



Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

Hello everyone ...

We aren't that far away from the clocks changing and on the few recent sunny days there's been a feeling that spring isn't far away. Driving around locally there are a host of daffodils in bloom and loads of camellias in flower, in fact more than are out at Exbury where I was this morning.

I have an ancient *Prunus* tree in my garden which is at least 40 years old and it is looking the best it has ever done! I think it's down to all the rain but it's covered with small pink blossoms. However, with wind and rain forecast for the end of the week I know what is going to happen! Pink confetti all over the garden. Better enjoy it whilst I can.

At least my pots of tulips have survived the rain and have lots of healthy leaves showing, I'm looking forward to a great display.

We will be voting for our charities at next week's meeting and have had 3 nominations. These are for:- the Countryside Education Trust, New Forest for Ukraine and Stable Family Home Trust. Nominations are now closed. There will be a voting box for each charity at the meeting next week, they will be labelled and counters will be available for you to cast your vote. You may only vote for **one** charity. Clare has kindly added a little information about each one, below.

After the interminable rainy grey days of this winter, we felt you might like a day out so Iris and I have organised a trip on **Friday May 8th** to visit **Rosy Hardy's specialist perennial nursery at Whitchurch and then going on to Hinton Ampner National Trust.**

We plan to leave Milford at 9.30am and expect to arrive home in Milford about 4.30pm. We are working on the details but **cost for the coach will be in the region of £16.50-£18.00** depending on how many want to go. **There will also be the cost of entry to Hinton Ampner which is £16.00 or £18.00 if you want to go into the house. This is for a standard non-member entry but National Trust members get in free.** Do have a look on their [website](#) and see what there is to do. The gardens aren't extensive but there are lovely walks and views over the Downs.

There will be a sign-up list next Wednesday for those interested but we are only taking a 35-seater coach. Depending on interest, full

March 2026

Forthcoming meetings:

Wednesday 18th March

The genius of the Georgians
Janette Merilion

Plants for sale - bring cash!

Wednesday 15th April

Glorious gardens of France
Rosemary Legrand

Wednesday 20th May

The English garden - a quest for paradise
Gillian Taylor

Wednesday 17th June

Plants and landscapes of the Western Cape
Ben Turner

Wednesday 15th July

Out evening - Countryside Education Trust, Beaulieu

Wednesday 16th September

Scotland's western islands
Mike Read

Wednesday 21st October

A brief history of garden design - 4000 years in 60 minutes
Helen Milne

Club meetings are normally held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at **Milford Community Centre**, aka The Bridge, unless otherwise stated. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start. Refreshments available from 7pm.

details of the day and final price will be in next month's newsletter and we will be asking for payment by **17th April**. It should be a great day out, especially Hardy's cottage plant nursery. Rosy has been to talk to us 4 times and has always brought great plants to demonstrate with and to sell. This is a chance to buy plants you won't find in the garden centres.

That's all from me for now, hope we see lots of you at next week's meeting.

Sue Crabb, Chair

2026 Holiday payments

Thank you to everyone who has already paid. Just a reminder that the deadline for the balance payment is Friday 10th April. You should have had an email from Jenny with how much you owe. If you didn't receive it or can't find it, please let me know and I'll resend.

Many thanks

Clare Johnston, Treasurer

2026 Charity nominations



New Forest for Ukraine is a group of like-minded volunteers living in the New Forest. We are united by our determination to help the millions of people displaced by the war in Ukraine, and our belief that together we can make a difference.

We focus on collecting and delivering the latest required aid directly to Ukrainian refugees still in Ukraine, and we do so quickly and efficiently.

We work only with vetted and trusted Ukrainian Charity Foundations to ensure the aid is distributed fairly and honestly. We are a Registered Charity and always welcome the opportunity to partner with like-minded groups to support the people of Ukraine.

Find out more at: <https://www.newforestforukraine.org/>



Established in 1975, The Countryside Education Trust's mission is to connect people with the countryside. Forty years ago we were pioneers, but now we are experts! We introduce people to the wonders of the British countryside, rural life and farming. Our expert teaching team tailors national curriculum-based modules to the needs of each school and we have great feedback from our visitors.

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