



# Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

## Hello everyone

Time is a strange thing isn't it? The year is flying by but summer seems to have gone on for ever and in these days of Covid, it sometimes seems to have stood still!

We are blessed with the current warm, quiet weather and I hope you are managing to get out and about and see some gardens and your friends and family before the next curtailment kicks in! My garden has "gone to pot", not due to my lack of planning, as I always try to have things in flower until late October. No, it's just the lack of rain, so whilst I have cosmos, rudbeckias, dahlias and salvias in flower, they are all looking pretty poor specimens, despite my watering. Oh well..... I'm currently planning my tulip display!

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## Survey results

Thank you for the great response to the survey, 105 people replied. As we had expected, most of you are not anticipating being back until after the New Year and I think we all knew that was likely because of the restrictions at the Community Centre. We can only play things by ear but it was really helpful to see how you were feeling and to know you all want to come back.

Regarding Zoom meetings, there were 23% who replied yes and 43% no, the rest were maybes. At the present time, I think there are enough Zoom meetings going on with other village activities and whilst I'll never say never, it's on the back burner for the Club for the time being. We will review it later in the year. I think that really, club members like to have the chance to chat in person which brings me neatly on to something else.

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## Community meadow

The Community meadow, up by the Church, really needs some t.l.c. Some of the Conservation volunteers have been doing a great job over the last months but there are not enough of them and it has become overgrown very quickly and some clearing needs to be done now.

If any able-bodied garden club members fancy helping out for a couple of hours and having a chance to chat with fellow members outside, at a safe distance, please get in touch with me via the club email and I will try to organise some days/dates when we could do that, obviously limiting numbers to the magic 6!

## September 2020

### Monthly Meetings

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



Also, if you have any spare plants like sedums or asters, that are bee friendly, or scented plants like salvias or lavenders, some of those for the Community meadow would be great. The area to the left as you go in is predominately for wild flowers but the right hand side with the planters and fruit trees is more for perennial plants but keeping nature in mind using varieties attractive to bees and other insects. Let me know if you can help out with this.

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## The Copse

The Committee are planning to plant some native daffodils and other plants in the area by the bridge which we call the Copse next week, conditions permitting. We will also be putting in some primroses, foxgloves and pulmonarias and again, if any of you have any spare plants of these we would love to have them.

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## Advice needed

Finally, yes, lots of requests this month! If any of you are very successful at taking pelargonium and geranium cuttings, please give me a ring! I have some fab. plants and have done cuttings in the past but not as successfully as I would like, so if there is an expert out there, I'd like some help.

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That's all for this month. I was lucky enough to visit Piet Oudolf's garden at Hauser and Wirth in Somerset very recently and feeling inspired, have included a few pictures.

Stay safe and keep on gardening!

*Sue Crabb – Chair*

