



Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

Hello Everyone

It seems a long time since we last met at our very successful out evening at Folium and Flos, which was very well attended.

Many thanks to all the members who have had their gardens open during the summer. I managed to get to all but one and had a chance to chat with lots of members. It was somewhat of a trial run and numbers weren't as high as I had hoped but I will be asking for feedback from both the club members and those who opened their gardens to decide whether we will do it again next year. From those I talked to, I think the people who visited really enjoyed the opportunity to get to know other club members a bit better. Donations raised £215 which will be added to the Plant Fair proceeds and donated to this year's charities - Brain Tumour Charity and Honeypot.

I don't know about you but I am looking forward to getting back to some routine and regular activities. It's getting dark earlier just to remind us that the summer is going but hasn't the sunshine and blue skies of the last week been glorious, even though sleeping has been very difficult! I know lots of you have taken the opportunity to have a break now the schools have gone back.

I visited two gardens near Stockbridge on Sunday. Longstock Water Gardens was lovely in gentle rain and although there weren't loads of flowers in bloom there were many interesting, unusual trees and foliage beds beneath them, with hostas, brunneras and sedums, to mention just a few. With the reflective water it felt like a calm, green oasis, a welcome respite from the heat of last week.

The second garden was a fantastic find and we may well organise a club visit next year. It was called "Terstan" and was open for the NGS. It was a real plant lover's paradise. The owner is a textile artist and designer and this is so obvious in the layout of the garden. The variety and number of plants she had was mind blowing. I absolutely loved it! Sadly, this was her last opening for this year but it is open four times a year in different seasons. Look for it in the yellow book.

I look forward to welcoming you back next week when we have Pete Durnell, who is not only a fabulous speaker but also has beautiful pictures. I hope to see lots of you there.

Sue Crabb, Chair

September 2023

Forthcoming meetings:

Wednesday 20th September
Wildlife in common: Martin Down and New Forest commons *Pete Durnell*

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!

Date for the diary...

*Milford on Sea
Flower and Produce
Show
6th July 2024*

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.

Holiday to Devon Friday 28th - Sunday 30th June 2024

Thank you to everyone who promptly paid their deposits last month - the single rooms went like hot cakes.

There are still two twin rooms available (i.e. 4 people) if you would still like to go and can persuade a friend or family member to share. Deposit £50 per person.

Jenny's away at the moment so if you're interested, please contact Clare milfordgardeners@gmail.com or 01590 645152



Some photos from Sue's visit to Longstock Water Gardens

