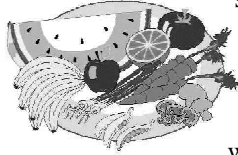


Milton-under-Wychwood Garden and Allotments Association

Christmas and New Year are gone and seem a long time ago. There is no doubt winter is firmly in place. While a bit of cold weather is no bad thing, we seem to have had plenty in the last month and my belated attempts to get the allotment into some sort of order before spring have been pretty much brought to a halt by the frozen soil. Indeed, with the exception of the Brussels sprouts and a bit of kale, all the root vegetables and leeks have been locked in the ground. I like cold clear weather but even my enjoyment is wearing thin at the moment.



Milton Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. I hope members will come and support us or let any member of the Committee know your views and give us your suggestions or ideas to help the Association better meet your needs. The Committee is in place to run your Association so please let's hear from you so we can work to provide what you want.

Come and Support Us - Please!

After the very successful show last year, we have had a disappointing start to our winter season of talks with the attendance at the last two being very low. This is a shame as both turned out to be very interesting and given by really good speakers. Quite why so few people are coming is not clear at the moment and we have written to our members to try and find out why. However, we cancelled the Cheese and Wine evening on 28th January as we felt we could not justify the outlay if only a handful of people came. For those of you who wanted to come, I apologise but we had to make a decision in good time to let everyone know.

Dahlias, Tubs and Containers

The next two talks planned are *The Cultivation of Dahlias*, with sales, on **Wednesday 25th February** and *Tubs and Containers* on **Wednesday 25th March**. As usual the talks will take place in

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That's the plea over. We can now look forward to spring which can be such a delicious time with the first flowers, normally with us it is the Aconites and then the daffodils. It is a time of optimism and seed sowing - which is one of my favourite occupations. There is nothing like sowing those little inert bundles, some like dust, and seeing the miracle of those green shoots emerging from the soil or compost. Of course, some of you may already be ahead of the game with some autumn - sown broad beans or spring cabbage - maybe next year I will be organised enough to do the same! In the meantime, I wish you happy sowing, and a good harvest from the remaining winter crop. Currently, the weather gurus appear to be predicting a hotter summer this year. Well, it could not be much worse than last year's summer so let's hope they are right!

Please remember you do not have to be a MUWAGA member to come to any of our talks and everyone is welcome - we all share a common interest. Meetings are held in Milton Village Hall and start at 7:30pm.

Tony Lewis