Hello Everyone …

It's seems there's no respite from the high temperatures for a while yet. It was good to have a decent amount of rain the other night, at least it will have topped up water butts but it looks as though we are heading into another dry, hot spell. I hope you are all finding ways to cope with the hot weather. I tend to do things morning and evening and not very much at all in the middle of the day except find a shady patch in the garden! I'm loving the long light evenings though.

Our members' afternoon visit to Oakfield nursery was super. About 26-28 people came and many thanks to all of you who provided cakes; we had plenty of delicious kinds for everyone. Amanda was really welcoming and her plants were excellent. Nearly everyone went home with plants - nothing new there! It was a very relaxed, congenial afternoon and if you were unable to get there, do pop up sometime. It's not far, just up Vaggs Lane at Hordle on the right hand side and they are open Thursday to Sunday. They usually have a sign out.

On to our next club event, **the out evening on Wednesday July 16th when we will be going to Oakhaven Hospice.** There will be a short talk about the gardens there and as usual the club will be providing drinks and some nibbles. After the introduction you will be free to walk around the gardens and leave when you like. There will be plenty of parking at the day hospice which is the first entrance you come to on the left hand side on Lower Pennington Lane and there will be someone to tell you where to go. **You can arrive from 6.00pm onwards for a 6.30pm start.**

Finally, the coach outing to **Holme Gardens and Haskins at Ferndown** which is the next day, **Thursday July 17th.** The pick up will be at the bus stop by the Thai restaurant **from 8.45am aiming to leave promptly by 9.00am.** We will have about 4 hours at Holme Gardens and an hour and a half at Haskins. There will be plenty for opportunity to buy snacks, drinks or lunch at Holme but you are unable to take a picnic to eat there. Likewise, there is a very large cafe at Haskins for tea and cake should you so desire. There are also lots of things to see and spend your money on as well as plants! We hope to be back at Milford by 6.00pm or earlier depending on traffic.

That's all for this month. Clare and I are having a break in August so the next newsletter will be September. We look forward to seeing some of you at the upcoming events and hope you enjoy the rest of the summer.

Sue Crabb, Chair

July 2025

Forthcoming meetings:

Wednesday 16th July 6.30pm
Out evening to Oakhaven Hospice

Wednesday 17th September
Attracting beneficial wildlife to your garden with flower power *Marina Christopher*

Wednesday 15th October
The history of Furzey Gardens *Julia Baker* *Plants and handicrafts for sale*

Wednesday 19th November
Grasses and ferns *Chris Bird*

Wednesday 17th December
Christmas social (afternoon)

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.

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