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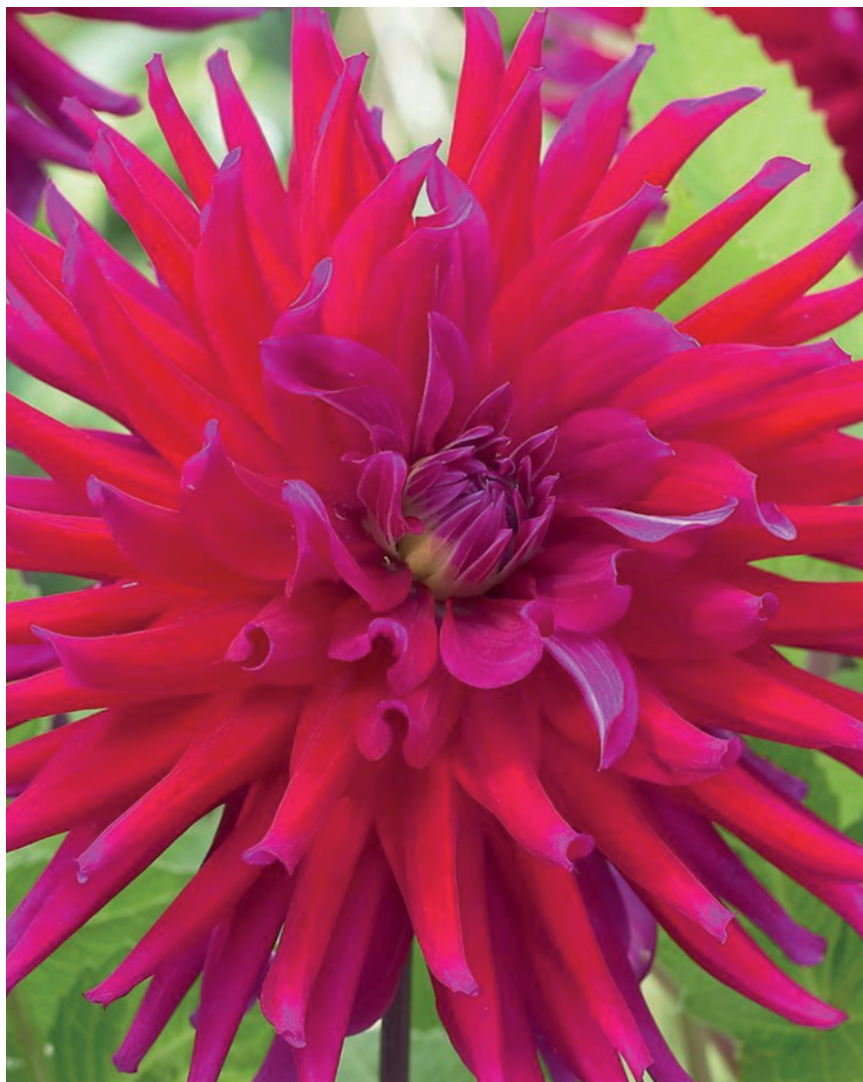
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Dahlia 'Orfeo' Summer Bulb of the Year

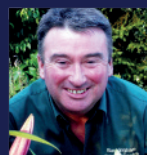
OUR GRAFT & GROW DAY
SATURDAY 24th FEBRUARY 10am- 4pm

**WHAT'S
INSIDE**

**SHOP NEWS, ANNOUNCING OUR CHARITY FOR 2018,
EVENLEY WOOD SNOWDROP DAYS, EVERYTHING
YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT XYLELLA, GARDEN
TRENDS, NEW HELLEBORES AND WHAT'S ON**



Gardening is the perfect antidote to get you back into the stride of life after the festive season. Getting out and about, doing a bit of New Year gardening, a country walk or a visit or two to the Garden Centre soon gets us re-connected and re-invigorated with plants and nature. The news that the UK is to get a new Northern Forest stretching across from the Mersey to the Humber was a bit of a surprise, albeit a good one. Experts say we are not planting enough trees in the UK, so this gigantic project to plant 50 million (yes, 50000000) trees is going to have a beneficial effect on the environment including reducing flooding, improved timber supply, increased carbon storage, job creation and the general improvement in health and wellbeing of locals. This news comes hot on the heels that gardeners, as against some farmers, over the past few years have been doing more to help the nation's honey bees by planting the right plants. Our wide breadth of garden planting is something we need to continue and just maybe, once this Brexit malarkey is sorted, the Government can address the issues facing the countryside and help provide farmers with the necessary encouragement and incentives to help deal with the ailing honey bee and butterfly populations across the UK. It's not all rosy in the garden, plant pests and diseases are still continuing to grab our attention (see page 8), all we can do is plant diligently, keep abreast of the news and help encourage our British growers to grow great plants - not only for us but for our garden insect microclimate!



Chris

Enjoy your winter garden - whatever the weather!

SUMMER BULBS, DAHLIAS, ASPARAGUS AND POTATOES

All change in the Shop as the new season brings in new and exciting additions to our Summer Bulb range. There is nothing more wonderful or satisfying than a warm garden, full of colour. The secret is to plant a variety of bulbs which will last all summer, from Spring until late Summer. Bulbs are not just a spring thing; a wide selection of Summer flowering bulbs will be available in our main shop from the beginning of February. Summer-flowering bulbs take up very little space in the garden so you can squeeze a few into the fullest of borders.

For the best displays, a little forward planning is required. Begin to plant summer flowering bulbs, corms and tubers in borders and containers in spring, just as the weather starts to warm up. As a rule of thumb, most bulbs should be planted at three times their depth, but there are a few exceptions.

Some new bulbs to look out for include *Bessera elegans*, described best as a cross between a Fuchsia and Snowdrop! The corms are quite small, but this belies the truly spectacular displays that erupt from inside. Each one a lovely coral red colour, with a contrasting creamy centre, and often creamy stripes. Set between 5-10 bulbs per 25 cm pot, locate in a sunny spot and enjoy!



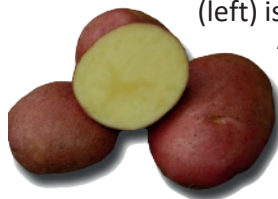
There are three splendid new Dahlias to add summer and autumn colour to our borders. 'Paso Doble' (£2.49, pictured left) is an anemone type dahlia and this excellent all-purpose variety has been recognised with the Royal Horticultural Society's Award of Garden Merit (AGM). It has pure white outer petals with a mass of bright yellow inner florets, and it is ideal for garden and patio use, and it is excellent for cutting. A new decorative Dahlia 'Red Rock' produces striking dark crimson blooms with white picotee

edging. These showy blooms range from 15-20cm (4-6 inches) across and adorn its green foliage like rubies. The final Dahlia to mention is indeed special as it is this year's Summer Bulb of the Year! Yes, *Dahlia 'Orfeo'* (pictured on the front cover) is a spectacular cactus flowered form with simply stunning fully double pointed purple-red blooms which turn backwards to create a tubular effect. This variety grows 1.2m (4ft) tall and 60cm (2ft) wide and is a real showstopper for your sunny borders. It, together with *Nerine bowdenii* and blue *Agapanthus* (Lily of the Nile) is on a Buy One Get One Free promotion.

New this season is a range of pre-pack bulbs and herbaceous plants aimed at attracting beneficial pollinators into the garden. Even better, they are also part of a 3 for 2 price offer! Species included in the offer are; *Allium oreophilum*, *Anemone 'St Brigid Mixed'*, *Eucomis bicolor* (pineapple lily), *Liatris spicata* (Blazing Star) and *Cosmos atrosanguineus*, the chocolate Cosmos.

Look out for our multi-buy offers on a wide range of summer bulbs including *Agapanthus* White, *Begonia 'Splendide Apricot'* and 'Mixed', a wide range of Dahlias, Gladioli, *Lilium regale* and 'Stargazer' (always very popular) and Lily of the Valley. These are £5.99 each or 3 for £15.00.

NEW MAIN CROP SPUDS There is nothing quite like growing your own crop of spuds, especially First and Second earlies which don't take up acres of space and you can even grow these in pots if space is short. 'Kingsman' (pictured right below) is a new early main crop potato variety which produces excellent yields. The oval tubers have a pale-yellow colour and an excellent flavour. The creamy floury flesh is perfect to make chips but is equally good for boiled, roasted, baked and mashed – a wonderful all rounder! It also has good disease resistance. Potato 'Mozart' (left) is another new variety for us this season.



Although it is a main crop variety it is also suitable for growing in containers. This red variety has yellow flesh and is a classic all rounder, suitable for all types of cooking, particularly mashing, chipping, baking or roasting. 'Mozart' only requires low levels of fertiliser input and it has the advantage of good pest



and disease resistance (including slugs).

PRE-PACK VEGGIES If you are planning to start an Asparagus bed then now is a good time to source your plants. Look for the pre-pack vegetable range in the shop and particularly the variety 'Connover's Colossal' (3 bare-root crowns for £2.49). This is a tried and trusted favourite going back to the 1880s and even has the RHS AGM to its name. Strong growing and fully flavoured, this Asparagus should start producing delicious spears in a couple of years time.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS Throughout winter we have been busy preparing for the exciting new season ahead. You may have noticed our stripy tunnel has been re-covered with a new light-diffusing polythene which scatters the light as it passes through the polythene. This enables the light to penetrate deeper in to the plants canopy, as it hits the plant from all angles not just from the direction of the sun. With no stripes it now needs a new name so one suggestion is the 'tiny tunnel'!

Elsewhere in the Shop we have plans afoot for changes in the Food Hall and Restaurant, so we'll keep you posted on these developments over the course of the next few months.



EVENLEY WOOD GARDEN SNOWDROP WEEKENDS

Over at Evenley Wood Garden, February is a very special time of year, writes Alison O'Hare. The wood is awakened with drifts of creamy white snowdrops set to lift spirits and embrace the beginning of a new season. Just a short drive from Buckingham this beautiful woodland garden re-opens to the public on 3rd February when they officially begin their Snowdrop Days.

There are over 80 varieties of these popular bulbs springing back into life throughout this 60 acre woodland haven. A few of these are rather special indeed. One such example was initially found amongst *Galanthus nivalis* 'Viridapice', having been singled out for its unusual markings and size. It has since been propagated and is now available to purchase as 'Timms Hill Poe', named after the late Timothy Whiteley. It was selected due to its larger size and stature when compared to a regular 'Hill Poe' which sadly no longer grows in these woods.



One of the most striking snowdrops in the garden is the double *Galanthus* 'Lady Elphinstone' (pictured left). 'Lady Elphinstone' is somewhat of an enigma. Although it is only supposed to have a yellow centre, out of a clump of 20 flowering snowdrops, only three will be yellow and the rest will be green! This is somewhat of a mystery as they are planted in various locations within the wood and in differing soil types, yet they still haven't managed to get completely yellow clumps. However this colour

variation does not divert from the beauty of this small double snowdrop. *G. 'Cedric's Prolific'* is another spectacular snowdrop that grows extremely well in the wood. This particular snowdrop started as a modest clump then almost doubled in size over 2 years. It was then divided and spread out. This larger clump has then doubled again, certainly living up to its name!

There really is nothing more impressive than being met by a carpet of white snowdrops, dancing and swaying in the wind.

Evenley Wood Garden's Snowdrop Days run daily from the 3rd – 28th February, with the café open at the weekends. The garden's opening season will extend right through to the end of December this year, offering a variety of stunning natural highlights and exciting events in between. Visit in March to see a vivid display of blue when the garden's 800m stream of *Scilla siberica* weaves its way along the paths and amidst the trees. Plenty of daffodils, rhododendrons, and magnolias also start to bloom, and in the summer an impressive collection of lilies and roses comes to life. Then, watch the



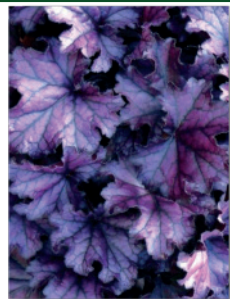
Evenley
Wood Garden

leaves change for autumn colour as the growing season begins to slow down. Pumpkins galore for Halloween and for the first time Evenley Wood Garden will be opening for two very special weekends in December where the holly will be glistening with a frosty covering. Open Air Foods will

remain in the pavilion every weekend throughout the season. Group tours are available by appointment. Opening times: 9:30am – 4pm. Admission: Adults £5 and Children £1. Closed on selected dates – please check the Garden's website before travelling. www.evenleywoodgarden.co.uk

WHAT WILL THE GARDENING TRENDS BE IN 2018?

A new year and the pundits like to have their say on what we might be tempted to buy this growing season. Colour trend-setters Pantone recently announced its Colour of the Year: Ultra Violet. Think 'deep purple' and very appropriate for the garden! Plant wise this can be beautifully matched by the likes of *Allium* 'Purple Sensation', *Fagus* 'Purple Fountain', *Heuchera* 'Forever Purple' (pictured right), *Malus* 'Aros' (purple foliage and fruit) and *Sarcococca* 'Purple Stem' for starters.



Using your garden as a retreat seems to be a popular angle suggesting that peace and quiet from noise may increase sales of wooden structures, including seated arbours, chalets and sheds. We have added Shire Garden Buildings to our Garden Centre website at this link <https://www.buckinghamgardencentre.co.uk/sheds> Visiting public gardens is becoming increasingly popular as people search for inspiration and planting ideas to take

away and use in their own garden. Between 2014 and 2016, gardens and country parks saw a 7% and 4% increase in visitor numbers respectively.

The National Garden Scheme includes over 3,700 privately-owned gardens in England and Wales that are open to the public, and the proceeds raised are used to support nursing charities throughout the country. In 2017 nearly 700,000 members of the public visited gardens that range from stately homes to smaller gardens, allotments and schools. An increasing trend is for entire villages to open up their gardens on a specified day. Plan your visits locally and further afield by logging on to their website www.ngs.org.uk



Despite the unpredictable weather, Brits remain keen to enjoy their garden as much as possible by transforming it into a functional extension of the home and even embracing a Mediterranean-inspired lifestyle. Demand for luxury garden products that can be used for leisure, entertaining and dining will continue, with sales of outdoor furniture, barbecues, fire bowls (pictured left) and accessories set to increase 3-4% annually over the next three years. Look out for our new range of Weber BBQ's and accessories this spring!

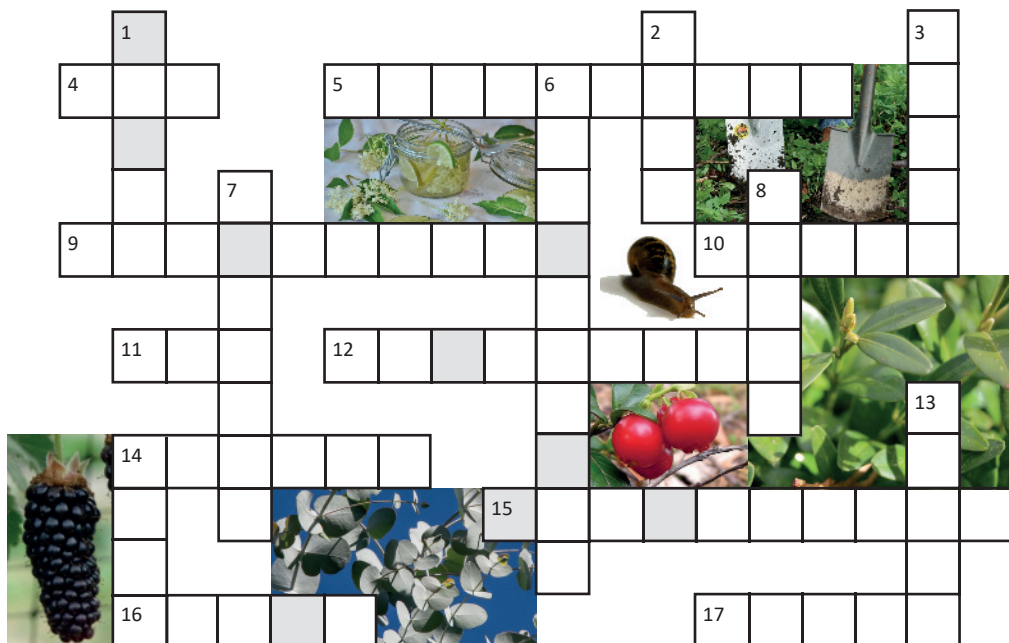
The continued rise in smaller garden space in new builds is seeing better use of space. Gardeners are looking for innovative products that allow them to plant more

in a confined area. Containers, planters and vertical gardening will continue to be popular. Gardeners are increasingly keen on natural fertilisers and seaweed products so they could become more popular this year. Seaweed products are a good source of potassium, magnesium and trace elements and are useful for organic gardeners wishing to avoid synthetic fertilisers or fertilisers made from animal products. Seaweed and seaweed fertilisers are usually from a sustainable, renewable resource - check out our range of Maxicrop products in the Shop.



PUZZLE CORNER - OUR JANUARY/FEBRUARY CROSSWORD!

Would you like to win a £25 Buckingham Garden Centre Gift Voucher? Enter our crossword competition below. Use the clues to fill in the answers. Take the letters from the shaded boxes which form an anagram of a popular native hedging plant.



ACROSS

4. Cornus also known as ___ wood? (3)
5. The Royal Estate gardens hold the National Collection of these fruits (10)
9. RootGrow® is a friendly form of this fungi? (10)
10. Hosta enemy? (5)
11. Which Lingonberry variety can you grow in the UK? (3)
12. Favourite Beatles' rose perhaps? (5,4)
14. Well-rotted ____ (5)
15. A local Tayberry? (10)
16. Latin name for heather (5)
17. 'Christmas Pippin', 'Katy' and 'Surprize' are all dessert forms of this fruit? (5)

DOWN

1. A prickly large evergreen shrub or small tree famed for its berries? (5)
2. 'Aros', 'Golden Hornet' and 'Rudolph' are well-known forms of ___ apple? (4)
3. Latin name for box (5)
6. Fast growing evergreen tree from Down Under? (10)
7. The Geranium voted RHS Flower of the Century (7)
8. Both flowers and berries are widely used to make delicious wines, cordials and teas? (5)
13. Essential tool for planting? (5)
14. English ____, aromatic herb (4)

Once you have solved the anagram, send the plant name you have discovered by e-mail to competitions@buckingham-nurseries.co.uk with subject line "January crossword" or post your entry to January Crossword Competition, Buckingham Garden Centre, Tingewick Road, Buckingham, MK18 4AE. Closing date 28th February 2018. The answers to the last newsletter's crossword are available on the online version of this newsletter, which can be found on our website.

A TIME TO PLANT: BARE-ROOT, PLUGS, HELLEBORES & BULBS

The winter has been relatively kind so far, therefore many of you will be up to date with your plantings, however if you are planning to establish some new bare-root material then it is crucial you work with the weather over the next few weeks. Do check out our range of bare-root hedging, fruit trees, soft fruit and ornamental trees at our website www.hedging.co.uk

Our full range of potted bulbs is also available now in both 9cm and larger 1-litre pots. Select from a wide range of bulbous beauties including *Eranthis hyemalis* (Winter Aconites, pictured right), Snowdrops, Crocus, Narcissi and Tulips. You can get these established in existing planters or fill in gaps in borders to provide a welcome splash of spring colour relatively cheaply. To add even more colour don't forget to work in a few winter hardy violas and pansies or some of the new Primula hybrids available now.



The changing seasons are perfectly highlighted with the arrival in mid-February of our Kinder Garden Plug Plants (pictured left). You can dream about creating those



delightful hanging baskets and pots with our range of tender annuals and perennials, including Bush and Basket Fuchsias, trailing Ivy-Leafed Pelargoniums, Hybrid Pelargoniums, Begonias, Lobelia, Petunia as well as foliage and flowering trailing plants such as Nepeta and Bacopa. You'll need some multi-purpose compost, growing pots and carry trays to grow your plants in, all available in our Shop.

One of the best winter interest plants to grace our display beds through the winter months are the delightful and colourful Lenten Rose or Hellebores.

There are new ranges coming available this winter so look out for them on your next visit. A few notables include *Helleborus ballardiae* 'HGC Pink Frost' which represents a breakthrough in Heuger's breeding, *H. 'HGC Pink Frost'* (right) is an incredibly vigorous, heavily budded selection that blooms from late January into March. It produces loads of burgundy buds which open to 5-8cm (2-3in), two-tone pink and white, outward-facing flowers. As the flowers age, their colour deepens to burgundy.



These beautiful blossoms are presented atop the upright clump of green, serrated foliage with a silvery sheen and red petioles. This season we will be stocking more of the Rodney Davey's hellebores, bred by Rodney Davey at his and



Lynda Windsor's nursery in Tytherleigh in Devon. It took Rodney 12 years to achieve his goal of raising a red-flowered hellebore with marbled leaves. First of all he had to create the mother plant, painstakingly transferring pollen from one hellebore to another in the hope that at least a few of the seedlings raised from the cross would carry the characteristics he was looking for. When finally he was satisfied with the mother he had created, he started on the next round of crosses, using the pollen from several different hellebores. For years he sowed the seeds that resulted from this second round of crosses, putting the best to the best, but in each batch of a thousand seedlings, he rarely kept more than two to grow on. His passion and commitment

finally paid off and the variety 'Anna's Red' (pictured left) was born together with a whole range of other colours. You'll see all his stunning marbled Hellebores are marked with 'Rodney Davey Marbled Group' on the label.

UK UNDER THREAT FROM 'GAME CHANGING' XYLELLA

"Gardeners should buy British plants to avoid a killer foreign bacteria which is due to hit UK gardens next year", the Royal Horticulture Society (RHS) has warned. This sentence resonated across many of the newspapers last month as the UK comes to grips with a bacterial pest *Xylella fastidiosa*, which restricts water movement in the stems of the plants (see photo below right) causing their eventual death. It has caused widespread problems on the continent, wiping out entire groves of ancient olive trees in Italy. It has not arrived in the UK - yet.



As a Garden Centre and Nursery we are deeply concerned that this pest could arrive in the UK on imported plants, threatening traditional British gardens. As a company we are being diligent with all our suppliers, but the onus is not just on us, all plants purchased in good faith as tourist souvenirs could also pose a more serious threat to our UK plant health. All imported plants require by law a Plant Passport (so they can be traced to the primary grower), so these plants will have been scrutinised and checked prior to export. Our concern lies with opportunist holiday makers unwittingly bringing in affected plants with little or no knowledge of this disease - and more worryingly - without any plant passport credentials. We would like to see the government actively promoting this disease to help get the message across that we don't want to see Xylella enter by "the back door".

To get a better idea of how this disease is different from others, here's a few facts to help give a greater understanding of what to look out for together with its effects ...

- Unlike most pests and diseases which target specific plants, Xylella can hit more than 350 different types of plant, with garden favourites such as Lavender, Hebe, Olives, Rosemary, British Oaks, Elms and Flowering Cherry at high risk.
- Originally from North and South America, it is thought to have arrived in Europe on imported plants in 2013, spreading to Corsica, Germany, France, Spain and the Balearic Islands.
- The disease can be transmitted by insects (including froghoppers and leafhoppers which leave 'cuckoo spit' white frothy blobs on the leaves), making its spread easier, and infected plants can show no symptoms, or exhibit ones that look like other issues such as drought or frost damage. This of course makes it difficult to identify.
- It hit a million trees in Italy, causing olive oil shortages last year.



The recommendation from the RHS is that gardeners and the horticulture industry should "future-proof" gardens by purchasing plants that are UK-sourced and grown (or only relevant stock with correct Plant Passport credentials), maintaining varied planting in gardens and report potential cases of the disease to the Environment Department (Defra). "Xylella is in a bit of a class of its own, because it kills plants, has insect vectors and such a broad host range".

The European Commission approved greater protections against the spread of Xylella, after Environment Secretary Michael Gove urged Brussels to bring in tougher measures including more checks on high-risk plants as they move between countries. But RHS head of plant health Gerard Clover warned it was probably only a matter of time before it spreads to the UK. Thanks for reading this and let's embrace the clear message that we definitely don't want Xylella in the UK.

BOOK REVIEW: LADY BY CHRISTOPHER HAYES-BROWN

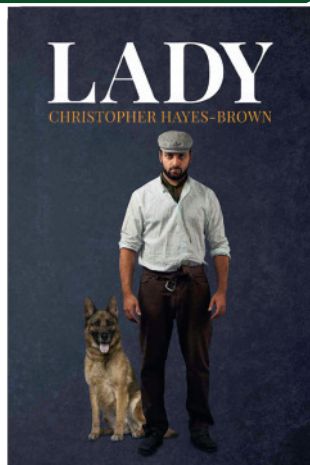
Lady by Christopher Hayes-Brown. Christopher is a regular and loyal customer to the Garden Centre, writes Chris Day, and when he spoke to me about his writing project a few years ago, his mission was simple and direct, to help raise awareness of his work with cancer charities through his love and passion of dogs. Christopher has adopted many dogs from the Oxford Animal Sanctuary over the past 30 years. He is keen on wildlife conservation and also has a love of orchids. *Lady* is a dog by the way, and this is the title of his first novel - we are promised more books in the future.

Here's the synopsis ... On his eighteenth birthday David is given a six-month-old German Shepherd puppy, and immediately a bond is formed between David and *Lady*, as he calls her. They become inseparable, working together on the family farm in Yorkshire. It is, however, 1944, and the country is still engaged in World War Two so it is only a short time before David receives his call up papers to fight for his country. He wants to do his duty but is worried about leaving *Lady* behind, but then discovers he is able to enlist her as a guard dog to work alongside him. Although the Germans are in retreat there is still fierce fighting and David, along with *Lady*, is taken as a prisoner of war. Whilst in the camp *Lady* offers comfort to the internees, and is even a link between the internees and the German guards, and the bond between her and David becomes even stronger. This bond, indeed love, for each other makes them even more inseparable right to the very end.

Our thoughts: As a fan of animal books, such as Michael Morpurgo's *War Horse* I was quickly immersed into the story of *Lady*. The narrative is beautifully simple and you are taken on a journey. However, it is so provocative to the history which surrounds it and the human interaction which it explores - it is a book that finishes far too quickly. This book has heart and you feel for David and his relationship with *Lady*. All too often novels are immersed in too much detail, however the stripped

back appeal of *Lady* works on many levels. At the back of the book is a gallery of mainly dog photos belonging to Christopher and his family. Interestingly, Layla, a German Shepherd (pictured below) and perhaps the inspiration behind the book, has been immortalised by the

name of a new *Cymbidium* 'Layla Troy' (pictured left with Christopher). This stunning orchid was bred by Christopher and he has had the seal of approval by orchid experts and it's name has been registered with the Royal Horticultural Society. *Lady* is published by Austin Macauley Publishers. The book is available through Amazon at this link <http://amzn.to/2Ds7ZE8>



ANNOUNCING OUR CHOSEN CHARITY OF 2018

We're excited to officially announce that we'll be supporting the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) as our 2018 Charity of the Year!

One of 47 Wildlife Trusts throughout the UK, BBOWT brings people and nature together to protect our environment.

Working with more than 1,400 volunteers, BBOWT looks after over 80 nature reserves, four education centres and runs hundreds of amazing events each year.

Founded in 1959 (as the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Naturalist Trust – BBONT), the Trust was set up by local ecologists who could see the extent of harm being done to the wonderfully rich natural environment of the three counties. For more than 55 years the Trust has worked with local people to make Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, and Oxfordshire rich in wildlife.

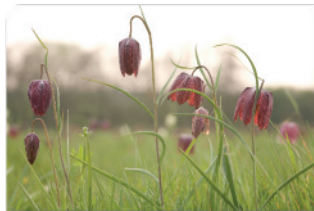
From the management of nature reserves to inspiring the next generation, even introducing a bursary scheme so that children from underprivileged backgrounds have the opportunity to experience nature, the work of the trust is as valuable as it is diverse. BBOWT aims to help people

recognise their dependence upon nature, and its value to their physical and mental wellbeing.

We believe that everyone can make a positive difference to their local environment, so join us in supporting BBOWT and be part of nature's recovery!

We'll be announcing talks from experts at Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust shortly. We'll have literature and details available at the Garden Centre together with video information and leaflets available in the main Foyer.

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A MASSIVE 'THANK YOU' FOR HELPING THRIVE IN 2017

Throughout 2017 we actively promoted and fund raised for **THRIVE**, a national charity that uses gardening to bring about positive changes in the lives of people who are living with disabilities or ill health, or are isolated, disadvantaged or vulnerable. People at **THRIVE** develop new skills, learn about food growing and what is good and healthy to eat; they become fitter and boost their confidence because of their new-found knowledge. Some go on to use this knowledge and get a City and Guilds qualification in horticulture which **THRIVE** offers. The charity also helps them look for volunteering or work opportunities when their time with **THRIVE** comes to an end. This is a truly proactive charity with a fantastic 'can-do' philosophy.

We have raised £1,626.52 for **THRIVE** over the past twelve months through a donation of 10p for every Herb plant we sold, also through Raffles at our Event Days, our Foyer Wishing Well and using collection tins in the Restaurant and Tills. We of course couldn't have done this without you - our customers - so a Big Thank You.



WHAT'S ON

EVERY SUNDAY Between 10am-4pm you can stock up on your fresh vegetables and fruit with Peter Miller and also purchase a superb range of competitively priced fresh meat and poultry from Lee of Crawley's Family Butchers from Brickhill.

SATURDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2018, GRAFT AND GROW DAY Our apple scion wood exchange, grafting demonstrations and vegetable growing day will feature members of The Mid Shire Orchard Group offering an opportunity to swap scion (apple varieties) from wide and far and get them grafted (for a small charge), plus expert vegetable growing advice from members of the local National Vegetable Society. Details can be found on our Events page on the website www.buckinghamgardencentre.co.uk



SATURDAY 10th and SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY The Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust will be joining us in the main Foyer from 10am - 4pm (see facing page for full details).

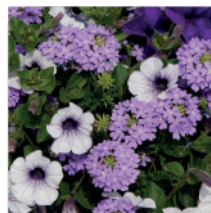


SATURDAY 3rd - WEDNESDAY 28th FEBRUARY Evenley Wood Garden's Snowdrop Days with the café open at the weekends. Group tours are available by appointment. Opening times: 9:30am - 4pm. Admission: Adults £5 and Children £1. Closed on selected dates – before travelling please check on the website www.evenleywoodgarden.co.uk

WEDNESDAY 7th MARCH Join us for an **ORCHID DAY** in the company of the 'Orchid Master' Peter White. Peter is President of the British Orchid Society and President of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance. His no-nonsense advice will be available from 11am onwards with Orchid MOT's until 3.45pm. There will be a couple of Orchid talks, the first at 11.00-11.40am in the Shop. The second talk will begin at 4pm in the Talks Room in the Restaurant, as part of our Garden Centre talks programme, and will last approx 45 minutes with time for questions afterwards. To book a seat for the later session call us on 01280 822133. Garden Club Members free, £3 for non-members.



WEDNESDAY 11th APRIL at 4pm Colour is the key essential in every garden and this talk - Twelve Months Of Colour - covers a whole range of garden worthy plants that can do just that – provide fabulous foliage, flowers, stem, leaf and berry colour for year-round interest and enjoyment. Chris Day also looks at how colour can excite the senses, and looks at the current trends gardeners need to be considering for their pots, baskets and borders. See above for details on location and how to book. Garden Club Members free, £3 for non-members.



SPECIAL GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS OFFER COUPONS

XL VALUE BULB PACKS £5.99 PER PACK 3 FOR £15.00

GARDEN CARD MEMBERS RECEIVE ADDITIONAL DISCOUNT. OFFER SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY



PLANT OF THE MONTH: JANUARY

MAHONIA JAPONICA

Normally £9.99 each

Garden Club Members' Price:

£4.99

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PLANT OF THE MONTH: FEBRUARY

SARCOCOCCA RUSCIFOLIA

Normally £10.99 each

Garden Club Members' Price:

£5.99

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PLANT OF THE MONTH: MARCH

FORSYTHIA 'GOLDZAUER'

Normally £11.99 each

Garden Club Members' Price:

£5.99

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