

Better the Devil you know

Presentation by **Roger Umpelby**

Thursday **02 February 2012** at **20:00 hours** (doors and bar open from 19:30 hours)

St Albans Sub Aqua Club

Pests and Disease control without chemicals?

What are your options for controlling pests and diseases?

What are the benefits and drawbacks of each option?

How can we encourage naturally-occurring beneficials?

Friends and Foes in allotments

Beneficial and harmful 'bugs' found in and around our gardens and allotments

Gardeners may be aware of most, but certainly not all, of their foes; but there are some very surprising and unfamiliar friends out there.

Q&A session

£1.50 for members, and £2.50 for non-members (to cover the cost of hiring the Club).

Tickets available from paulump@yahoo.com or ask one of the CNAA committee members.

Tickets also available on the door.

Pen portrait

A **professional entomologist** and horticulturalist with many years experience of consultancy and research with government and industry. Career started at **MAFF's Harpenden Laboratory**, now relocated and called Central Science Laboratory, and one of his first projects was at Rothamsted looking at slug control - very apt!

Currently a part-time **advisor for RHS** and part-time **lecturer at Pershore College**, and gives numerous talks to gardening clubs and other organisations.

Keen gardener of edible crops, starting with a 10 pole allotment in Canterbury in the 1970s, graduating to 20 poles in Harpenden in the 1980s, and now with a large productive fruit and vegetable garden near Evesham.