

It seems a long time since PC Bob Salmon was a regular visitor, but now PC Ray Hamilton is beginning to establish new links with the children. He has been in three times already this term to introduce himself and to work with the infant and junior classes of children. He will be visiting the nursery class before Christmas and will return in the New Year to work with the older children again.

We are working together to ensure that these visits become a regular part of the local work that PC Hamilton does. It is good to see him in school.

Geoff Padmore.



## **Milton-under-Wychwood Allotments and Gardens Association**

As I write this report at the beginning of November 2000 the flooding around Milton-under-Wychwood is receding and the gale force winds have returned to a seasonal blustery state. After watching TV pictures and listening to radio news reports we realise how very lucky we are in this area and we can only hope that our gardens will survive whatever the rest of the winter may produce.

In the meantime our members and a few visitors, 37 people in all, very much enjoyed the fascinating talk at our October meeting on the making of Hidcote Gardens and the development and upkeep of the property under the ownership of the National Trust as far back as the 1940s.

Glyn Jones, as Head Gardener for only just over a year, shared with us his knowledge and enthusiasm illustrated with some very interesting pictures. Many of these had not previously been shown to members of the public and I am quite sure that many people will be planning a visit to Hidcote as a result of this very entertaining evening.

On November 22nd an old friend, namely Reg Moule, talked to us on House Plants with help to look after Christmas presents!

Jane Lewis



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