



Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

Hello everyone

Well we've had some very soggy weeks recently but also a few windows of sunshine and a brief respite from the rain. Time enough to do a bit of frantic gardening! The mornings are getting lighter, evenings stretching out a bit and there is much bird song. Spring is 'just around the corner' and the clocks change in a few weeks. There is much to be happy about.

We have only received two charity nominations so we will not need a vote. Details of the two charities are overleaf.

Finally, on a more serious note, I'm sure we are all concerned about the spread of Coronavirus so if you have been travelling in far flung places in recent weeks, or been in contact with those who have, please consider whether you should come to the next meeting or not. I don't want to panic anyone but our membership does fall into the "at risk" category.

I hope to see lots of you next week

Sue Crabb – Chair



Copse volunteers

We need some more volunteers to help keep the Copse tidy. This is the bit of garden by the bridge opposite the pleasure grounds entrance. If you were on last year's rota and are happy to continue, please let Sue know but a few extra people would help share out the work. It's not a massive job; it would only involve a bit of cutting back and tidying of edges for one month between April and October. The Committee do a big tidy up in March and November. There will be a sheet at our next meeting for you to sign up if you think you can help.

P.S We still need primroses, hellebores, pulmonaria for the Copse if you have any spares.

Plant Fair

There will also be sign-up sheets for volunteers for the Plant Fair. I know May seems a long way away but we only have the March and April meetings beforehand as the May meeting falls after the plant fair. It's always good fun and many hands make light work. You don't all have to get up at the crack of dawn as Juanita, Jen and Shari will have to do!

March 2020

Monthly Meeting Dates

Wednesday 18th March

Fabulous foliage and tempting tenders Steve Edney

Wednesday 15th April

Hanging basket demonstration
Sue Berriman and Anne McMurtry

Wednesday 20th May

Flowers of reserves and roadsides in the local area Gerald Ponting

Wednesday 17th June

Plight of the Bumblebee
Gill Perkins, Bumblebee Conservation Trust

Wednesday 15th July 6.30pm

Out evening Mabel's Café, Shallowmead Nurseries

Wednesday 16th September

Late summer flowers and ornamental grasses
Marina Christopher

Wednesday 21st October

The Winter Garden
Andy McIndoe (see over for details of talk at Beaulieu)

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.

Charity nominations for 2020

These two worthy charities have been nominated:



Força and their Nourish programme supplies meals to patients undergoing chemotherapy at outreach visits from Southampton General to Lymington Hospital (formerly to Oakhaven). It has been recently reported in the Lymington Times that they are struggling for funds and it would be very sad to think that patients couldn't continue to have the benefit of this amazing charity.

www.forcaagainstcancer.org.uk



Scanner Appeal

They are aiming to raise £1.4 million to upgrade the hospital's ageing radiology equipment with modern, efficient scanners and currently have about £600,000.

www.lymingtonhospitalfriends.org/how-you-can-help/scanner-appeal/

Notice Board

You might be interested in the following talk at Beaulieu Horticultural Society on Thursday 12th March.

Andy McIndoe - Beautiful English Gardens Beaulieu Village Hall
7:30pm. Visitors £2.

We have a visit planned to his garden in the summer and he is speaking to us (different talk) in October.



Greenhouse—6' x 6'

Free to anyone willing to dismantle and transport.

Contact Iris on 01590 641495

