



# Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

## Hello Everyone

I'm looking forward to being back at the club next week and many thanks to Jenny for holding the fort while I've been away. Our speaker will be bringing plants so bring money! Not sure if she will be able to take a card.

I have some reminders and messages this month.

We will be looking for new charities for 2023/24 so please start to have a think and if you have a particular one you like to support, find out the details. We like to support the smaller ones within the New Forest area. We won't vote on nominations until the March meeting so you have plenty of time to think about this.

Our December meeting is our Xmas social. Because of the way the dates in December fall it's quite close to Xmas on **Wednesday December 21st** so I hope people won't be put off from coming. I am aware that it may be dependent on whether flu or COVID raise their ugly heads again. Anyway, I will have a sheet out at the coming meeting for you to sign if you hope/intend to come just so that we have some idea of numbers. **All the details about the Xmas social will be in the December newsletter which will also include the full programme for next year and arrangements for paying subs so don't miss it!**

Finally, we were asked to change the date of the January meeting by the Community Centre because it fell on Burns Night and this was overlooked when I originally booked our date. We decided that **Wednesday January 4th** was the best alternative option or we would have ended up with meetings only 2 weeks apart in February. This should be the perfect antidote to Xmas so please make a note in your diaries!

I am still short of committee members and if you think you could help or would like to get involved in the workings of the club, please have a chat with me. It's not an arduous task and we only have 4 or 5 committee meetings during the year.

Hope to see lots of you next week.

*Sue Crabb (Chair)*

## November 2022

### Forthcoming events:

**Wednesday 16th November**  
Christmas Crackers—plants for the festive season [Janette Merillion](#), horticultural speaker and garden designer. Plants for sale

**Wednesday 21st December**  
Christmas Social Evening

**Wednesday 4th January 2023**  
**PLEASE NOTE DATE!!**  
Chelsea Secrets [Pip Bensley](#), award winning floral designer

**Wednesday 15th February**  
**AGM** followed by The history of Stewarts: 8 generations, one passion [Martin Stewart](#)

**Wednesday 15th March**  
The Churchyard Yew  
*Mark Hinsley*

**Wednesday 19th April**  
Some unusual perennials  
*Bryan Madders*

**Wednesday 17th May**  
Less Work, More Colour: sustainable low maintenance gardening *Gillian Taylor*

**Club meetings** are normally held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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...



### Christmas Fayre at Shallowmead

We have been contacted by Shallowmead to let us know about their **Christmas Fayre on 26th November**. As part of this they are going to have “swap stall” where people can swap seeds, plants etc. i.e. bring something in that you have a surplus of and take away something that might be interesting for your garden. [For further information click here](#)

### Christmas light trail at Hillier Gardens

Hillier’s are doing a light trail this Christmas from 23rd November to 31st December. Booking required. [Further information here](#)

### Sponsored run for Oakhaven

Back in August, I rashly signed up for a 10 mile sponsored run in aid of Oakhaven. November seemed so far off then, and as I was following a half marathon training plan ‘just for fun’, I thought it would give me something to aim for.

The run is now only 10 days away on Sunday 20th November and so if you would like to sponsor me (no pressure), I would be very grateful.

I will bring the sponsorship form to next week’s meeting. Alternatively, you can sponsor me via Just Giving <https://www.justgiving.com/Clare-Kelly18>

Many thanks

*Clare (Treasurer, Newsletter editor, Website editor, etc...)*

