



# Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

## Hello Everyone

What a month of extreme weather it has been! I finally managed to do a few garden jobs in the last week of January but it's seemed a long month and a long time since we last met.

Looking from my bedroom window, the lawn is a kaleidoscope of green, yellow and brown, lots of moss and bare patches, not much healthy grass. I have some work to do!

The January meeting was well attended and the speaker, Pip Bensley was excellent, we are aiming to have her back in 2024.

We have an outing to look forward to at the end of this month, thanks to Iris for organising this and the mornings and evenings are starting to lighten so things are moving forward. Roll on Spring!

**I have an urgent appeal for members.** We have managed, just, without a secretary this year but it has given myself and Clare in particular, a lot of extra tasks. The paperwork for the AGM has now been sorted but **I need someone to take the minutes at the meeting.** It's not a massive task as most of the information will already be available, it's mainly recording information about matters that we vote on. **There must be someone out there who could help.** Please let me or Clare know if you think you can.

**I am also appealing for a regular secretary and would be willing to accept a very pared down role.** This could consist of recording the minutes of committee meetings but **without taking any other active role on the committee.** It would mean 5 meetings, usually January, April, June, September and November. They are rarely more than 2 hours and involve tea and cake!

I have had a few nominations for charities including Honeypot, Southampton General Hospital I.C.U. appeal, Rose Road and Copthorne Nursery. If you have a favourite, preferably local, charity which you would like us to support (it doesn't matter if it is one we have supported before) please get details to me

## January 2023

### Forthcoming meetings:

**Wednesday 15th February  
AGM** followed by The history of Stewarts: 8 generations, one passion [Martin Stewart](#)

**Wednesday 15th March**  
The churchyard yew  
*Mark Hinsley*

**Wednesday 19th April**  
Some unusual perennials  
*Bryan Madders*

**Wednesday 17th May**  
Less work, more colour:  
sustainable low maintenance  
gardening *Gillian Taylor*

**Wednesday 21st June**  
A rosy start to the year—types  
of rose, maintenance and  
propagation *Martin Perry*

**Wednesday 19th July 6.30pm**  
Out evening to Palace House,  
Beaulieu with a tour of the  
garden. More details nearer  
the time.

**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.

before the March meeting when we will have a vote. I will include more information regarding nominations received, in the March newsletter.

That's all from me for now. I hope to see lots of you at the AGM meeting and look forward to meeting those on our snowdrop trip.

*Sue Crabb (Chair)*

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## Outing to The Down House 28th February 2023

We are running a coach trip outing to the [Down House](#) at Itchen Abbas to see their snowdrops on Tuesday 28th February 2023 and the cost is £25 per person including entry and refreshments. Departure from Sea Road car park, Milford at 9.30, with a further pick up in Lymington.



There are still places available on this trip if you've not already signed up. Please email [milfordgardeners@gmail.com](mailto:milfordgardeners@gmail.com) for details or speak to Iris or Clare at the meeting.

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## AGM paperwork

The agenda etc. will be sent by email shortly and can also be accessed on the website [here](#).

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Not much of interest in my garden at the moment but the *Daphne* is flowering and the *Euonymus* provides some winter interest.

Clare

