



Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

Hello everyone

To say the start of 2020 was challenging for garden club activities is rather understating things! Some of the plants in my garden are loving all this rain but I am keeping my fingers crossed that my bulbs haven't rotted away.

The Christmas party was a great success in our new venue and members came up trumps with the food. We had a great spread and it was very well attended despite the weather being pretty horrible.

Looking ahead, we have a great programme for 2020 and are now looking at 2021. If anyone has a particular request for a topic or speaker, please have a word with me or Judith. We can't promise anything but it is your club and we welcome your input.

We are of course, looking forward to our "big name" speaker, David Domoney, next week and hope to see lots of you there.

I'm keeping my fingers crossed that the dry/sunny days predicted by the BBC weather site for the weekend ahead come to pass! We all need some respite from the wind and rain.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2020.

Sue Crabb – Chair

2020 Membership renewal

Thank you to everyone who has already renewed their membership for this year. If you've sent your application by post Clare will have your membership card ready for collection at the meeting.

If you haven't yet renewed, please bring your completed form and payment to the meeting. Forms will be available or you can download from the website. If you can't remember if you've renewed or not, drop Clare an email and she'll let you know! If you've paid by BACS, you also need to complete a form so we have your correct details. Please note that any memberships not renewed by 31st January will lapse (as per club rules).

Committee members needed

We will be losing some committee members this year so if anyone is interested in joining us, please have a chat with Sue to see what is involved. It's not a hugely arduous or time-consuming job.

January 2020

Monthly Meeting Dates

Wednesday 22nd January

Confessions of a TV gardener
David Domoney from ITV's 'Love your Garden' (N.B. 4th Wed)

Wednesday 19th February

AGM followed by "Will there be enough cake?" Mary Hayter, NGS (NB. Change of speaker)

Wednesday 18th March

Fabulous foliage and tempting tenders Steve Edney

Wednesday 15th April

Hanging basket demonstration
Sue Berriman and Anne McMurtry

Wednesday 20th May

Flowers of reserves and roadsides in the local area Gerald Ponting

Wednesday 17th June

Plight of the Bumblebee
Gill Perkins, Bumblebee Conservation Trust

Wednesday 15th July 6.30pm

Out evening Mabel's Café, Shallowmead Nurseries

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.

Charity nominations for 2020

We would like nominations for the charities the club might support this year. As usual we are thinking more of smaller, local causes. If you have a particular one in mind, please give us some information about what it does. The cut-off date for nominations is **4th March** and voting will take place at the March meeting using the ballot boxes as we did last year.

February meeting—change of speaker

We have a change in the speaker for the February meeting but the topic is still the same. Mary Hayter, who opens her garden in Chestnut Road, Brockenhurst for the NGS, will be speaking. I am sure many of you have visited her garden or you can have a look at her website: www.21-chestnut-rdgardens.co.uk



July Out Evening

This has now been arranged and we will be going to Mabel's Café at Shallowmead Nurseries. Further details will be available nearer the time.

