Hello Everyone ...

I'm writing this in the shade of my garden enjoying the bird song and absence of other noise, apart from a plane high up.

We had a very enjoyable trip to Wisley last week despite various road works and as always, there was plenty to see. I particularly enjoyed the acers, azaleas and irises along the stream section heading to the rock garden and it was fascinating to see the developments at Hilltop and view the gardens from the top terrace there. A few plants were purchased but notably not as many as on some outings! I'm hoping this is because you are planning to buy things at the plant fair on Saturday.

The weather is set fair and I think we will have enough help but if you are on the green and it looks as though our stall could do with extra helpers, do pitch in.

I am hoping you will all "come up trumps" as you have always done with plants for the fair. Please provide **plants potted up and clearly labelled,** even if it's only one or two. You are free to put prices on yourself or you can leave it to the helpers. If you won't be around on the day but have plants to donate you can drop them off to me at 3 Danestream Close, opposite the tennis club on Friday afternoon. We will be on the Green from 7.30 but you can drop plants off at any time in the morning to suit you. I'm sorry but I'm afraid we can't deal with plants freshly dug up in bags.

Next week's talk is all about hanging baskets and containers so if you are planning to buy plants for pots and baskets on Saturday, maybe wait until after the talk before you pot them up!

We have now gone 20 days with no rain and most of us have empty water butts. It's hard to say what sort of weather we will have over the summer but enjoy the uplift to the spirits that this glorious sunshine brings whilst we have it, it'll probably be drought or floods later!

Here's hoping for a very successful morning on Saturday and I hope to see lots of you on the green.

Sue Crabb, Chair

May 2025

Forthcoming meetings:

Wednesday 21st May
Hanging baskets and pots - demonstration *Ray Broughton*

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

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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A few photos from Wisley...