

Milton-under-Wychwood Allotments and Gardens Association

The MUWAGA Flower and Produce show was held in the Village Hall on the 18th of August.

Despite the less than helpful weather this



year we had a very successful show with 309 entries, only 6 less than last year which was, I believe, a record year. The quality of the vegetables and flowers really defied the weather- I do not know how they do it. Equally impressive were the craft and cookery entries. I now know that the cookery judge has the best job. She tried everything and said she would not need any lunch thank you, I could only look on and salivate which is never a pretty sight! All the judges commented on the very high standard of the entries in all the classes, so congratulations to everyone who had a go and a big thank you to all the people who helped and supported the show.

Global What?

Weather! Is it global warming or cooling that we are suffering from? It has been hard going on the vegetable front this year. Many crops, such as sweet corn or winter squash, which need a bit of heat, are either very late or, in the case of the squash plants, non-existent! At least my stocks of rainwater have not been dented; the downside is that my main problem has been rust on the Bar-b-que. My summary of the year so far - yuck! At the AGM in May it was agreed that we

would try and set up a Garden Care scheme. This is a simple scheme where we will compile a list of anyone who is interested in having

someone water their plants when they are away and return the favour for someone else. Colin Colbeck has agreed to manage the list. If you are interested please contact Colin on: 01993 832135. The aim is to make this as bureaucracy free as possible with the list available to people who are interested. So, if you are going away, you can contact someone directly and see if they are prepared to help and what they are willing to do. We have already tried it out and I am pleased to say Colin's plants survived my 'care'. Indeed, I wonder if I overdid it - his tomatoes won 'best in show'. Linda has had words with me!

Forthcoming Meetings

October 25th -Talk on Herbaceous Perennials.

There will also be plants for sale
November 22nd - Pruning – all you need to know.

Everyone, member or not, is welcome to our meetings, which start at 7:30pm in Milton Village Hall. Tea and Biscuits are served. If you want any further information please ring Joanna Van de Pol on: 01993: 830090 or me on: 01993 830653. Happy gardening.

Tony Lewis