



Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

Hello Everyone

Firstly, I need to say a huge thank you to you all, for your support of the plant fair and especially to those volunteers who helped on the stall. In the end we had just the right number of helpers. The plants were of excellent quality and well labelled and not only did we break records with the amount we raised but for the first time ever, had almost nothing left at the end! A brilliant result. Special thanks to Juanita Woods and Sharie Perl who were on the Green at 5.30am organising everything.

Coming back from the holiday this weekend it was lovely to be greeted by sunshine. We had a super week and saw some fabulous gardens, one of the highlights being a visit to Peter Beale's roses. The garden was amazing with roses cascading from arches, towers and pergolas, filling the air with fragrance. The under planting was glorious, including salvias, foxgloves, nepeta, lavenders and perennial geraniums to mention just a few of the many plants. Needless to say, hardly anyone came out without a rose!

The journey to Colchester, our first stop for the night, was to say the least, interesting! We got on the coach to be told that the loo wasn't working properly and really was for emergency use only, but never mind, we were stopping at services en route. The ride was a bit bumpy coming out of Lymington but we assumed it was the road. Jenny dropped the microphone and thought she had broken it as she started to tell us the travel plans for the day. Having just announced that everything would be fine there was an almighty bang and we ground to a halt by the car boot field just out of Lymington!

To cut a very long saga short, we were told that the coach was undriveable! A number of phone calls later we were told we would have to transfer to another coach which was being sent out but would take about 40 minutes. Back to sleep then.

A coach duly arrived, which had been taken off a school run, but our luggage could not be transferred as we were not going to be keeping this coach so off we finally went, "sans luggage".

At Capel Manor, our first stop, a third driver from a London company turned up to take us to Colchester as the second driver was running out of hours to get back to the local area! I won't continue this saga, save to say that after a slightly anxious few hours, our luggage arrived at 7.00 pm. We had five coaches in all and three different drivers.

June 2022

Forthcoming events:

Wednesday 15th June

Designing and planting my new garden *Jenny Spenser*

Wednesday 20th July 6.30pm

Out evening *Shallowmead Nursery* (see over leaf for more details)

Wednesday 17th August

2.30pm
25th Anniversary event (see overleaf for more details)

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.

Jenny was magnificent and showed her usual unflappability (though she may have been paddling like hell underneath!)

I would like to thank her again for organising some excellent places to visit and running the holiday for yet another year. It's all down to her. Many thanks Jen.

Now on to news of the **July out evening on Wednesday July 20th. This will be at Shallowmead nursery at 6.30 pm** where there will be an opportunity to walk around and purchase plants after hours. The Club will be paying the cost of a drink. We are negotiating a ploughman's supper for no more than £7.00 but we will be asking you to pay for that yourself on the night. ***If you are intending to go we will ask you to sign up on Wednesday evening.*** The cutoff date for letting us know you want to go will be **July 10th**, so that Shallowmead know how many to cater for. If you are not at this week's meeting you can email us milfordgardeners@gmail.com

The 25 th Anniversary tea will be held at the Community Centre on Wednesday, August 17th at 2.30pm. We have asked the kitchen at Oakhaven Hospice to cater this event. The cost will be **£5.50 per head** and we will let you know when and where you can get a ticket nearer the time. The event is for present and past members only and the Club will be providing a glass of fizz and a celebration cake. We are planning on making this a special afternoon and final details will go out in the July newsletter.

And finally, we have decided to put Plants for sale and Plants of current interest on hold until the Autumn as we don't have anywhere suitable to display them at present.

Phew, sorry there is such a lot of info. this month but I think that's it!

Hope to see lots of you on Wednesday for Jenny's talk.

Sue Crabb (Chair)

Other events you might be interested in:

Child Okeford Open Gardens June 19, 2022 11:00am - 5:00pm

Community Centre, Station Road, DT11 8EW, and Village Hall, The Hollow, DT11 8EX

Child Okeford nestles under picturesque Hambledon Hill (NT). There will be around 20 gardens open to visit in the village, of different sizes, styles and levels of horticultural attainment. Profits to Community Centre & Village Hall.

Teas and cakes will be available at the Community Centre, where there will also be plants for sale.

Tickets £5 per person, children free, no dogs, on the day from both the Community Centre, Station Road, DT11 8EW, and Village Hall, The Hollow, DT11 8EX. Toilet facilities available at both venues.

Contact: Jack Shonfield Tel: 01258 863542 or 07946 51720 Email: j.shonfield@gmail.com

46th Cerne Abbas Open Gardens 2-6pm on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th June

Annual village open gardens event with about 25 private open gardens. Day tickets to all gardens £7 ticket for 2 days £10 Accompanied children free.

Plant Stall, Free parking DT2 7GD from 1pm, teas in St Mary's Church from 1pm.

Profits to Cerne Valley Trust and Dorchester Youth Theatre. In most gardens the gardeners are on hand to chat to and most welcome well behaved dogs on leads.





Capel Manor Gardens



Beth Chatto's Garden



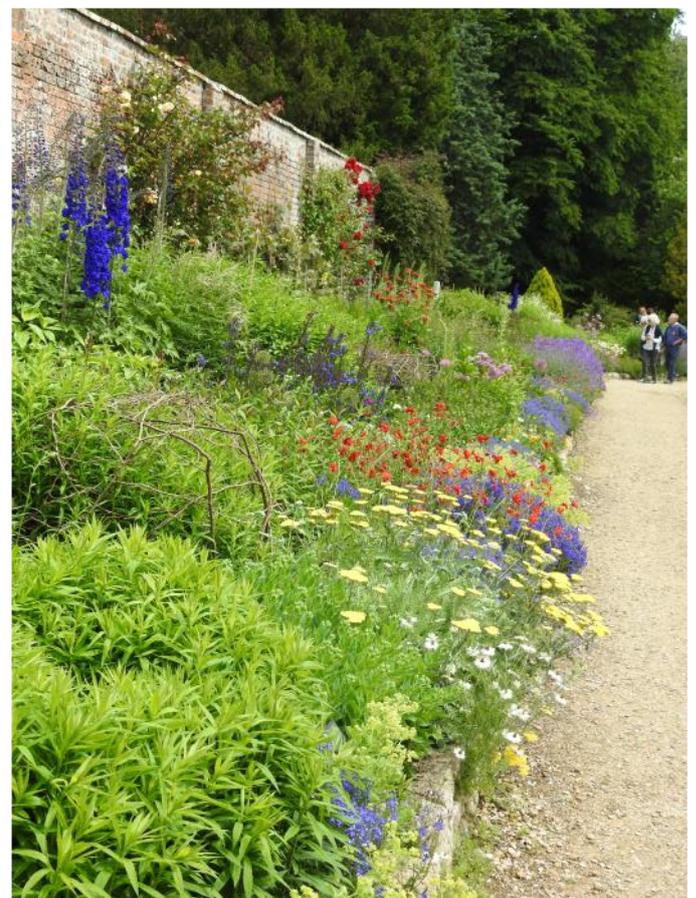
The Place for Plants



Cambridge Botanic Garden



Peter Beale's Roses



Waterperry Gardens