



Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

Hello everyone

Well here we are, more than half way through the darkest month. I was thinking of the daylight, evenings are getting noticeably lighter, but it's been a pretty dark month for everyone.

Who would have thought we would still be in lockdown? But at least local people are starting to have their vaccinations. I sincerely hope you are all keeping well and managing to cope with the current restrictions. It's so hard not being able to see family and close friends but we have to "tough it out" and as I have said before, don't look too far ahead, take it a day or week at a time.

On the subject of staying in touch, I wonder how many of you are using Zoom and whether this would be something you would like the club to consider? Please complete the survey via the [link here](#) or overleaf. I have also come to the conclusion that the AGM next month will need to be on Zoom and I am investigating this.

I've bought various seeds this week and ordered a "proper" wall greenhouse as opposed to one with a plastic cover so I'm pretty excited about that! I'm nurturing some geranium cuttings indoors and so far haven't manage to drown them with overwatering and they seem to be getting bigger! I've got the parent plants in my garage and hope to do some more cuttings in March.

You will see Jenny's update on the Plant Fair overleaf. It would be wonderful to have some kind of event but we'll have to see how things go over the next few months.

I haven't much more to add this month other than to say, "Stay safe" and as the days lengthen, start thinking about what you could grow or split for the Plant Fair. If all else fails we still have the Gardeners' Club google group (milfordgardenersclub@googlegroups.com) for swapping plants, seedlings and garden things in general. We **will** carry on!

Sue Crabb – Chair

P.S. Here are a few photos taken at the community meadow recently.



January 2021

Monthly Meetings

All meetings have been cancelled until further notice....



Plant Fair 2021

If at all possible the annual Fair will take place on Saturday 15th May 2021.

I need to start planning now for this in the hope that restrictions will be lifted by Easter and things may return to something like normal life; there remains a big IF, but I am very optimistic. So, please put this date in your very empty diary!

On the day I shall need physical help in setting up and selling and even now I would ask that when you start your spring gardening again you think about a few donations to the Club's stall - new seeds, some divisions from older plants and don't forget veggies. Sue has also indicated that if we cannot do a full public Fair we may be able to do an 'inhouse plant swap/sale'. As gardeners we always think ahead.

Jenny Spenser



Goldfinch on holly tree - *Clare Johnston*

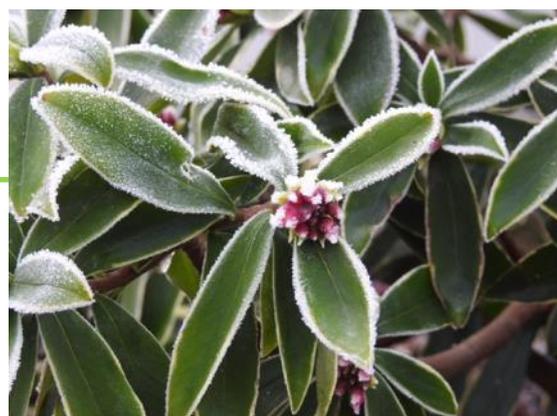
Club Holiday

I have again thought long and hard about this as forward planning is essential. It takes about 6-9 months of organising before the holiday occurs and I am guessing that the next 3 months will not allow me this time to start the plans; gardens are closed, we do not meet and, although hotels and coach companies may well welcome us, they all need deposits - which if the last planned holiday in Ireland is anything to go by is a non starter for me - so I have decided that I am not organising a 2021 holiday. BUT I promise I will for 2022 and already have articles, ideas etc. on file for when I can begin. I shall try for a 3-5 night away, probably in two locations, visiting parts of Essex and Suffolk and the counties north/north west of London. If you have any other ideas please let me know. I am leaving any garden shows and a visit to the new Bridgewater to a later date. Maybe we can have some stunning days out instead.....

Jenny Spenser



Frosty New Year's Day in my garden - *Clare Johnston*



Zoom Survey

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