

## YOUR VEGETABLE GARDEN

April-May are two of the busiest months in the Vegetable Garden. If you have managed to get your ground dug, you will find that with the March winds you should have a good tilth, and that will make sowing of small seeds a lot easier.

If you have not already planted Shallots, Onion Sets and Broad Beans, get them in as soon as possible. I always plant Shallots and Onion Sets with a dibber. Make a small hole and set them just below the level of the ground, as that stops the birds from pulling them out. Sow Carrot seeds thinly so as to avoid thinning them out. Do not pull Carrots in the dry weather, otherwise you will get the fly into your bed.

You can sow all small seeds now, and do not forget some early Potatoes. Plant main crop end of month. May, I find, is the best month in the Vegetable Garden. All the small seeds are showing. Keep the dutch hoe going, and do not wait for the weeds to grow. I always say never hoe a weedy garden, hoe before the weeds take over, then you will find hoeing a pleasure.

Plant out Brussels, Cauliflower and Early Cabbage but leave Savoys and Winter Greens till June.

Till then, get busy.

J. Timms

## NEW LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

It is hoped to form a Local History Society. The inaugural meeting will be held on Thursday 2 April in Shipton Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

MR JOHN STEANE, Keeper of the Field Section, Oxfordshire County Museum Services, will give an Introduction to the History of Shipton.

Business: Title & Aims of the Society. Election of a Committee. Collection to cover expenses.  
All welcome.

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