



Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

Hello Everyone

Despite the heat and the worry of keeping your plants alive, I hope you are enjoying this amazing spell of weather. I think we need to adopt a laid-back approach and take time to sit and enjoy our gardens and not worry about jobs that need doing or be rushing around to social events. Chill, people!

I'm looking forward to our Shallowmead evening and the chance to chat with lots of you.

Normally we would be signing off until September now but we have a big event planned in August to celebrate 25 years of the club.

Venue Community Centre
Date Wednesday afternoon 17th August, 2.30 - 4.30 pm
Event "Posh tea"
Tickets £5.50

Photo Competition Theme: "Gardening for the environment, in my garden". 5x7 print, no need for a frame.

This is a chance for you to dress up! Oakhaven Hospice are catering the tea but we will be providing a glass of bubbly. There will be music, a raffle and table quizzes and the club's "archive" photo albums will be out for you to look through.

We want to involve you in this event and so I am asking you, if you are able, to bring a small vase or jam jar with a bunch of flowers or a single stem from your garden. These will be put all along the front of the stage, a bit like a mini-show but with no pressure or judging! It's just a celebration of what we do.

We will also be having a photograph competition. The theme will be "Gardening for the environment, in my garden". You may remember that I set a challenge for you in the February newsletter to do one small thing for the environment this year so let's share what we have been up to.

It can encompass many things, wild patches, flowers for pollinators, bug or bee hotels, ponds or pictures of the insects and creatures that visit your garden. Anything that illustrates that you've at least thought about this! My own project for a sink pond has stalled at the moment. I have sourced one and know where it will go but it's in Romsey just now! I have made an effort to plant for pollinators though.

July 2022

Forthcoming events:

Wednesday 20th July 6.30pm
Out evening *Shallowmead Nursery*,

Wednesday 17th August
25th Anniversary event
Community Centre 2.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 21st September
The Gilberts Dahlia Year *Nick Gilbert, Gilberts Dahlias*

Wednesday 19th October
Speaker to be confirmed

Wednesday 16th November
Christmas Crackers—plants for the festive season *Janette Merillion, horticultural speaker and garden designer*. Plants for sale

Wednesday 21st December
Christmas Social Evening

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

You have all been brilliant with using BACS for the Shallowmead payment and if you would like to come to the tea, we need to receive your payment of **£5.50 by Saturday 30th July** so that we can let Oakhaven know the numbers. If you would prefer to pay by cheque that's ok but it will be £5.90 to cover the bank handling charge. Cash and cheques can be dropped off to me at 3 Danestream Close, or to Clare at Rosemead, Pless Road.

I really hope that lots of you can make it. I will ask Clare to send a brief reminder of the details before the event but there won't be a newsletter in August.

Finally, I have a list of past members who can no longer make meetings and intend to invite them but if you know of anyone, please tell them about it.

See you at Shallowmead!

Sue Crabb (Chair)

2023 Holiday

After this year's lovely holiday, Jenny has been busy planning for next year already.

Sunday 2nd July—Thursday 6th July 2023

5 days and 4 nights, staying at [Shrigley Hall](#) on the edge of the Peak District (we stayed here one night on the return journey from Harrogate).

We shall visit the new [RHS Bridgewater Garden](#) on one of the days, plus a drive across the moors to visit a few more gardens.

The cost will be around £470 per person, with a supplement of £100 for a single room, for dinner, B&B.

If you would like to express an interest, please email jen@jenspenser.co.uk. Nothing is binding until deposits are requested in the autumn.



Shrigley Hall



RHS Bridgewater



Clare and Sue had a lovely visit to Hillier Gardens at the weekend

