

Milford on Sea Gardeners' Club Newsletter



Hello Everyone

What a busy time of year this is! Lots going on, gardens to visit and everything coming into full bloom. It's my favourite time of year.

The Plant Fair was a great success. The weather was perfect and there was no royal wedding to rival us this year! We had a steady flow of people buying throughout the morning. I personally want to thank Jenny Spenser and Juanita Woods for organising and running this event and everyone who provided plants and staffed the stall. Marcus, one of the traders, sorted the signage, which was excellent this year and I am sure brought more people in. I had no part in it, apart from selling plants on the Green on the day.

Our trip to Dorset was fabulous; a big thank you to Iris for suggesting and organising this. Holme Gardens had relaxed informal planting and we were all mesmerised by the poppy fields. The second garden, Anderson Manor, was an even greater pleasure. Not open to the general public anymore, it is an Elizabethan Manor House with the most sumptuous roses, equal to any I have seen at Mottisfont. Their gardener, who helps two days a week, used to work at Hampton Court. All the roses were varieties which were growing pre-1912, so they were all "old" roses with the most delicious scents. (Photos overleaf.)

To top it off, we were blessed with the weather which stayed dry. It would have been a very different experience had we gone the day after when it rained all day!

Sue Crabb – Chair

Plant Fair – Saturday 18th May

Due to the excellent plants, enthusiastic and knowledgeable helpers and good weather we made a fabulous £1835.00 - a record and almost £300 more than previous years. The Club's own stall took £990, again a record! Well done everyone. The amount will be split between the two chosen charities – Milford's Community Library and the Bumble Bee Trust.

There were 6 plants left on the village green - all look as if they were from a commercial nursery. They are at Jenny's house being looked after. She'll bring them to the next meeting and you can claim them if they are yours.

2019 Holiday

The balance of this holiday is due by July 19th (we have June and July member's nights prior to this date). Remember Jenny needs the cheques given/sent to her but made out to Milford Gardeners Club. The cost will be £382 less £50 deposit = **£332 & single room supplements are £110 extra**. Any queries, contact jspenser@talktalk.net 01425 83776 or see Jenny on Club nights.

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June 2019

Monthly Meeting Dates

Wednesday 19th June

The history of the cottage garden
Neil Lovesey, Picket Lane Nursery, Dorset

Wednesday 17th July

Out evening at Ivy Bank, Vinegar Hill, MoS. A glass of wine and wander round this beautiful garden. (NB **6.30pm** start; members and their guests only)

NB: There is no meeting in August.

Wednesday 18th September

Container bulbs for a year of flowers Tim Woodland

Wednesday 16th October

Exploring the South Island of New Zealand Rosemary Legrand

Wednesday 20th November

All aspects of rose care Stewart Pocock, Pockocks Roses. Rose products for sale.

Wednesday 18th December

Christmas social

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.

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Holiday to Ireland: 30 May-4 June 2020

This is now progressing well with 25 people signed up. With the flights due out very soon, Greatdays Holidays Ltd will soon be in receipt of your cheques and they will then be contacting everyone directly. There is still time to sign up - but time is rapidly running out! Further information from Jenny Spenser jspenser@talktalk.net 01425 837763.

Outing to Dorset – 6th June

45 members had a very enjoyable coach trip to two gardens near Wareham on 6th June and we were lucky to have a very sunny and warm day. The first garden was Holme and had a garden centre and restaurant, so we enjoyed the lovely gardens and had lunch there. Then we went on to Anderson Manor, a 3-acre garden round an Elizabethan/Jacobean mansion. The gardens were stunning with roses, topiary, herbaceous borders and a wonderful parterre. Tea was provided on the bowling green and the owners and their gardener were there to give us the history of their restoration of the garden over 40 years of ownership. A wonderful day out.

Iris Slee



Plant Fair – 7:30am before the rush

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