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## EDITORIAL

The Editorial for this issue is going to be short: I am busy with entertaining visitors, gardening, harvesting, processing fruit and vegetables and having builders around who always ask questions and need a cup of tea.

This year was a bit challenging for fruit gardeners. A dry warm spring brought the fruit trees into flower earlier than in other years but some late frosts in May caused considerable damage. Although the temperatures during the summer were below average for several weeks the quality and taste of (at least my own) fruit apparently has not suffered too much. High winds seemed to be a problem since late August. Several members had some of their fruit blown off the trees before the fruit was ripe and there were some cases of damage to the trees.

For me, a highlight of this summer was the visit to Old Sleningford Farm: the warm welcome by Rachel Benson, the impressive orchards in beautiful surroundings, the lively chickens and the inquisitive cute piglets. Even the weather was nice!

The subscription notices for 2012 will be sent out with this newsletter. As a reminder: subscriptions are due in January (except for members having joined after September this year, they will have membership until December next year). Sharan and Peter would be grateful if membership was renewed promptly. It would make life a lot easier for them as it does reduce the time they have to spend processing the memberships.

At the next meeting on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> November, the AGM will take place. This is your opportunity to let the committee know what you think, so please come along and take part. The agenda is sent out with this newsletter.

*Ursula Rehkemper*

