

The MUWAGA Annual Produce Show



This was held on 27th August and was really well supported. Entries were up by nearly 20% to 320 compared with last year.

Of course, somebody has to win and in this case Joanna and David Van de Poll trumped most of us in the overall prizes in vegetable and cooking categories. They didn't have it all their own way though as there will be a new name on the top

prize, the Dr Scott Shield this year won by Mike Pengelly (pictured here with his wife) for a magnificent red cabbage, Samatha Fletcher won the photography prize and Di Fletcher the flower arranging.

However, many others got firsts so it was not a closed shop and we had a lot of great entries in the children's classes which was really encouraging.

The MUGAWA Winter Season

The Garden Tea Party on 24th July, which Nicky Pratt hosted in her beautiful garden, was also a really good event which was blessed by glorious weather. It was a delightful afternoon.

We start our winter round of evening talks on with the rather suggestively titled talk *Sex, lies and putrefaction*; and on **October 26th** a talk entitled *Berried treasure and fragrant delights* by Peter Jones the head gardener at Sudeley Castle. On **November 23rd** Mornee Button will be talking about the *Flowers of Southern Spain and Portugal* and on **January 25th** we hold our famous Cheese and Wine evening.

Don't forget all our talks start at **7:30pm** in **Milton Village Hall** and everyone is welcome.

As I said at the Show, it is not too early to start preparing the ground for next year. No matter how you undertake this task it is not easy to get a new or a neglected allotment into shape. Don't try to do too much at once!. Doing too much, particularly the painful after-effects, can be a bit disheartening. It is best to nibble away at it. It is hard work - but once you have got it in shape it does get easier – honest Guvs! Happy Gardening!

Tony Lewis