



Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

Hello Everyone

Despite the cold, and today, wet, it feels like we are moving towards spring. I'm loving the lighter mornings and evenings and can't wait for the clocks to change. My lawn is a myriad of greens, full of weeds, daisies and moss but I don't care! I think I will need to give it some t.l.c. sooner or later but for now I am re-planning the planting at the bottom of my garden.

Last month's speaker, Martin Stewart gave us an excellent and fascinating talk which was greatly enjoyed by all. The outing to the snowdrops was great success, thanks to Iris for organising it. I was really sorry to miss it having succumbed to COVID after having dodged it right up to now.

I have had five nominations for charities for the coming year. These include Honeypot, Southampton Hospital intensive care unit appeal, The Brain Tumour Charity, First Responders and Rose Road Association (see links to information overleaf).

The voting will take place at next month's meeting, by ballot box, we will be asking you to cast just one vote. We normally have the two charities with the most votes. They are supported for a period of one year, benefitting from the plant fair and any other fundraising activities we may choose to do.

We are also starting to look at the programme for 2024 and there will be a short survey at next week's club meeting which I would like you to fill in. I haven't done one since I took over as chair in 2018 and as I often say, it's your club. It's your chance to have a say on what interests you particularly. Whether of course we can get the speakers is another matter! We can but try.

Finally, we will be resuming our "plants for sale" table for the next two months, (not May as we want your plants for the Plant Fair). The usual conditions apply.....if it doesn't go, please take it home.

Hope to see lots of you at next week's meeting.

Sue Crabb (Chair)

March 2023

Forthcoming meetings:

Wednesday 15th March

The churchyard yew
Mark Hinsley

Wednesday 19th April

Some unusual perennials
Bryan Madders

Wednesday 17th May

Less work, more colour:
sustainable low maintenance
gardening *Gillian Taylor*

Wednesday 21st June

A rosy start to the year—types
of rose, maintenance and
propagation *Martin Perry*

Wednesday 19th July 6.30pm

Out evening to Palace House,
Beaulieu with a tour of the
garden. More details nearer
the time.

Wednesday 20th September

Wildlife in comm: Martin Down
and New Forest commons
Pete Durnell

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

Click on the links below to find out more about these charities

[Honeypot children's charity](#) provides support for young carers and Honeypot House nearby in the New Forest provides respite breaks for children.

[Southampton Hospital Intensive Care Unit appeal](#) Help kit out the new state-of-the-art unit including rehabilitation zone, palliative care suite and relatives room.

[The Brain Tumour Charity](#) is the world's leading brain tumour charity and the largest dedicated funder of research into brain tumours globally

Milford [Community First Responders](#) CFRs are volunteers trained in life-saving skills. Because they only respond to emergencies close to where they live, they can arrive before the ambulance and start treatment earlier, saving lives.

[Rose Road Association](#) provides support for children and young people with severe physical disabilities.

Outing to The Down House

We had a lovely trip to see snowdrops and the winter garden. Mark, Jacqui and their cat were very welcoming. They served up some delicious cake and we also had a very informative guided tour.

