



MEETINGS HELD AT  
THE RHS GARDEN  
HARLOW CARR  
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# NEWSLETTER

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## EDITORIAL

We are being told that this winter is the coldest and snowiest for about 20 years. It doesn't seem nearly as challenging as some I remember from my young days! Then the pundits were predicting another Ice Age but we all got to school and work, somehow.

I for one will be glad if this winter is cold and frosty enough to kill off some of the overwintering bugs-and-slugs. Too many have survived the last few mild seasons. The planned winter pruning programme has been disrupted but we have until March before the sap begins to rise. No need to stress the trees (and ourselves) by wielding the secateurs in this weather.

Apologies for the late arrival of this issue. Half the production team was abroad in January and the other half was fighting viruses. Then the weather intervened. As you will see as you read on, there was a wealth of information to extract from various sources and put into some sort of order. I hope each of you will find something of interest in it.

A Happy New Season to all.

Diana Davis

## PROGRAMME 2009

**SATURDAY 14th FEBRUARY.** Field Classroom, Harlow Carr.

10.00 Executive Committee Meeting

13.30 Talk: Aspects of DNA "Fingerprinting" of the Brogdale Collections by Dr Felicidad Fernandez.

**SATURDAY 7th MARCH.** Visit to Oldroyd's Rhubarb Farm, near Wakefield.

Details, directions and map are enclosed for those who have booked a place. (Visit now fully booked).

**SATURDAY 16th MAY.** Study Center, Harlow Carr.

10.00 Executive Committee Meeting.

13.30 Talk: Recent Developments in Soft Fruit. Dr Brian Brennan, SCRI.

**APPLE GRAFTING COURSES:** 10.30 - 1600 approx. In the Teaching Greenhouse (next to the Study Centre) at Harlow Carr. Maximum of 16 per session.

**SATURDAY 28th FEBRUARY.**

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