends and neighbours.

Links:

[Facebook](#)

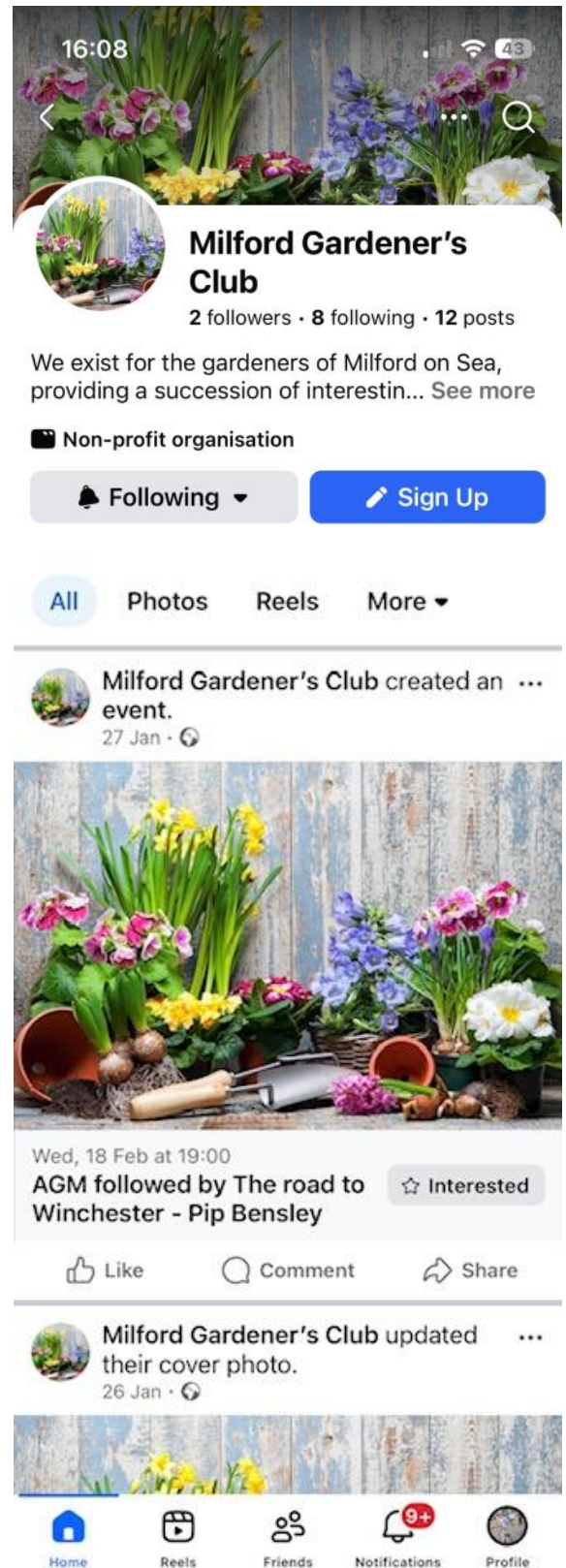
[Instagram](#)

If anyone fancies writing a very short report after each talk which we can post on FB/Instagram, please let me know. It doesn't have to be the same person every month.

Even better, if anyone would like to take over looking after our social media, that would be even better as I don't have time to do it properly (and don't use Instagram at all and so am on a very steep learning curve there!)

Many thanks.

Clare Johnston



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Wed, 18 Feb at 19:00
AGM followed by The road to Winchester - Pip Bensley Interested

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