



Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

Hello Everyone

I don't know if you feel like me but life seems to be hotting up, even if the weather is lagging behind a bit. I hope you all enjoyed the Coronation weekend, especially the lovely, sunny afternoon on Sunday. All of a sudden there seem to be lots of events happening, gardens are opening for the NGS and lighter evenings give the opportunity to go a little further afield. I love this time of year 😊. Seize the day and get out and about whilst you can!

Plant Fair

The main things on my mind this week are next week's meeting and of course the **Plant Fair** a few days after (not to mention weather watching but I have no control over that!).

I hope you will be able to provide at least a few plants for the sale. If you are not going to be around but have some to donate, you can drop them off at my house, 3 Danestream Close, opposite the tennis club.

Plants need to be clearly labelled and potted up. You don't need to price them, the stall helpers will do that but feel free to put a price on anything special. Please don't bring things just dug up in bags. We can't deal with them. You've always done a great job so I am relying on you!

We had a good response at the last meeting for helpers, thank you, but we urgently need some more for the 9.30-11.00 shift. I have attached the list of helpers so far to this email as a reminder of what people have said they can do. If for some reason, things have changed and you can no longer help, please let us know.

Open Gardens

Lastly, I have been thinking about "in club" garden openings. I'm going to trial this by suggesting that if you would like people to come and look around your garden if it's looking particularly lovely, decide on the day and times that you will open. It could be any day of the week, afternoon or early evening. Let Clare know the details via milfordgardeners@gmail.com and I will ask

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Forthcoming meetings:

Wednesday 17th May

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

Wednesday 21st June

How to grow roses successfully *Glenn Duggan*
(NB Change of speaker)

Wednesday 19th July 6.30pm

Out evening to Folium and Flos

Wednesday 20th September

Wildlife in common: Martin Down and New Forest commons *Pete Durnell*

Wednesday 18th October

Container planting with bulbs for a year of colour *Tim Woodland*

Wednesday 15th November

Plants for problem areas *Roger Hiron*

Wednesday 20th December

Christmas Social Evening

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.

her to let all the members know by email. Try to give her about a week's notice. You don't have to provide refreshments and whilst this will be a free event, it might be nice for visitors to donate a pound (or more!) towards the club charities, as a way of acknowledging people's efforts in opening.

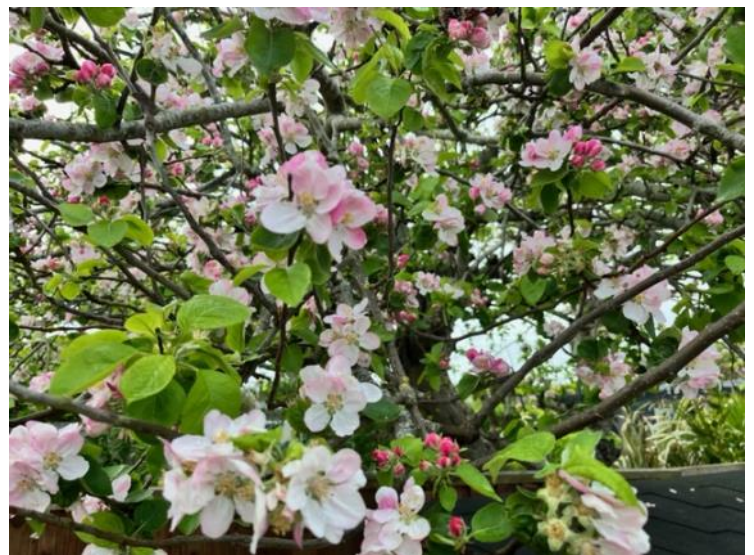
Let's see how it works and if you want to chat to me about it, see me at next week's meeting or give me a ring.

Here's to another good turnout at next week's meeting and fingers crossed for Saturday's plant fair on the 20th.

Sue Crabb (Chair)



Bluebells in Roydon Woods last week



My garden after this afternoon's rain (Clare)