



Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

Hello again everyone ...

It Crazy weather at the moment, isn't it? After an overnight and morning of fairly heavy rain, the sun has come out in full force and the sky is blue! At least we are saving on heating bills.

The plants are confused with the unseasonal warmth. I have an azalea out in full bloom, don't know what it will be doing in Spring but it's looking lovely, a peachy orange colour against my

dark-leaved physocarpus which still has full foliage. I think this has happened before.... hmm 🤔

I'd like to thank everyone who put their names down to help with teas next year. I'll be trying to talk to you at next week's meeting to see if there are any particular months you can or can't do.

Next month, ie. December, will be our Xmas social and I'd just like to remind you that it's in the afternoon. I'll have a board out at next week's talk for you to sign if you intend/hope to come, I know some of you may be wanting to support the "Straight Banana" concert. It's just to give the committee an idea of numbers but you are not committed if you sign up.

The format will be the same as previous years and **all the details will be in the December newsletter**. After consulting with members at the September meeting and with the committee, it has been decided that this will be the last Xmas social the club holds. We are looking at an alternative event for 2026.

My next item is starting to sound a bit like a worn-down gramophone record as this has to be the third year I have put out a plea for help on the committee. We will be down to 6 after the AGM and one of those 6 would like to step down.

At some time in the future, some new younger people have to come forward if the club is to continue. I know some of the younger members have other commitments but if it's something you might consider next year or the year after, even if you can't right now, please let me know.

We have about 5 meetings a year.

- **January** to discuss the AGM and any other issues arising for the coming year.
- **April** to make arrangements for the plant fair and further planning for the year ahead.

November 2025

Forthcoming meetings:

Wednesday 19th November
Grasses and ferns *Chris Bird*

Wednesday 17th December
Christmas social (afternoon)



Some autumn colour at Exbury

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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- **June** a wash up of the plant fair/discussion of arrangements for our evening and tea and cake in Sue's garden!
- **September** start of winter programme and looking forward towards the end of the year and following year.
- **December** planning for Xmas social.

I always try to keep the length of meetings to a maximum of 2 hours, I like to rattle through things if I can, I am not a great "committee person" - life is too short!

What is involved

- You need to attend the majority of club evenings and be there by 6.45pm to help set up/help where needed and generally mingle and get to know the members.
- Also, be available to help at the plant fair and our evening and any other events but **this is not set in stone. I know that people have busy lives outside of the club and can't always be available.**

Role of Committee member

- Oversee the activities of the club and make decisions on spending.
- Make sure we are running the club according to our rules.
- Make decisions on the day to day running of club meetings and special events.
- Feed ideas and suggestions for speakers, our evenings and any other activities to the Chair.

Committee meetings are usually held on a Monday afternoon at 2.30 pm. **If you want to see the garden club continuing** please have a think about it and contact me if you want to know more.

I hope to see lots of you at next week's meeting, Chris Bird has been to us before and given excellent talks so fingers crossed this is a goodie!

Sue Crabb, Chair



Some more photos from Exbury