

Milton-under-Wychwood Gardens and Allotments Association

At the end of October, as I write this, we are just starting to see the first grass frosts but the upside is a fantastic display of autumn colours and the best crop of apples on our trees I can remember. If we didn't have winter, would summer seem so good?

The Pleasures of Day-Dreaming

Mind you, after this year's summer that might be pushing it a bit. I really quite like winter when I can spend time looking through the seed catalogues and doing a bit of day-dreaming about the great successes I am sure I will have next year. Hopefully everybody got their seed order in (we are still getting a 50% discount on seeds which is pretty good) and soon we should have the orders delivered. This is the time I start to get really enthusiastic, I just love sowing

seed and seeing them start into growth, nature is wonderful!

Winter Talks

MUWAGA's winter series of talks is now well under way. Our next event will be the **Cheese, Paté and Wine Evening** on the **28th January 2009** (with the usual quiz - I am still hoping to answer a question one day) and that is followed on **25th of February** with a talk on the cultivation of Dahlias with some for sale. All events are in Milton Village Hall and start at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome, members or non members.

As Christmas is coming may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, good health and happiness and of course, good gardening in the New Year.

Tony Lewis

Fifield with Idbury News

Karin Taylor's **Saturday Sale in the Hall** is held on the first Saturday of the month, 10:00am -12:30pm. On **December 6th**, there will be Christmas cards and gift-wrapping on sale, as well as the usual cakes, biscuits, mince pies, gifts, bulbs, books and many other items. Donations are made to the Hall or St. John the Baptist, but the primary purpose of the mornings is to meet old friends and make new ones and chat over coffee and biscuits.

Annual Ride and Stride

Congratulations and thanks to all who took part, riding or striding from church to church, or church sitting and welcoming. St John the Baptist raised £348.50, half of which will be returned to

the church and half retained by the Trust towards their work on behalf of the Historic Churches of the County.

Harvest Supper

Some thirty people attended and enjoyed an excellent supper, convivial conversations and the enchanting music of Tom Gay and Emma. Our thanks to John and Tina Palmer for hosting the event and to everyone who helped make the evening such a success. £307 was raised for Hall funds.

Carol Singing

This will be on **Saturday December 13th** followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Hall. It will start at the Hall at 6pm. Then Christmas is nearly here!

Catherine Hitchens