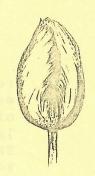
The Somerset Federation of Gardening Clubs



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, Sneezy, 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 re-distributing them should note that such handling must be done in such a way as to avoid any possibility of accidents or confusion through unsafe bagging, faulty labelling, and insufficient instructions as to use. The Federation is seeking further clarification for your guidance and this will be published in a subsequent newsletter.

Groworganic fertiliser.

Prices for 1992-3 Single bag £3.00 + v.a.t. 15-24 £2.80 + v.a.t. 25+ £2.60 + v.a.t.

Telephone Jim Searle, Hayes Road, Compton Dundon, 0458 72202/72386

Officers and Committee S.F.G.C.

The following are willing to stand for office and committee for 1992-1993.

J.L.Starnes West and Middle Chinnock L.Spencer-Mills Hinton St George Vice-Chairman P.R.Harwood. Wells and District Secretary W.Thomas Banwell Hon. Treasurer F.Daw Bath.

Weston Village. J. Harding

Minehead B.M.Child

N.H.Rigden Cannington College G. Britton Bruton

J. Lewis Martock

What's on ?

Bath Spring show 2-4th May.

West and Middle Chinnock show 15th August

Hawkchurch show 8th August

Wiveliscombe Show 15th August

Lympsham Flower and Vegetable Show 15th August (schedules from Mr W.Stevens, 15, Worthy Cres, Lympsham)

Nether Stowey Gardens open
Bruton and District Show
Martock and District Show
19th August
2nd September
5th September. Wellow Flower Show North Cadbury show 5th September 5th September

Yeovil Chrysanthemum and Dahlia shows 19-20 Sept. 21/22 Nov.

For further details and schedules please contact Hon. Secs.

Judges' Course.

Nick Rigden will clarify the situation at the A.G.M. but a properly accredited alternative course is being planned. Names already on a list will be contacted and if there are those among your members who would be interested in a course on judging please let either Nick or myself know.

Good luck, happy gardening, and see you at the A.G.M. !

Pip Hamord

Hon. Secretary, S.F.G.C.