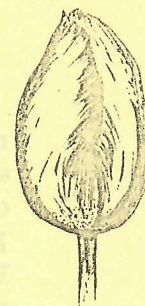


The Somerset Federation of Gardening Clubs



Newsletter IV

In the 18th century a certain Sir Gregory Gander described the Twelve Months thus :

Snowy, Flowy, Blowy,
Showery, Flowery, Bowery,
Hoppy, Croppy, Droppy,
Breezy, Sneezzy, Freezy.

We seem to have run the whole gamut of that lot during the past few weeks. It's called the English Spring, reminding us how surreptitiously the seasons slip past.

A. G. M.

You will have received notice of the A.G.M. which will take place at Cannington College, Cannington, on 5th May 1992 at 7.00 p.m. The gardens and houses are always a delight and Nick Rigden has kindly offered to guide us around at 5.45 p.m. This must surely be an incentive to attend and we look forward to seeing as many clubs represented as possible. Please identify yourself by using the labels provided.

Gardens open.

As you have read in the Chairman's report we would like the names of gardens not normally open to the public but whose owners would be willing to receive clubs by appointment. Two such gardens are:

Withey Lane Farmhouse. Squadron Leader and Mrs H.C. Tomblin, Barton St. David, Tel: 0458 50875.

Littlecourt. Mrs Jane Kimber, West Bagborough
Tel:023 432281

(Also open on 28th June 1992, 2-6, for Lifeboat Association. Teas and plants.)

EEC Regulation COM (89)650 Marketing of Plants.

The S.F.G.C. has been in touch with the Royal Horticultural Society expressing its concern on behalf of its members about the implications of the proposed regulation. As a result of various pressures and representations the Council's proposals are now in the form of a directive rather than a regulation. Provision has been made to exempt amateur organisations and small nurseries from restrictions on plant sales. Negotiations still continue but we are safe from EEC interference.

Hazards.

Members attention is drawn to the dangers involved in handling and distributing garden chemicals hazardous to health. Any clubs buying products wholesale and

