



# Milford Gardeners' Club Newsletter

## Hello Everyone

Welcome back to the Winter Season of garden talks. The summer has been very disappointing weatherwise and has made things really difficult in the garden although I do think some vegetables have done really well and a few brave late flowering plants are coming into bloom right now.

I hope you have managed to take advantage of the few windows of sunny weather to get out and about. The club out evening was one of those occasions and despite not being able to be there I had very positive feedback and think 50 something people attended. As "Woodpeckers" was open for the NGS recently I went along with my friend Sheila and thought it was delightful; I can see why members were so enthusiastic in their feedback.

The day for the Meadow picnic was also sunny but sadly, only 5 people turned up, though I think they enjoyed a catch up in the sun. Unfortunately, this was another date I missed as I was unwell and went down with covid the following day!

So maybe it's best to look forward and we have some great talks coming up before the end of the year. Andy McIndoe is talking about **Beautiful English Gardens**. He's always great fun and I look forward to some super images. Mike Read in October is a **wildlife and landscape photographer** so again, I'm sure he will have fabulous images for us. Then in November we have Tom Clarke from Exbury Gardens sharing his expertise and knowledge of **Camellias and their cultivation**.

At a recent WI tea I sat next to Viv Carter from the **Honey-pot charity** and had a chat with her. As we are supporting it this year, I discussed the possibility of a visit to them over at Blackfield. We have come up with a date of **Thursday October 3rd at 10.30am** (it takes about 45 minutes to drive there). I will have a signup sheet out at next week's meeting if you are interested in going to see where they are, what they do and their facilities for the children they support. Tours usually take about an hour and, depending on numbers, coffee may be available for a small donation. I am intending to go and can take 3 other people if you need a lift. It's a fantastic place and well worth the visit.

That's all the news for now although I will be bringing some aeoniums for the sales table at the next meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all and hope we get a really good attendance.

*Sue Crabb, Chair*

## September 2024

### Forthcoming meetings:

**Wednesday 18th September**  
Beautiful English Gardens  
*Andy McIndoe*

**Wednesday 16th October**  
Wildlife in a village *Mike Read*

**Wednesday 20th November**  
Camellias and their cultivation  
*Tom Clarke, Exbury Gardens*

**Wednesday 18th December**  
Christmas Social (afternoon)



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