



Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

Hello Everyone

It's getting lighter now at both ends of the day and there is a real feeling that Spring isn't far away, I just wish we weren't having these biting winds. I have desisted from dead heading my hydrangeas until it warms up a little, though I am itching to do it. Some of the plants I pruned early got scorched in the recent storm and besides, my green bags are full up!

It is only 2 months until the Plant Fair so if you are sowing seeds or splitting plants please earmark some for the fair. It's our major charity event and it is so good that we can go ahead this year. It will also be the 20th Plant Fair we have run and we would really like to see the club stall groaning with plants - as it always has done in the past. The date is **Saturday May 21st** but you will get lots of reminders and requests for help before then!

Another date for your diaries is **Wednesday August 17th in the afternoon**. We are organising a special tea at the Community Centre for past and present Gardeners' Club members to celebrate our **25th Anniversary**. I am hoping to be able to have a film show running of past holidays and outings and the club archive albums will be out for browsing. If you know of anyone who might be able to help with scanning photos on to computer for a PowerPoint presentation, please let me know or ask them to get in touch with me.

I am still short of two committee members and have no-one to take on the secretary's role. If I can't get anyone, it means I will have to run the meeting and take notes which is not ideal. If you feel able to be a "minutes" secretary but not actually be a committee member, we could probably work something out. We only meet about 5 times a year.

The plant sales table will be back at our meeting next week so you may want to bring a little cash, just in case you see something you fancy. Any money raised goes in the charity fund.

Now that we are moving into "gardening season" I hope you will take on the challenge to do one small thing for the environment which I outlined in last month's newsletter. I look forward to seeing what you have been up to later in the year.

Finally, I'm looking forward to our talk on "Gardens of Ireland" next week. I don't know if it will include some of the gardens we missed out on, when the holiday was cancelled but John Baker is an excellent speaker who we've had several times before so it should be good. I hope to see lots of you there.

Sue Crabb (Chair)

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Forthcoming events:

Wednesday 16th March

Gardens of Ireland *John Baker*

Wednesday 20th April

Fabulous foliage and tempting tenders *Steve Edney*

Wednesday 18th May

Hydrangeas *Martin Young*

Wednesday 15th June

Designing and planting my new garden *Jenny Spenser*

Wednesday 20th July 6.30pm

Out evening *Shallowmead Nursery*

Wednesday 17th August

25th Anniversary event - more details nearer the time

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.