



Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

Hello Everyone

We are currently at that "in between" stage, not quite Autumn but still warm and feeling like summer! I hope you have been able to make the most of the last few weeks, either in your gardens or getting out and about and visiting places before the clocks change.

Despite torrential rain on the day of our last meeting, about 45 people braved the weather and were rewarded by an excellent talk by Pete Durnell. He talked about two very contrasting habitats and was so knowledgeable about the flora, fauna and insect life. He had fabulous images of many rare butterflies and orchids and talked enthusiastically without notes. A great start to the new season.

The Meadow garden behind the Church is looking very nice at the moment. If you haven't yet discovered it, do go and have a look.

I have recently been told that the "Paddle on the Green" produces 4-5 kg of coffee grounds a day! The reason I'm telling you this is that you can use coffee grounds as a plant feed and they are keen to recycle. If you want to try some, just pop in and ask.

Having done a bit of research it appears that they are quite acidic and don't suit all plants but are good on hydrangeas, azaleas and rhododendrons. There is lots of information about their use on the internet. Best to use them in moderation, mixed with compost and spread thinly but they are free..... so worth a try. I'm going to put some around my hydrangeas and see what happens!

Our speaker this month is Tim Woodford who is talking about bulbs in containers for colour all year round. There will be an opportunity to buy bulbs but **he can only take cash** so come prepared! He may have something special.

Finally, although it's too early to mention the 'C' word, (banned in my house until December 1st!) we have decided to have the Christmas social in the afternoon this year in the hope that a few more will manage to come. I know December in Milford can get hectic and our meeting is always fairly near Xmas but we'll see how it goes.

So the date for your diary is **Wednesday afternoon, December 20th from 2.45-4.15pm.**

Hope to see lots of you next week.

Sue Crabb, Chair

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October 2023

Forthcoming meetings:

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

2024 programme coming soon but we have some fantastic speakers!

Pip Bensley

Bob Lord

Steve Edney

Rosy Hardy

Phil Broomfield

Andy McIndoe

Mike Read (photographer not the DJ!)

Tom Clarke

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.

Website: www.milfordgardenersclub.co.uk

