



Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

Hello Everyone

I can't believe it is less than 2 weeks until the plant fair! Where does the time go?

Thank you to those who signed up to help at the last meeting and if you weren't there and are able to help please let me know. We can just about cover the early shift from 7.30 - 9.30 but are a bit short on the middle session, 9.30 - 11.00 and have only 1, possibly 2, people to help with the last session and clearing up between 12 and 12.30. PLEASE, if you are free and able bodied, come and lend a hand; it's always good fun and *you don't need to worry about pricing, the committee will sort that.*

I am hoping you will all "come up trumps" as you have always done with plants for the fair. Please provide **plants potted up and clearly labelled**, even if it's only one or two. If you won't be around on the day but have plants to donate you can drop them off to me at 3 Danestream Close, opposite the tennis club. We will be on the Green from 7.30 but you can drop plants off at any time in the morning to suit you. I'm sorry but I'm afraid we can't deal with plants freshly dug up in bags.

It's also 2 weeks to the joint outing on May 23rd. You should have the itinerary and times by now and please remember that **pick up will be at the bus stop near the Thai restaurant**. It's too difficult for our 53-seater coach to negotiate the car park and this worked well for the recent WI trip to Arundel.

I'd like to run an informal garden opening for club members only again this year through June, July and August but it will depend on who is willing to open. (I have 3!) I'd be interested to know what you as club members feel about this and may put a list out for you to sign if you would support this. Also a list for people who feel they wouldn't mind opening. I'm also proposing an entry fee of £3 this time and if anyone opening wishes to provide refreshments this would be extra.

Lastly, the team who are working very hard to relaunch the food and produce show, (now called The Village Show, I think) will have a stall on the Green where you can pick up a schedule so do have a look and see if you can support this event in July.

I hope to see lots of you at next week's meeting and I'm keeping my fingers crossed for a dry day for the Plant Fair!

Sue Crabb, Chair

May 2024

Forthcoming meetings:

Wednesday 15th May

Merton's Dream Garden: the story of Russell-Cotes
Phil Broomfield, Russell-Cotes Museum

Wednesday 19th June

The rejuvenation of Athelhampton House and Gardens
Speaker tbc

Wednesday 17th July 6.30pm

Out evening at Woodpeckers, Brockenhurst

Wednesday 18th September

Beautiful English Gardens
Andy McIndoe

Wednesday 16th October

Wildlife in a village
Mike Read

Wednesday 20th November

Camellias and their cultivation
Tom Clarke, Exbury Gardens

Wednesday 18th December

Christmas Social (afternoon)

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.

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