

Milford on Sea Gardeners' Club Newsletter



Hello everyone

Days are beginning to lengthen, evenings getting lighter. Hope you enjoyed the two fabulous days of "false" spring recently, as much as I did. What a treat!

I have a request for help, from your committee. We would like to do a major update on our website and if any members have experience or skills in setting up and running a website, we would love to hear from you. Please talk to me or Clare Johnston if you think you might be able to help.

Secondly, I have been approached by the Parish Council to see whether the Gardeners' Club would like to be involved in developing, and subsequently looking after, a portion of land in the Community Meadow. More details overleaf.

We will be voting for our charities for the coming year at the meeting next week. We will have labelled boxes as last year and counters to put in them. One vote only please! You can find details of the three nominations overleaf. If you will not be there but would like a vote, let me know your choice or ask a friend to vote for you.

Sue Crabb – Chair

Outing in June

We are hoping to run an outing to two gardens in Dorset in June and there will be a sign-up sheet on the table at the next meeting for anyone who is interested. The first is Holme Garden near Bere Regis which has a garden centre and restaurant for lunch; the second is nearby, an NGS garden of 3 acres with a rose garden called Anderson Manor where we will have tea. The proposed dates are either Thursday 6th or Thursday 13th June and the estimated cost will be £28. Confirmation of the date and cost will be in the April newsletter and Iris will start selling tickets at the meeting on April 17th.

Holiday to Ireland: 30 May-4 June 2020

Since last month I have had a good response from members to a 6 day trip to see the gardens around Dublin & SE Ireland. We fly from Bournemouth and get a coach to Arklow for a DB&B stay of 5 nights. The cost will be around £700 (guide only). The number of those interested now stands at 21 so the holiday will run. Great Days, the company running this trip, will require a deposit of £150 (sorry!) but I will send out the options for paying this when I receive them. There is the possibility to take 40+ (coach size for Irish travel) so don't hold back if you haven't signed up yet; there is still plenty of room and a few more people on the list will be a good safeguard in case some people drop out before next year. Please let me know if you wish to join us on 01425 837763 or email jspenser@talktalk.net.

Jenny Spenser

March 2019

Notice Board

Plant Fair - Saturday 18th May

Please sign up to help at the Plant Fair.

Monthly Meeting Dates

Wednesday 20th March

Gardening in the shade Steve Austin

Wednesday 17th April

Drought plants Janette Merillion, horticultural speaker and garden designer

Wednesday 15th May

All there is to know about orchids at home and orchid production at the nursery Malcolm Gregory, Double H Nursery, New Milton

Wednesday 19th June

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

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.

Community Meadow

The Community Meadow is a piece of land adjacent to the Churchyard which has been bequeathed to the Village for the benefit of everyone.

The Gardeners' Club has been approached by the Parish Council to ask if we would like to be involved in developing and looking after a portion of land in the Community Meadow.

It's an exciting project and it would be great if the club could get involved. Heavy work, clearing and laying of paths is being undertaken by MCV.



The meadow prior to clearance work undertaken by MCV.

I have looked at the proposed plans and have further information. If you think you could offer help or would like to get involved, have a chat with me.

Sue Crabb

Charity nominations

We have received three nominations for this year's charities:

Bumblebee Conservation Trust www.bumblebeeconservation.org

Established due to serious concerns about the "plight of the bumblebee", the Trust's three main aims are:

- Support the conservation of all bumblebees, rare or abundant;
- Raise awareness and increase understanding about bumblebees and the social, economic, environmental and cultural benefits which they and other pollinators provide;
- Ensure the Trust is sustainable, fit for purpose, and able to respond quickly to challenges and change.



New Forest Disability Information Service newforestdis.org.uk, based in New Milton, provides free, confidential, impartial disability-related information, advice and guidance to anyone within the New Forest area.

Milford on Sea Community Library

Milford's library has been run by volunteers since April 2015 when, due to budget cuts, Hampshire County Council relinquished both financial support and the day-to-day running of our library, though it does still provide a varied and rotating stock of books and audiobooks.

The library receives no financial support from Hampshire County Council; the volunteers and management committee have to fundraise to cover the rent and other running costs of the library (over £2,000 per year).

The library is a valuable resource for the village, especially the older members of our community who find it difficult to travel to Lymington or New Milton. It also hosts regular preschool group visits, story-time sessions and year R visits from Milford Primary School.

