



# Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

## Hello and a Happy New Year to Everyone

I was disappointed that only 7 members came to the Xmas party, along with 7 of the committee! The timing of Boris's statement on the six o'clock news, about rising omicron cases put the kybosh on things but those who made it had a fun, festive evening with music, food and some quizzes and I am ahead of the action having saved the big picture board quiz I'd prepared for next year!

At the start of a new year, I am hoping for a less bumpy ride than the last two have been. I am looking forward to getting club activities back on track and as it is the 25th anniversary of the club this year we are planning some extra things for you. Watch this space!

But first, January. Our speaker, Rosemary LeGrand is clinically vulnerable and would appreciate it if members wore a mask during the talk. Please wear a mask if you are walking around in the hall but obviously you may remove it when you are sitting down having your drink.

We are intending to start the plant sales table again in March, something to bear in mind.

The charities we voted for before lockdown have not really benefited much as we could not hold the Plant Fair. They received cheques for £216.68 each, from the money raised at the plant sale at David and Christina's in June. I am therefore proposing that we keep them for the coming year. To remind you, they were Forca's Nourish programme, providing a meal for people undergoing chemotherapy on their treatment day and Lymington Hospital scanner appeal. The scanner appeal has now closed but they are raising funds for a portable echocardiogram machine. Both of these are very worthy causes.

Can I remind you to bring your completed membership form to the meeting, even if you have paid by BACS so that we can keep an up to date record of your contact details. Or you can drop it in to Moyra Williams, at 7 Knowland Drive or to me at 3 Danestream Close. Any memberships not renewed by the end of January will be deemed have lapsed and you will no longer receive the newsletter!

Finally, I **urgently** need a new committee member in the position of Secretary. Jean Robinson will be stepping down from this role after 8 brilliant years. I "sweet talked" her into staying on this past year but she really *is* stepping down at the AGM and the club can't run without a Secretary. Details of what this would involve can be found overleaf.

I hope to see many of you next week but I do understand the desire to remain cautious, despite what the PM may have to say!

*Sue Crabb (Chair)*

## January 2022

### Forthcoming events:

#### Wednesday 26th January

My Japanese Journey  
*Rosemary Legrand*

#### Wednesday 16th February

AGM followed by Plight of the Bumblebee  
*Gill Perkins, Bumblebee Conservation Trust*

#### Wednesday 16th March

Gardens of Ireland  
*John Baker*

#### Wednesday 20th April

Fabulous foliage and tempting tenders  
*Steve Edney*

#### Wednesday 18th May

Hydrangeas  
*Martin Young*

**Club meetings** are normally held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at **Milford Community Centre**, unless otherwise stated. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start. Refreshments available from 7pm.

## Secretary's role

- Take minutes at committee meetings (about 5 times a year) and distribute them.
  - Circulate and keep up to date, names/addresses/contact details of Committee.
  - Prepare AGM paperwork.
  - Keep the noticeboard up to date.
  - Write letters on behalf of the club as and when required.
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## Notice of AGM

Notice is hereby given that the **Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 16th February 2022 at 7.30 pm**, at Milford Community Centre, Sea Road.

Please send any agenda items to the Club Secretary, Jean Robinson (milfordgardeners@gmail.com or 01425 612287), by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022.

The agenda will be emailed to members or can be viewed on the website after 9<sup>th</sup> February or by contacting the Club Secretary.



Some frosty pics from my garden last year -  
*Clare Johnston*

