

# Avon Organic Group

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## Summer / Autumn Programme 2009

28-30 August: 10 – 4 Jekka McVicar Herb Farm Open Day

Shellards Lane Alveston BS35 3SY. £2 or free on Friday

Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2-5pm Open Garden. Diana Redfern

Diana has a 3 acre smallholding. Plant Sale, cream teas, (birds of prey hopefully). Proceeds to Childrens' Hospice S. West. Hillview, Greenhill Lane, Sandford, Winscombe BS25 5PE

Tues. 4<sup>th</sup> Aug: 7pm Visit Anne Withers Allotment (Junction of Whitefield Road and Whitefield Avenue BS5, behind old Speedwell baths). Car share and information contact Carol 0117 909 8321

Corn Street Farmers' Market Bristol: AOG Stall Market 9.30 – 2.30

Wed. 15<sup>th</sup> July, 19<sup>th</sup> Aug, 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. Deliver produce from 8am.

“Organic” produce & helpers very welcome.

Contact Carol 0117 9098321. (20% of sales to cover stall rent etc.)

12/13<sup>th</sup> Sept. Organic Food Fair–Harbourside Bristol Now an annual event and the largest in Europe boasting a wide variety of interesting contributors - a celebration of how far “organic” has come in 20 years!

Orchard work days: 2-5pm Sat. 18 July 22 Aug 19 Sept then penultimate saturday each month. See website for Sunday sessions.

## Autumn / Evening Meetings

**Friends Meeting House, 300 Gloucester Road BRISTOL BS7**

Meetings are held at the above address unless otherwise stated-tea & biscuits plus monthly growing tips. (£3 non members/£2 members/£1 con.)

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> September 7.30pm: Pests & Diseases. Tim Foster will look at the current season and help tackle the problems that have arisen. Bring your samples and/or memories for an evening of identification, helpful hints and practical organic solutions.

Weds 16<sup>th</sup> September Corn Street Farmers' Market: See Summer Prog.

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm: AGM & Harvest Supper. Bring organic food & drink, if possible, to share. All are welcome. This is a great taster evening & an opportunity to recount the successes or otherwise of the season. The AGM is an opportunity to have your say & contribute to the running of the group. Collect Chase catalogues for the bulk seed order.

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## Horfield Organic Community Orchard

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> October 2 – 4pm Apple Day on the HOCO orchard. Produce to buy/apple tasting/fruit tree sales/apple pressing & the resultant fresh apple juice to try–this is a popular local event to celebrate the orchard harvest. Via lane opposite 23 Kings Drive Bishopston. Donations £2/£1

Tues. 3<sup>rd</sup> November 7.30pm :Potatoes- All you need to know! Alan Lock has allotments in Horfield (much clay!) & has written articles for GO magazine. He has a great interest in spuds and each year goes to Dundry Nurseries (nr Cheltenham) for vast supplies. From soil prep. to harvest will be useful for us all. Members' seed orders to be handed in

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> December 7.30pm: Soil & No Dig - Charles Dowding. Charles is an expert grower & writes articles for RHS. This will be an interesting talk with slides, from a knowledgeable speaker. For those of us with clay soils – is this the answer?

## Spring / Evening Programme 2010

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2-4pm: Wassail at Orchard. Singing, Morris dancing etc.

**2010 January - no evening meeting**

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 7.30pm: Seed Swap and Gardeners Question Time. Bring seeds, if you can, but not essential. This is an annual event to start the new season. Collect your seed order!

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar. 7.30pm Jon Lucas – Jon has many years of experience growing locally & will talk about Growing Legumes.

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Apr 7.30pm: “Send a Cow” Mel Miller will talk & show a video about this charity that promotes training in good husbandry & organic methods.

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> May. 7.30pm: Plant Sale/Bring & Buy in aid of AOG Funds  
A speaker from the Soil Association will talk about a topical issue

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