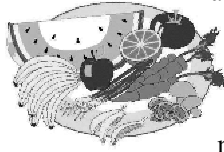


M.U.W Allotments and Gardens Association

I have just returned from three weeks in sunnier climes.

While I waved farewell to a frozen allotment, what I had on my return was a sodden one and a week later nothing has changed. Nevertheless, I have started my onion sets and broad beans off in trays in the greenhouse. Probably too early, but I needed the sowing fix - drugs just don't work for me!



action is, in my opinion, long overdue, particularly, when we have had people on the waiting list who must find the sight of neglected plots, even though the number is much reduced, very frustrating while they wait for one to be allocated. Mind you, I would not say my plot was neglected but I hope the standard of tidiness is not set too high!

No Slackers Here

So, now I need to get myself in the April and May frame of mind. Roll on the sun! At last at the end of February there are signs of life. The crocuses, snowdrops and aconites are giving a welcome splash of colour in the garden and the daffodils are on their way with short spears of green leaves showing through the grass. It is a time for optimism, except, as if I haven't got enough pressure in my life, I now find that there can be no slackness on the allotments. All Milton allotment holders have just received a letter from the Parish Council letting us know there will be an inspection in April and untidy or uncultivated plots will result in tenants being asked to give up their tenancy. This

Pelargoniums and the AGM

On the 28th April David Taylor will be giving a talk on *Pelargoniums - History and Cultivation* and the AGM with a Wine and Pate/Cheese evening to follow will be held on 26th May. I know the AGM probably does not excite many of our members but we had a good turnout last year and I hope to see a good number of you again. As I say, with boring frequency, it is your association and you need to say how you want it run. I look forward to seeing you.

As usual, talks and the AGM will be held in Milton Village Hall starting at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome, member or not.

Happy gardening
Tony Lewis

Milton Village Hall - 50th Anniversary Celebrations

Following on our successful Supper evening on March 6th and Bumper Easter Bingo with the Wychwood Pre-School on March 26th we have a diary of events organised throughout the summer to celebrate our anniversary.

On **Sunday 30th May**, as the Art Week draws to a close, Villagers and Visitors are invited to join in an Open Gardens and Garage Sales extravaganza; Cream teas

will be served in the village hall. If you would like to open your garden or garage as a venue please contact either Sandy on: 01993 830066 or Edna on: 01993 830077.

We are also planning a Safari Supper to take place on **June 19th**. This date has been changed to avoid a clash with an England Football Match, just to keep the men happy!

Edna Naish