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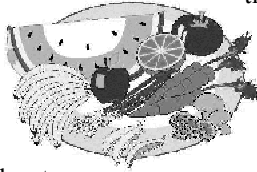
## Milton -under-Wychwood Allotment and Gardens Association

The round of MUWAGA meetings finished in May with the AGM. I appreciate this is viewed by many with less enthusiasm than our other meetings, but it is important that we, as a committee, get members' views on issues and that they can direct the Committee to do what they want for the Association. I write this before the meeting but I can at least say that having asked to increase the subscriptions at last year's AGM (to £7), we have been careful to manage our funds so that we can avoid raising the subs; we will therefore keep subscriptions to £5 for this year and review it again in a years time. While I find the AGM riveting, I can't afford to drop off, I know that most people who come to the AGM are really coming for the cheese and wine that follows with the added bonus of a challenging quiz to keep minds active.

### **April is NOT the Cruellest Month!**

I am sure you all know that the articles for this edition of the Wychwood have to be with the Editor (or else!) by the end of April. So far the allotments are already bursting with life, both human and plant based. Each time I go to mine, I see other allotmentees working hard and some of the people with new plots have really achieved a lot. In fact, they seem to have done more in one year than I have in four! By the time you read this, all those delightful but tender crops such as tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers will be well underway. I know because Linda is already pushing me and my seed trays

out of the greenhouse to make way for them. Of course, the weeds love these sunny days too, so keep the hoe going. The aim should be to hoe almost before the weeds come up; whilst I rarely manage to achieve this, the advice is sound.



### **Summer Show**

We should be getting our first crops now of broad beans and peas, a taste of the new season. Things do seem early this year. My asparagus started to crop before the end of April and while it is a long-term crop, and a considerable investment, fresh asparagus from your own garden or allotment is a real treat. Talking of crops now is the time to think about the **MUWAGA Summer Show**. We are holding it a little later this year on the **5<sup>th</sup> September**. The aim is to allow a bit more time for gardeners to ripen their crops (like tomatoes) and to avoid the school holidays when many people are away. We are holding the show in the **Beaconsfield Hall** again this year and having had such a fantastic response last year we are hoping we will be able to repeat it. Anyone can have a go, you do not need to be a member. We will be putting out the show schedules to all members in late July or early August. If you are not a member but want to enter, please contact me on: 01993 830653 or any committee member. There is something for everyone. A good show needs contributors, we can provide the venue and the organisation, the rest depends on you, give it a go!

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