

# Milford on Sea Gardeners' Club Newsletter



## July 2019

### Hello Everyone

It looks as though we are heading for another challenging summer for gardening with all this hot, dry weather. Whilst watering I have been mentally re-planning some of my planting to include more drought tolerant plants. With current thoughts on climate change, this seems to be the way to go.

I am also being plagued by whitefly and blackfly but at least the sawfly larva did not appear on my Solomon's Seal this year. The leaves are still intact!

I hope you are all taking time out to sit and enjoy your gardens and have also managed to visit some of the local open gardens. There have been some super ones open through June. On the subject of open gardens, please see article overleaf.

One final thing. We still have 4 plants, left behind the club stall at the plant fair, which have not been claimed. If no one comes forward they will be offered for sale at the July meeting.

There will be no newsletter in August but I would like to wish you all happy gardening over the summer and hope to see many of you at the out evening, details of which are below.

*Sue Crabb – Chair*

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### Arrangements for Out Evening at 'Ivy Bank', Vinegar Hill

by kind permission of David Hope and Christina de Block.

The evening starts at 6.30 pm instead of our usual time of 7.30 pm. This is a "members only" event due to insurance cover. There will be the usual drinks and nibbles.

There is no parking except for disabled who may park at the house. We suggest you park in Chaucer Drive, which is off Barnes Lane, or walk if you are able to. Entrance to the garden will be by the **back gate which is opposite Chaucer Drive**. A member of the committee will be manning the gate to direct you and there will be a sign as well.

The garden is quite uneven and care should be taken whilst walking around. David and Christina have taken great care to make sure things are as safe as possible but sensible walking shoes are recommended and sticks or poles if you need them.

Some seating will be available but you may wish to bring your own portable seat if you have one.

### Notice Board

**Milford Flower and Produce Show - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July**  
2:30-4:30pm All Saints' Church Hall. Admission £1

### Monthly Meeting Dates

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July**  
*Out evening at Ivy Bank, Vinegar Hill, MoS.* A glass of wine and wander round this beautiful garden. (NB 6.30pm start; members only)

NB: There is no meeting in August.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September**  
*Container bulbs for a year of flowers* Tim Woodland

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**  
*Exploring the South Island of New Zealand* Rosemary Legrand

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**  
*All aspects of rose care* Stewart Pocock, Pockocks Roses. Rose products for sale.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas social

**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.

## 2019 Holiday

Thank you to everyone who has already paid the balance for this holiday. If you haven't yet, this is due by **July 19<sup>th</sup>**, so please bring your cheque to the July out evening or else you will need to drop it off at Jenny's house or post it. Remember Jenny needs the cheques given/sent to her but made out to **Milford Gardeners Club**. The cost will be £382 less £50 deposit i.e. **£332 & single room supplements are £110 extra**. Any queries, contact [jspenser@talktalk.net](mailto:jspenser@talktalk.net) 01425 83776 or see Jenny on Club night.

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## Open Gardens

The committee have decided that we do not want to run another "full blown" public event. However, it has been suggested that we might consider opening small "clusters" of gardens, solely for club members and their friends and families.

We now have members from Milford, Barton on Sea, Everton and Hordle. By restricting openings to club members and friends only, this would take a lot of pressure off regarding insurance, promotion and general organisation, not to mention the feeling that everything must be perfect if opening for the public. I feel that club members would look more kindly on things!

I feel quite strongly, that the club exists for the benefit of the members and whilst it has been great to donate money raised from open gardens in the past, it is not what we are about. Just for the record, our club was the first to implement the idea of open gardens in this area but it seems now that everyone is jumping on the bandwagon! We would still have the Plant Fair as a charitable event.

I am not quite sure how these ideas will work out but they will be up for discussion in the coming months and any input from the membership would be greatly welcomed and also any offers of opening gardens. Maybe we will do Milford gardens next summer, then move on to Barton gardens the following year and so on. We'll see.

*Sue Crabb*

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## Other garden related events you might be interested in...

### BBC Gardeners' Question Time

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 5.30pm  
Colehill Memorial Hall, Wimborne  
Details and tickets from Dorset Hardy Plant Society.

<http://www.dorsethps.org.uk/>

### Gardeners Question Time *(not BBC)*

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2:30-4pm  
at Kingfishers Nursing Home, The Meadows, New Milton BH25 7FJ  
£5 per ticket, inc. refreshments.

Tickets available from HOPE shop or contact 01425 629009 or

[janice@hopenewforest.org](mailto:janice@hopenewforest.org)

<http://www.hopenewforest.org/events.html>