



Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

Hello Everyone

I hope you have been taking advantage of the sunny weather and visiting some of the lovely NGS gardens that have been open.

I was delighted with last month's meeting. Steve is a great speaker, even if exotics weren't your choice of plant. Lots of you brought plants for sale and nearly all sold, and two lovely members brought plants of current interest. It's great to see you getting more involved in the club again.

Talking of which, I have had a number of people sign up to help at the **Plant Fair stall**, but we currently have only a minimum number of helpers. If you weren't at last month's meeting to sign up or feel you can help, even if only for an hour, please sign up at next week's meeting or let Jenny know. You don't need to worry about pricing, the committee will do that. Can I also remind you that if you have plants for the Fair to label them please.

Because the Fair is only 3 days after our meeting, we won't be having our "plants for sale" table this month but Martin Young, our speaker is bringing plants, and if you would like to bring a "plant/flower of current interest" we will display them in the lobby where you come in. A name would be nice if it's something unusual.

It's less than a month until the **club holiday** and I'm really getting excited! Jenny will email final details, but she has asked me to say that we will be leaving 9.00 am prompt from the main car park in the Village so if you are on the trip make sure you are on time.

I think that's all for now, but we will be giving you details of the out evening in July and the 25th Anniversary tea in August, very soon.

Here's hoping the weather is kind for us on the Plant Fair weekend, fingers crossed!

Sue Crabb (Chair)

Bumblebee enjoying an azalea in my garden - Clare Johnston



May 2022

Forthcoming events:

Wednesday 18th May

Hydrangeas *Martin Young*

Saturday 21st May 8.30-1.30

Plant Fair, Village Green

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 - afternoon, more details nearer the time

Wednesday 21st September

The Gilberts Dahlia Year *Nick Gilbert, Gilberts Dahlias*

Wednesday 19th October

Nature's Garden *David Boag, professional wildlife and nature photographer*

Wednesday 16th November

Christmas Crackers—plants for the festive season *Janette Merillion, horticultural speaker*

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.

Other events you might be interested in:

Sway Open Gardens Sunday 22nd May 2022 11am-5pm

19 gardens open in the village, as well as plants sales, musical entertainment, raffle and refreshments. All proceeds to Oakhaven Hospice Trust. A free park and ride service will be available to transport people between gardens. Parking at Jubilee Fields, SO41 6BB. Tickets available from [Oakhaven website](#) for £7 per person, or £8 on the day from gardens or Jubilee Fields.

Furzey Gardens Centenary year

Lots of events planned. Check out their [website](#) for further details.

NGS Gardens in Hampshire

Lots of lovely gardens to visit in Hampshire and beyond, including 21 Chestnut Road, Brockenhurst, this weekend (14-15th May), owned by Mary Hayter who came to speak to us in February 2020. See [website](#) for details.



House in the Wood NGS garden - Sue Crabb



It's the perfect time to visit Exbury Gardens - Sue Crabb

