

4<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Hello everyone,

Autumn is well and truly here. The nights are drawing in, especially when it's been a dismal, rainy day like most of last week, apart from a bright sunny day on Thursday and Saturday. The leaves are changing colour and beginning to fall from the trees,. Have you noticed the children collecting the conkers from the horse chestnut trees. Do you remember having a game of conkers when you were children?



We've had another productive week making apple and sage jelly using some of the windfalls and sage from our garden at Orchard House. We also made some apple chutney, with help from Cheryl.

It was fun playing the memory game, guessing the missing Christmas cake ingredients and it was very interesting discussing some of your own special recipes which had been handed down over the generations. This coming week we plan to make another Christmas cake, lets hope it turns out as good as the first one you made a few weeks ago!

## Garden News

We hope you all enjoyed the slide show of photos taken of yourselves in Orchard House and the

garden in preparation for our website. They were all very good so it is going to be very difficult for David and June to choose which ones to use on the website. Did you recognise yourselves?

Do you remember that we entered the Newby and Scalby in Bloom Competition in July. June and Janet were invited to attend a meeting last week to find out the results and were delighted to learn that Orchard House won the section for businesses. The photos will be on the internet if any of you would like to see them. June was presented with a shield, and certificate, which we have on display for you all to see, along with a cheque for £50. We plan to put the money towards another gardening project so please let us know your thoughts and ideas.

## Hamper Winners!

Congratulations to Mabel R. Gwen L. Bill H. and Jessie K. who were the lucky winners of the Harvest hampers. Thank you to Jessie who generously shared her hamper with other visitors. A big thank you to everyone who donated items to help make up the hampers.

## Appeal!

We are appealing for old crockery and plates ready for when we plant our winter hyacinth bulbs. We have a small collection already to give you an idea of what we're looking for.

Finally best wishes go to Ellenor B. and Gwen L. who celebrated their birthdays last week

