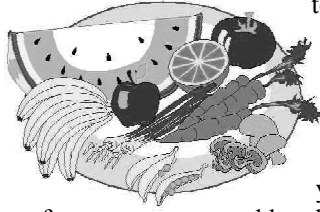


## Milton-under-Wychwood

# Allotments and Gardens Association

At the beginning of April, when the previous edition of *The Wychwood* thundered through my door I felt a little sheepish when I saw what I had written, waxing lyrical about the joys of spring. Spring! You may remember early April; it was much like all of March and was freezing.



to our 2012/13 season of talks and was very well attended. I am hoping that the AGM and Cheese and Wine evening on 22nd May will also have gone well. I know you will look forward to my blow by blow account in the next edition.

### At Long Last Spring!

Well, I do believe as I write this that spring is finally with us. On the allotment the spuds are planted now and hopefully, happy in the ground. There are lots of small tomato, pepper and aubergine plants in the conservatory (Linda's, of course) and the first bean and pea shoots are poking above the ground. I cannot help feeling that this is going to be a good year. So, by the time you read this the blossom will have come and gone, the trees will be loaded with small fruits, the blackcurrants and gooseberries will be groaning under the weight of crop and we will all be smiling. Alternatively, I will be cowering indoors watching the rain. Being an eternal optimist I am sure a lovely summer is on the way.

Along with the first hints of a true spring I had a very positive feeling after our talk at the April meeting. Our original speaker was unfortunately ill and a last minute replacement was found in Chris Day from the Buckingham Garden Centre. Chris, who has also worked in journalism and radio, gave a truly inspiring talk on growing your five - a -day vegetables. I know that sounds a bit bland but you should have been there. It was a great end

### We Need YOU on the Committee!

The Association is, I believe, in good health but we do need some more people to take on Committee roles. I am hoping that some fine people may decide to give it a go at the AGM; being on the Committee is not arduous but the Association will not run itself. It is now in its 27<sup>th</sup> year and delivers excellent value for the £5 membership fee. That is my plea done with but I am keen not to be the Chairman who turns the lights out. The reason that our talks end in April with the AGM in May marking the end of one horticultural year and the start of the next is that, in theory, all our members will be busy in their gardens and allotments. MUWAGA will be running a stall at the Milton Fete again this year-see you there.

On the home front my reader will be delighted to know that we have added two pear trees, two apple trees, one plum tree, a cobnut and a fig to our garden. Now when I say trees you have to think small, the postage would have been horrendous for anything that will crop soon. Make sure you have fun and remember gardening is whatever you want it to be. It is still the one area where we can enjoy some anarchy and do as we please. Happy gardening,  
**Tony Lewis**