



Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

Hello everyone

I have a few pieces of news that I hope will hearten you this month.

First of all, this is normally the time when we would be telling you about next year's programme and asking for subs. The Committee are well aware that you only had two meetings in 2020! We can't really offer you next year's membership until we know we can offer you a programme and whilst speakers for September, October and November this year have agreed to come in 2021, it's looking increasingly likely that we won't be back for several more months. We are hoping for April but it seems unlikely to be before then.

So, we have decided to carry this year's membership over to 2021 at no cost to you. If you feel like making a small donation to the club charities (or any other charity of your choice) in lieu of membership next year, it would be gratefully received as all charities are struggling to raise funds at present. Details and links to the club's charities can be found in the panel to the right. If you wish to donate, please do so directly to the charity/ies of your choice.

We are hoping to be able to have the Plant Fair next year. The date is Saturday 15th May and the green is already booked. Jenny will be in contact with stall holders in the New Year to find out who is still planning to come. It may end up being a smaller affair but by hook or by crook we will do something!

The second piece of good news concerns the Community Centre. Some of the Committee had a meeting to discuss club finance recently and having ring fenced costs for 2021 and secured our contingency fund of £500 we felt we could afford to respond to the Community Centre's recent appeal for funds. It was decided unanimously that we could afford to donate £500.

I was aware of match funding and how it worked and we were lucky enough to secure a match so the Community Centre will benefit to the tune of £1000 from the Gardeners' club. It's a great result as I went online at 10.10 am and the match funding closed at 10.20am!

I know that not all our members live in Milford but the funding was for specific areas that I thought were important including an extra day for youth meetings, as they are now limited to 14, and support for vulnerable groups who used to meet in the cafe and now are restricted to 5 at a time. On top of that, 30 is the maximum number the Hall is allowed to take, down from 80-100 normal attendance so there is a huge shortfall in income.

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November 2020

Monthly Meetings

All meetings have been cancelled until further notice....



LYMINGTON HOSPITAL
FRIENDS

**Donate to the Scanner
Appeal £1,390,000**

So far we've reached £645,724.37

We are currently raising funds to upgrade the Hospital's Imaging Suite with new CT, Ultrasound and MRI Scanners.

Here is a breakdown:

CT Scanner - £575,000 (installed July 2019)

Ultrasound - £90,000 (due mid 2020)

MRI - £725,000 (2020/21)

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Well, the sun is still shining (on and off), the rain is still falling (a lot) but we are not quite as confined to barracks as we were in the last lockdown.

Things are changing: we have a new U.S. President, (well nearly!), there are hopes for a Coronavirus vaccine, Xmas may or may not happen, but life is moving on.

Grab it with both hands as much as you can, because you only live once and this is not the rehearsal!

I'll leave you with a few pictures taken at Exbury Gardens this week. They are staying open until December 20th. You have to book but if you fancy a change of scene it's worth going. There's loads of space and the winter tree silhouettes are fabulous, not to mention reflections in the lakes.

Stay safe and healthy

Sue Crabb – Chair



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