



# Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

**Hello everyone**

At last things feel as though they are moving forward a bit in these strange times of Coronavirus, but not yet at a pace to be able to say that Garden Club is back on.

Sadly, we have had to cancel the out evening to Shallowmead partly because of the restrictions of social distancing but we had also asked them to provide a light meal and they would not have been able to do that. However, we have asked them to put the booking into next year's diary.

I have had an update from the Community Centre in the past week. They are not able to open at the present time but it is likely that when they do (possibly September) they may be limited to 25% capacity which works out at just 30 people. If social distancing rules have changed to 1 metre by then, they may be able to up the numbers but given that we regularly have 60 - 80 at meetings, this raises a lot of questions, not least, how safe will members feel at closer distance.

Also, bearing in mind that we have only had two speakers so far this year, we will be considering whether we can give a partial refund of subs. or, should we not be running until 2021, then maybe a "free" year, carrying over this year's subs.

These are some of the things the committee will be grappling with over the summer but at the present time I am unable to say when/how we will restart. I passionately want to keep the garden club going and I will keep you informed of how things are looking, through the newsletter.

It was good to see a few of you when I opened my garden (well 10 of you actually!) My roses have now all gone but I have lovely hydrangeas coming into bloom along with agapanthus. I know we are all missing face to face chats but our Google groups link has done a good job in enabling swaps of plants and seedlings. I think we have about 54 members on it now. Details of how to join were on [last month's newsletter](#).

Also on last month's newsletter were details of where to send pictures of your gardens. The gallery on our website has some lovely images, thank you to all the members who have contributed so far and **keep them coming**, it's one way of staying connected. Clare puts them on in batches so if you don't immediately see them up there, don't think they have been overlooked!

I'll leave you with 2 photos of gorgeous pelargoniums that I bought last year on the club holiday. Stay safe and I **will** be sending a newsletter in August to keep you updated.

*Sue Crabb – Chair*

## July 2020

### Monthly Meetings

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



## Possible 2021 Holiday

Many may have read that the RHS has cancelled the Chatsworth Garden Show next year (also Cardiff Flower Show). This was to have been the highlight of any holiday next summer. The new RHS northern garden 'Bridgewater' will have only just opened, being delayed from this year, so my thoughts are to put both on hold until another year.

As information changes monthly I feel that a holiday in 2021 may be difficult to arrange without any foreknowledge of how things will be for travel. I shall, therefore, hold off any arrangements until later in the year and will keep members updated via this newsletter. At present, I feel, that any holiday would be only 3 days and we would stay within a 100/150 mile radius of Milford.

*Jenny Spenser*



*Ginny McIlroy*

## A few more of your garden photos from the gallery

See them all [here](#)



*Pam Shiell*



*Lynne Ball*



*Val and Mike Newell*