Hello everyone …

I can't believe it is time for yet another newsletter, they do say that time speeds up as you get older……., hmm.

We had an excellent talk from Rosemary LeGrand about glorious gardens of France, quite a few of which I had been to, so for me it was a lovely trip down memory lane. There were several I hadn't been to but would love to visit in the South of France. Never say never! As ever she speaks so clearly and her pictures are superb, so it is a pleasure to have her back.

There is a change of speaker this month. Gillian Taylor was supposed to come but had a bad fall recently and wasn't sure if she would be back driving so she let us know well in advance. However, Janette Merillion, who was coming in March but had a major car breakdown and could only tell us at very short notice, has agreed to come and give us the talk on "Genius of the Georgians" which we missed. We have Gillian Taylor rebooked for 2027. Well done Jacqui for sorting all this.

Our outing to Hardy's cottage garden nursery and Hinton Ampner was enjoyed by all and we were blessed with warm sunshine at Hinton Ampner (although Hardy's was perishing cold in the wind!)

Despite the fact that Hardy's had just departed with the last lorry-load of plants for Chelsea, it didn't prevent the purchase of plants, though the selection was a bit thinner than it might have been. Shades of our club holidays with the coach luggage area packed with plants, I think just about everyone bought something either at the nursery or at Hinton Ampner. It was a smashing day, the landscape is so different to the New Forest and it's that perfect time of year with all the soft greens of the trees and things just starting to get into full swing. Lovely.

So, I'm wondering what the weather will have in store for us on Saturday for the plant fair. The weather is quite unpredictable at the moment. 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 our stall. 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

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Forthcoming meetings:

Wednesday 20th May
The genius of the Georgians
Janette Merillion

Wednesday 17th June
Plants and landscapes of the Western Cape *Ben Turner*

Wednesday 15th July
Out evening - Countryside Education Trust, Beaulieu

Wednesday 16th September
Scotland's western islands
Mike Read

Wednesday 21st October
A brief history of garden design - 4000 years in 60 minutes
Helen Milne

Wednesday 18th November
Edibles outside the vegetable plot *Roger Hirons*

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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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.

So I think that's all I have to say this month, except that I hope to see lots of you on the Green on Saturday, buying plants!

Sue Crabb, Chair

Some photos from the outing