



April Newsletter

Social Section

There will be a Jubilee Fete at Sarisbury Cricket club on June 5th from 12pm to 4pm with stalls, games, competitions, cream teas and BBQ—everyone welcome.

National Gardening Week is coming up and on 15th April Fareham Council is having a Go Wild day at Bishopsfield Road from 1pm to 3pm. Collect your Jubilee wildflower meadow seed there.



Plant swap at Allotment Road also on 15th April between 3pm and 5pm by the container. Bring your surplus plants and swap for something you haven't got.

We have in the past run a coach trip to Wisley. As an Affiliated Association we can take up to 55 Members to any of the above Gardens once a year on a Sunday, free of charge. If you are interested in visiting Wisley in July please let your Plot Manager know and we'll see if it can be arranged.



IMPORTANT SOIL ASSOCIATION ADVICE

From Dec 2011 the following products have been withdrawn:

- Copper Sulphate (Cheshunt Compound)
- Deadfast Greenhouse Sulphur Candle (Growing Success)
- Green Sulphur (Vitax)
- Yellow Sulphur (Vitax)

Please remove them from your shed and dispose safely at the council re-cycling centre ASAP

CHANGING OUR WAYS.....food for thought

A lot of us may have watched Sarah Raven's recent TV series and taken on board a significant problem we have nationally.



Bee's are under serious threat with a 70% decline and therefore producing food will become more and more labour intensive and ultimately even more expensive.

For some years now there has been a move towards reaching less freely for the fork, secateurs and certainly the not the spray gun! Allowing a little unruliness in order for the bee's and bugs to perform their magic is positively encouraged. Even better if there is space for a small pond to invite the frogs to make their home on the plot ready to eat the slugs—great for everyone.

It is clear that we need to take further positive action to protect our future cultivation. There seems to be a pat on the back for the plot-holders who have a clear, clean (and empty!) plot all ready for the new season but perhaps now is the time to change our ways to help those insects that help us.

By Janet Baldwin



* For those of you who feel inspired, why not attend the Go Wild workshop on the 15th April (see above).

* Garden Organic Society is very very useful point of reference as well.

RECIPE: Broccoli, Cauli and Stilton Soup

Ingredients

- 1 onion
- 500g broccoli and/or cauli
- 1 medium potato
- Olive oil
- 3 pints stock
- 75g stilton or more if you like

Method

- 1 Dice the veg and cook with the oil and 4tbs water, stirring occasionally until soft
- 2 Add the rest of the stock and simmer until soft.
- 3 Blend and add stilton to taste

