Hello Everyone ...

Hope you are enjoying the sunshine, yes, we will all be complaining about the need for rain soon but for now, soak up the sun, summer goes all too fast and the long light hours at the moment are wonderful.

I have a lot of information in this newsletter so please read carefully!

Next week's meeting is "Inspiration from Tresco Abbey Gardens" and I'm hoping for some great images, fingers crossed. **Our speaker is bringing plants for sale** so bring a little cash with you in case something takes your fancy.

On Tuesday afternoon, June 24th, between 2-4pm we have a visit to Oakfield Nursery just off Vagg's Lane, Hordle.

They are opening just for us and are giving us 10% off all plants. It's more informal than our usual out evening arrangements. You can come at any time, tea or coffee will be available and if anyone feels able to bake a cake, there will be cake too! I'll be asking for numbers and cake donations at our meeting next week. They can rustle up seating for 20 people but if you have a folding chair and need to sit, you could bring your own seat.

I have finally been able to sort the July outing. The problem has been having a 53 seater coach and access to places without walking a long way.

In the end I decided on Holme Gardens in the morning and a stop at the big Haskins/Hobbycraft near Ferndown in the afternoon.

Outing Thursday July 17th to Holme for Gardens and Haskins/Hobbycraft

Cost including garden entry is £16.50 and we would like payment by June 20th, preferably by BACS (usual account number etc) but if you don't do online banking you can pay by cheque (please add 40p) or cash (exact amount in an envelope with your name please) at the June meeting.

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Forthcoming meetings:

Wednesday 18th June
Inspiration from Tresco Abbey Gardens *Ben Turner* *Plants for sale*

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.

Email: milfordgardeners@gmail.com **Website:** www.milfordgardenersclub.co.uk

We will be leaving at 9.00am from the Thai Restaurant bus stop and have about 4 hours at Holme Gardens. We will leave there about 2.30pm for about an hour and a half at Haskins so we should be back around 6.00pm or earlier, depending on traffic.

Full details will be in the July newsletter.

Also in the July newsletter will be the arrangements for our out evening to Oakhaven Hospice gardens, which will be on July 16th, the evening before our trip to Holme.

Phew, that's quite enough information for this month! Hope to see lots of you at next week's meeting.

Sue Crabb, Chair