

Milford on Sea Gardeners' Club Newsletter



Hello everyone

Hopefully spring is just around the corner and we can get on with some serious gardening! I have snowdrops and primroses in bloom and I am sure you all have exciting things in flower. Don't forget to bring them to next week's meeting for the Plants of Current Interest table.

I have so far received three **charity nominations** for 2019. These are for the Bumblebee Conservation Trust, Milford on Sea Community Library and New Milton Disability Information Service. If there are any further nominations could you please get names and some information about them to me by March 11th at the latest. We will have a members' ballot at the March meeting in the same way as we did last year.

Finally, some of you expressed an interest in **Japanese gardens** and I am pleased to say that Monty Don is doing two programmes about them on BBC2 starting this coming Friday the 15th. Enjoy!

Sue Crabb – Chair

Move to the Community Centre

Don't forget we are in Milford Community Centre from now on. All the usual things will be happening, the plants of interest, plant sales and signing in sheets and Committee members will be there to point you in the right direction. Just remember that doors open at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start.

AGM – 20th February

Our AGM will precede this month's talk. The agenda, minutes of last meeting and other documents can be viewed on the website by following this link: <http://www.milfordgardenersclub.co.uk/agm/>. Copies will also be available at the meeting.

2020 Holiday to Ireland

I said that I'd look in advance for a group trip to Ireland. I have a provisional booking for 30 May-4 June 2020, flying from Bournemouth to Dublin staying in Arklow and coaching to visit some stunning Irish Gardens. Cost inclusive approx. £700pp (singles extra). If you have an interest, please contact jspenser@talktalk.net to see if we have enough people willing to make an early booking. Let's hope so as I've always wanted to go.....

Jenny Spenser

Change of date for December meeting

Further to our survey, the December meeting for 2019 will now be on the third **Wednesday, December 18th**. Please alter this on your programme cards.

February 2019

Notice Board

Don't forget to check the noticeboard at club meetings for more information on outings etc. and to add your name to lists.

Monthly Meeting Dates

Wednesday 20th February

AGM followed by *Restoration of the Kingston Lacey Kitchen Garden*
Andrew Hunt, Kingston Lacey
Project Manager

Wednesday 20th March

Gardening in the shade Steve Austin

Wednesday 17th April

Drought plants Janette Merillion, horticultural speaker and garden designer

Wednesday 15th May

All there is to know about orchids at home and orchid production at the nursery Malcolm Gregory, Double H Nursery, New Milton

Club meetings are normally held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at **Milford Community Centre**, unless otherwise stated. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start. Refreshments available from 7pm.