

## Gardening

**I** MUST TRY and be positive because much damage and inconvenience have been caused by flooding and hard frosts over the past few months, but as I have said before, nature catches up, and much more rapidly with our help.

There is lots of lovely blossom on our fruit trees and all the 'berries' seem to be doing well, so without another frost we should have a good year.

With constant rain the soil has become compacted and is difficult to dig and prepare a manageable tilth. If you have a fair area to dig, then I suggest you hire a cultivator for a few hours because spade work is hard!

There is lots of grass mowing to be done. If you have moss in your lawn, long term eradication is brought about by regular aeration and feeding – especially the former.

Shrubs have suffered from frost damage and there is considerable blackened growth. Cut this out and if the whole of the shrub has been affected, then prune back to ground level for there is a good chance of new growth appearing.

Roses have suffered as well, and for damaged HTs and floribundas I suggest cutting back to about three buds with the top one outgrowing.

It is now time to prepare the beds and sow biennials such as wallflower and sweet williams. Space them out when big enough to handle, and plant them in their flowering positions in October or early November.

We chose to be gardeners so we must do the best we can, whatever the circumstances.

May your efforts be much rewarded.

A.V. Mitchell.

### Chadlington Flower Club

presents

### Summer's Abundance

by

**Elizabeth Gordon-Smith (National Demonstrator)**

**Thursday 28th. June 2001 At 7.30 pm.**

**Doors open 6.30 pm.**

**in Chipping Norton Town Hall**

**Cakes, Plants, Sales Table, Raffles**

**ADMISSION NON-MEMBERS £5.00**

**REFRESHMENTS**

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