

As reported earlier in the years we are all now members of the **Mid Shires Orchard group** and as such you could attend this. We hope Andy Howard will be coming to our **AGM on March 10** to talk about fruit trees for our orchard on **Cripley Island**. This is an opportunity for you to get some experience. Unfortunately I am away (husband's birthday has to be priority of course) but if you are interested please reply to Andy Howard at email below (and copy me in so that I can see how much experience we have)

We have the last **working party** of this gardening year on **Sunday 1st February**. If you have not done your site community work of 2 hours by then there will be an additional £10 on your invoice. We will raise invoices at our committee meeting on February 16th. If you have changed any contacts please make sure Sheila has them. These small annual costs do of course amount to a small fraction of the reported average weekly food bill of £180 for four! (Alex Renton The Observer, Sunday 20 January 2008) Can this really be so? .

If you have never seen **Cripley Island** and would like to **visit**, we will be doing a visit on Sunday.... weather permitting. As reported previously we will be recommending at the AGM that we put an additional hour onto our member's community service commitment for managing the additional community space of the **Cripley Island Orchard**. As everyone will have use of it we think this is a good way for everyone to share the benefits and responsibilities without it being too onerous. If everyone does their bit that is over 22 full day's work per year which we anticipate will be fine once the initial preparation is done.

Best wishes,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jo Howard [mailto:johoward@metronet.co.uk]

Sent: 27 January 2009 19:02

To: MSOG

Subject: FW:Help wanted for 1st MSOG Scion wood exchange National event.

Importance: High

Dear Members,

The 1st National Scion Wood Exchange Day is taking place on Sat and Sun 7th/ 8th Feb at Buckingham Nurseries and we really need all our members extra help and input. (see enclosed attachment).

To make this really fun and exciting weekend work we need some extra helping hands from all of our members.

Please email or call me or Marcus (all further details and phone nos are in the enclosed attachment) and let us know whether you can spare a couple of hours. 1/2 day/ day or all weekend to help.

Yours sincerely

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