

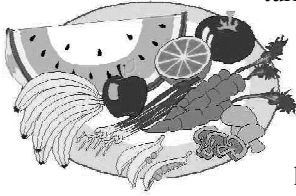
## Milton-under-Wychwood Allotments and Gardens Association

### Heroes, One and All

I am happy to pass on the news that our AGM has come and gone and the members approved the re-election of all the Committee members. Much more surprising was that all the Committee were prepared to continue. They are the unsung heroes who do all the work that makes things happen. Without them there would be no speakers, no tea, no Cheese and Wine (and let us face it attendance at the AGM would be a bit thin without that attraction), no seed order and so much more. So from me, and all of you I hope, I say thank you to the MUWAGA Committee and indeed to all those other unsung folks out there doing things for our community.

### Come and Give Us Fresh Ideas

In reality, being on the Committee is not all hard graft and meetings are just about as informal as it is possible to be. As such, we would welcome anyone who wants to dip their toe in the water and see what it is like at a meeting. Just give us a call and you would be very welcome to sit in and join in without any obligation. Every organisation needs new people and new ideas to stay fresh so please give it some thought. The longest day has passed and the grass has stopped trying to turn the lawn into a hay field every time I turn my back. Linda's greenhouses are racing ahead and cucumbers are upon us. There is so much more taste in a cucumber fresh from the greenhouse than the supermarket version. The allotments are doing us proud as well, with broad beans, mange-tout, peas, mini



turnips and, of course, lettuce. The latter may be humble but since living abroad where you just could not get lettuce I developed a fetish for it and more than 20 years later I still have it. In the end, the simple pleasures are the best and, along with the summer veg and blooms, I hope you are taking the time to enjoy the warmth and bright light which can make the British summer such a delight.

### Looking Ahead

Thinking of the delights ahead, our next event is the **MUWAGA Produce Show** on **30<sup>th</sup> August** in **Milton Village Hall**. We have all the normal classes for vegetables and fruit, cookery, preserves, photography, flower arranging and a number of children's classes. If you are not a member and want to enter, just ask and we can give you a schedule and tips to help you along. It is a fun event so give it a go. The more entries we get the better the show will be.

September sees the start of our winter season of talks. The first is on the **24<sup>th</sup> September** on *Aspects of Shade*, by **Elaine Horton**. Further ahead the talk on **22<sup>nd</sup> October** is *Growing and Storing Vegetables*, by **Dr Ian Ferguson**, an expert who spent 29 years at Kew. Talks are open to members and non-members alike and all we ask is for a small donation (50p) from non-members. All talks start at 7:30pm in Milton Village Hall. Most of all, take some time to enjoy your garden and the lovely countryside we are blessed to live in.

Happy gardening!

**Tony Lewis**