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# NEWSLETTER

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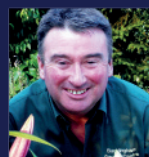
Latest shop news and products, Growing Horseradish and making Horseradish Sauce, Medical Detection Dogs Final Total, Thrive Charity Update, Top Tips For A Healthy Garden, Snowdrops, What's on and our Garden Visits in 2017.

The New Year is, for many, the start of the new gardening season. A time to re-focus on our plans, aspirations and resolutions for our plots. The problem is often simply finding the time to arrange, organise and create a plan of action! Well, you are not alone and in a world so fast moving it's actually quite comforting that gardens, gardening and plants allow us to make measured decisions under our own regime of time, effort and accomplishments.

We are planning some rather special garden visits this year, including the amazing Kew Gardens and the National Trust garden at Biddulph Grange - perfect escapes to see how horticulture works for others. For details see page 11 and we hope you can join us on some of these visits.

Improving our skills as novice and advanced gardeners is something our Garden Talks try to help you with and this spring we are running our first 'Spring Propagation Course' so you can benefit from some hands-on experience. More Courses including Summer Pruning hopefully will follow to help widen knowledge and understanding of developing these new skills.

Finally, as we celebrate Snowdrops at Evenley Wood, we also say a sad farewell to the Evenley Wood Garden creator, Timothy Whiteley. Tim spoke to our gardening club many times and with his passion, knowledge and connection with plants he will be sorely missed.



Enjoy your late winter garden - whatever the weather!

Chris

## SHOP UPDATE: CANDLES, SPUDS & A NEW COURSE

**ONE POTATO, TWO POTATOES** We have some new seed potato varieties added to our already extensive range this season. The first of these is a second early variety called 'British Queen'. This variety has the coveted Royal Horticultural Society's Award of Garden Merit. 'British Queen' is over 100 years old and still highly prized for its yield, shape, floury texture and delicious flavour. Interestingly, 'British Queen' is Ireland's favourite summer crop variety. The oval, white skinned, floury-fleshed tubers make excellent general purpose potatoes and are rather good for roasting. Another new second Early is 'Elfe' (pictured right). The tuber has smooth, creamy and bright yellow skin and is best suited to boiling, baking and mashing, which together with their sweet taste makes them very versatile. If you are looking for a couple of new main crop varieties then we have 'Innovator'. Described as a new Russet variety, it brings early maturity, high yields and enhanced disease resistance to blights and soil borne diseases. The variety 'Innovator', created from parents of American and Dutch origin, brings together the best of both worlds. It is an excellent good flavoured variety for boiling, baking and chips. Finally 'Record' is a main crop variety and is a multi-purpose cooking variety. It has yellow brown skin with white to yellow coloured flesh. It has a dry and floury texture, with a good taste.



**GARDEN LIFE - THE LIGHTER WAY TO GARDEN** Do you enjoy gardening but struggle to manoeuvre heavy implements? Well, this new range of garden tools from Kent & Stowe may be the answer offering the quality and strength of a traditional tool but in a slightly smaller size and without the weight. Ideal for ladies, young gardeners or those suffering with restricted movement, mobility or arthritic difficulties, or those who simply prefer a lighter tool. The high quality stainless steel head and beautiful Ash Wood handle of the spade and the fork





are designed to give maximum comfort in a more compact tool. The range includes a Digging Spade, Border Fork, Hand Trowel and Fork, Rake, Dutch Hoe and Three-Prong Cultivator. All are backed by Kent & Stowe's 15 Year Guarantee. Check out the range in the main shop.



**SPRING INTO SUMMER** Pre-pack summer bulbs such as Begonias, Dahlias, Gladioli as well as the more exotic Cannas, Freesia and Zantedeschia ('Picasso' pictured) are now in stock. Look out for the special multi-buy offers!



**PLUG PLANTS APLENTY** We always get a tad excited when the young Kinder Garden plug plants arrive in mid-February. Not only does it mean spring is just around the corner, but it's also a good opportunity to enjoy the first re-potting and potting on of the growing season! We are expecting a full range of Pelargoniums (upright and trailing varieties), Fuchsias (bush, basket and hardy varieties) as well a fantastic range of foliage and flowering hanging basket and patio plants perfect for furnishing your own displays this summer.



**ROOT CANDLES** You may have noticed a new name in our gift department - Root Candles. This long established American (1869) company are now becoming popular in the UK. The key to their products is innovative ideas, aesthetic enhancements and the highest standards of quality. Each Root candle is carefully handcrafted using processes mastered through five generations of the Roots family's craftsmanship combined

with the latest in manufacturing technologies. All Root Candles are manufactured with 100% natural beeswax, processed without chemicals or bleach. The results are pure and simple: Root Candles are highly regarded for complex bouquets of subtle fragrances and sophisticated colour palettes, important factors for discerning candle lovers. We think you'll agree with this.

**SPRING PROPAGATION COURSE** We are running a new half-day Spring Propagation Course on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March with local horticulturist and gardening consultant Clare Price. Clare will guide you through the techniques of propagation and you will be rewarded with new plants. Learn how to save money and create lots of newly propagated plants from this inspiring propagation course. The 3 hour workshop will help you to understand the best techniques to sow a variety of seeds and to get the best results from taking cuttings. There will be several demonstrations and opportunities to put your learning in to practice and to take home some of your samples to grow on back home. The course starts at 9:30am with a PowerPoint presentation and then we get on with practical sessions from 10:15am through until 12:30pm when the course finishes. We will be supplying all the plant material, propagation sundries and equipment you will need. All you need to do is come along and take part in what will be informative, instructional and fun.



We have only 15 places available, so it will be on a first come first served basis, however we plan to run another session if numbers allow on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April, running to the same morning schedule as the 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Later in the year we are planning two further courses - a Summer Pruning Workshop (July) and Autumn Propagation Course (October). The cost for our Garden Club Members is £35.00 and this includes refreshments throughout the morning. The cost to non-members would be £38.00.

## MEDICAL DETECTION DOGS NEWS & FINAL DONATION TOTAL



We would like to take a little space in this Newsletter to thank all our customers who have donated their money during last year in various ways towards our last year's charity of the year Medical Detection Dogs. When we added it all up the total we had given in cash and equipment came to £3,718.89. A token cheque was presented to Medical Detection Dogs Chief Operating Officer Daniel Howard (pictured with Pauline and Kiwi).

We are still in close contact with Medi-Dogs as two of their Bio Detection dogs, Kiwi and Lexi, are fostered by the Garden Centre partners Pauline and Richard and these dogs are often at the Garden Centre.

As many of those reading this are keen gardeners we set out below an appeal Medical Detection Dogs have at present. If anyone has a few hours to spare we would urge them to consider volunteering.

Finally, the charity is looking for volunteer gardeners for The Memorial Garden at the Medical Detection Dogs HQ in Great Horwood. This garden offers the staff, volunteers and visitors a quiet place in which to sit, reflect and enjoy the lovely peaceful space. If you have a passion for gardening and enjoy being outdoors, and want to share your interest thereby making a meaningful contribution then this role is for you! If you are interested in volunteering at all for this gardening role then contact Medical Detection Dogs, 3 Millfields, Greenway Business Park, Winslow Road, Great Horwood, Milton Keynes MK17 0NP or call the charity on 01296 655888. Thank you.

Supporting

**Medical  
Detection Dogs**

Registered charity in England and Wales no: 1124533  
and in Scotland no: SC044434



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Patron: HRH The Duchess of Cornwall  
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**Volunteer Role  
Gardener**

The Memorial Garden at Medical Detection Dogs headquarters in Buckinghamshire, offers our staff, volunteers and visitors a quiet place to sit, reflect and enjoy the lovely peaceful space. If you have a passion for gardening, enjoy being outdoors, and want to share your interest to make a meaningful contribution, then this role is for you!

**Time – Flexible**

**Location:** At Medical Detection Dogs, which is based at 3 Millfield, Greenway Business Park, Winslow Road, Great Horwood, Milton Keynes, MK17 0NP

**What does the role involve?**

- Involved in planting, pruning, establishing boundaries
- Planting and maintaining horticultural displays
- Creating and maintaining wildlife gardens
- Maintaining garden furniture and bespoke centre pieces
- You may be approached by visitors, staff, volunteers who will ask you questions about the garden and look for advice on general gardening tips
- Keep up to date with news and information

**What skills or experience are required?**

- Good communication skills
- You must be reasonably fit to carry out this role
- Have a can-do attitude
- The ability to recognise your own limitations
- Passion for gardening
- Friendly and outgoing with the ability to work on your own, and within the team
- Appropriate gardening footwear and clothing is necessary

**Benefits for you**

- Become a valued and integral part of Medical Detection Dogs
- Meet new people and have fun
- An opportunity to show your enthusiasm for volunteering
- Great opportunity to share your love for Horticulture
- An opportunity to take on a rewarding new challenge
- It can be a route to employment, or career change

**Support and Training**

- Induction process
- Regular and ongoing support from Medical Detection Dogs
- Payment of out of pocket expenses
- All plants, seeds and garden equipment will be provided
- There will be staff on-site so you will always be able to access support in your role
- Invitation to Demo day

## ENJOY YOUR EDIBLES - GROW IT AND USE IT



There is nothing like the flavour of Horseradish sauce to liven up your roast beef, steak tartare or as a garnish for your fish dish, so here are a few useful things you need to know about growing this useful herb!

### HOW TO GROW

Let's make no mistake this plant grows large and really needs to be restricted otherwise it's likely to smother other plants in the immediate vicinity! To establish a new crop plant in March – either by planting bare-root roots (available as a pre-pack from Taylors, £2.49 for two roots) or you can buy individual plants (9cm pots at £1.99 each, from spring onwards).

Allow 60cm (2ft) between plants and make a decent planting hole - 15cm (6in) deep to accept the new root section or the usual planting depth for pots. The soil should be well worked and add some planting compost or well-rotted manure to give the plants a head start.

In October or early November lift all the plants and use the larger ones in the kitchen and retain the smaller ones for re-planting in the spring.

### HORSERADISH SAUCE\*

1 tablespoon (18ml) of freshly grated Horseradish  
½ teaspoon (2.5ml) Granulated Sugar  
1 tablespoon (18ml) Vinegar  
½ pint (284ml) White Sauce  
1 tablespoon (18ml) Single Cream (Elmlea is perfect!)  
A pinch of English mustard - homemade preferably



### METHOD

Put all the ingredients into a bowl and beat up well with a fork.

This sauce keeps for some time if put into a corked bottle or screw top jar.

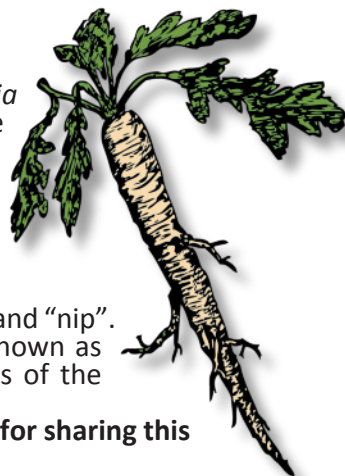
Extra Horseradish may be added if liked extra hot.

Roots store well in the freezer if cleaned and washed and cut into 3-4in (8-10cm) pieces. Larger pieces should be cut into approx ¼in (6.35mm) sticks. Double wrap and put in a freezer, take out as required.

### DID YOU KNOW...?

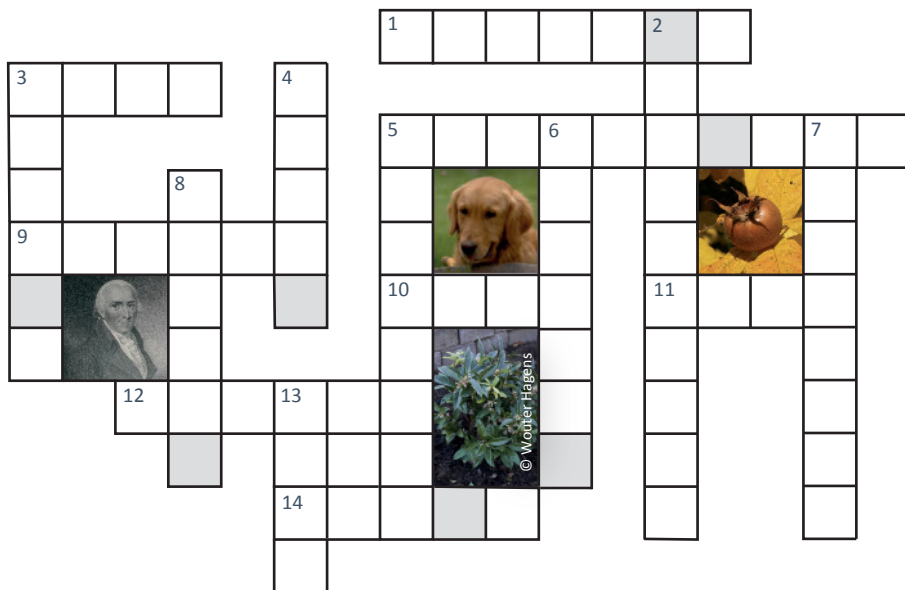
- Horseradish (*Armoracia rusticana*, syn. *Cochlearia armoracia*) is a perennial plant of the Brassicaceae family (which also includes Mustard, Wasabi, Broccoli, and Cabbage)
- Sales of bottled horseradish began in 1860, making it one of the first convenience foods.
- In the American South, horseradish was rubbed on the forehead to relieve headaches!
- Horseradish is added to some pickles to add firmness and “nip”.
- Before being named ‘Horseradish’, the plant was known as ‘Redcole’ in England and as ‘Stingnose’ in some parts of the United States.

\* Our special thanks to Patrick Quartly from Winslow for sharing this recipe with us.



## PUZZLE CORNER

Up for a challenge? Would you like to win a £25 Buckingham Garden Centre Garden Gift Voucher? Then why not have a go at our crossword competition below. Use the clues to fill in the answers and then take the letters from each of the shaded boxes which will make up an anagram of a popular cherry variety.



### ACROSS

1. Underground stem, such as that of the bearded iris (7)
3. Britain's favourite flower (4)?
5. Small leaved scented evergreen flowering now (*bottom middle photo*) (10)
9. The Garden Centre's chosen charity for 2017 (6)
10. Young tree
11. Now is the perfect time to plant a bare \_\_\_\_ 10 across (4)
12. Would you want to mess about with this fruit (*top right photo*)? (6)
14. 'Fiesta', 'Laxton' and 'Scrumptious' are all popular varieties of this fruit (5)

### DOWN

2. The main ingredient in Rootgrow (11)
3. Humphry \_\_\_\_\_, English landscape designer (*bottom left photo*) (6)
4. TV Gardener Monty Don's four legged senior side kick (*top middle photo*) (5)
5. Galanthus are more commonly known as? (8)
6. You can do this with Hazel, Willow and Dogwoods and they benefit from it! (7)
7. The technical term for sprouting seed potatoes(8)
8. Useful tool to help transplant young seedlings (6)
13. A soil with roughly equal proportions of sand, silt, and clay

Once you have solved the anagram, send the variety of cherry you have discovered by e-mail to [competitions@buckingham-nurseries.co.uk](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup> February.



## THRIVE - OUR CHOSEN CHARITY FOR 2017



The letter below appeared in the January 2017 edition of *The Garden*, and as it is so relevant to our Charity of the Year 2017 we thought it worth reproducing. During the year we shall be trying to raise money for **THRIVE**, but we hope we may also encourage some of our keen gardening readers to actually offer their services as volunteers for the charity. If you are at all tempted to get in touch with them to see what it would involve.

### Therapeutic Gardening

*Since joining the RHS as a mature student in 2015, and through my studies in Social and Therapeutic Horticulture (STH) I have been interested in references in The Garden to gardening as therapy. I was not surprised at the reports of physical, mental and social benefits. As Nicola Stoken says (Comment, June 2015): 'There is nothing new about the idea of gardening as therapy'. Indeed, the modern-day version of STH is grounded both on a long-held understanding of the people-plant connection and on modern theories and models of occupational therapy which recognise that 'meaningful activity' such as gardening is important for health and wellbeing.*

*I have been surprised that little mention has been made of the many therapeutic gardening charities and projects in the UK and beyond. These use STH to support people with physical disabilities, mental illness, autism, post-traumatic stress disorder, dementia and more, to gain improved health and wellbeing through gardening. These projects have wonderful, positive and inspiring stories to tell of the achievements of their clients and the successes of therapeutic gardening.*

*I encourage all gardeners, whether novice or experienced, if you also have an interest in people and some spare time, to seek out your local STH project and ask if it would welcome the support of a garden volunteer. You will see the therapeutic benefits for the clients you support as well as feeling them for yourself.*

*Clare Farley, Oxfordshire.*

In each newsletter we hope to be able to impart more information of the work carried out by the charity. **THRIVE** don't have a garden project any nearer than Reading, but their Information Service is available to everyone wherever they are.

[www.thrive.org.uk/information-service.aspx](http://www.thrive.org.uk/information-service.aspx)

Through their Information Service, they offer free support and advice on all aspects of social and therapeutic horticulture. Anyone wanting help can call on 0118 988 5688, email [info@thrive.org.uk](mailto:info@thrive.org.uk) or visit [www.carryongardening.org.uk](http://www.carryongardening.org.uk)

**THRIVE** can help, if you:

- are looking for a place at a garden project for yourself or somebody else.
- want to know how to make gardening easier for yourself.
- are looking to volunteer at a garden project.
- are seeking more information because you are working at or involved in a project.

**THRIVE** do also train Social & Horticultural Therapists - courses are run in various locations around the UK. Anyone interested in finding out about training can contact at the details above. **THRIVE** estimate that for every professional practitioner trained, they will reach at least six disabled or disadvantaged people each year.



# SEVEN WAYS TO KEEP YOUR GARDEN HEALTHY IN 2017

We get asked so many gardening questions in the Plant Info Office over the course of the year ranging from the caring of newly planted stock, to identifying pests and diseases usually transported to us in a variety of plastic bags and envelopes to the usual "What can I spray my Begonia or Tomato plant with?" However, as we are all aware the availability of chemicals to control many

pests and diseases is becoming an issue as chemicals and their active ingredients are being removed from the market with no suitable replacements in sight.

So, let us look at how in 2017 you can keep your garden healthier and one of the most mystifying things that can happen in your garden is when a plant gets a disease. How did it happen? Will it spread? Will all my plants die? How can I get rid of it? The most important thing to understand about disease prevention is something called the disease triangle (pictured). Disease can only happen when three things coincide: you have a plant that can get sick (a host), a pathogen (like a fungus, bacterium, or virus) that can attack the plant, and environmental conditions (like humidity or drought) that promote the disease. If any one of these things is not present, the disease will not happen, so prevention involves knocking out at least one side of the triangle. Rather than waiting for a problem to pop up in your garden, consider the best defence against disease to be a good option and here are a few.

## Disease Triangle

For any plant disease to happen, three factors must be present and conducive for disease.

1. the Host - Consider what is its condition resistance, predisposed, or age?

2. the Pathogen - What is the condition of the pathogen, virulence, dominant, population? What environmental conditions does it require?

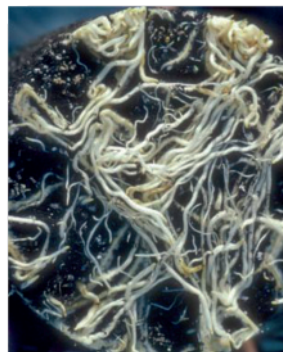
3. the Environment - The environmental conditions include:

- For foliar diseases - moisture & temperature
- For soil diseases - temperature, pH, compaction (plant health, O<sub>2</sub>), texture for nematodes



**1. Check your plants carefully before buying** The easiest way to limit disease in your garden is to avoid introducing it in the first place. Getting a disease with a new plant is not the kind of bonus that any of us wants. One of the hardest things to learn is what a healthy plant should look like, making it difficult to know if the one you want is sick.

It is a good idea to collect a few books, magazines, and catalogues that show what a healthy specimen looks like. Don't take home a plant with dead spots, rotted stems, or insects. These problems can easily spread to your healthy plants and are sometimes hard to get rid of once established. Inspect the roots. Dark or mushy roots are often not a good sign. Even when the tops appear healthy, it's just a matter of time before a rotted root system kills a plant.



**2. Use fully composted waste** Not all materials in a compost pile decompose at the same rate. Some materials may have degraded sufficiently to be put in the garden, while others have not. Thorough composting generates high temperatures for extended lengths of time, which actually kill any pathogens in the material. Infected plant debris that has not undergone this process will reintroduce potential diseases into your garden. If you are not sure of the conditions of your compost pile, you should avoid using composted waste as mulch under sensitive plants and avoid including possibly infected debris in your compost bin.



**3. Keep an eye out for bugs** Insect damage to plants is much more than cosmetic. Viruses and bacteria often can only enter a plant through some sort of opening, and bug damage provides that. Some insects actually act as a transport for viruses, spreading them from one plant to the next. Aphids (pictured left) are one of the most common carriers, and Thrips spread impatiens necrotic spot virus, which has become a serious problem for commercial producers over the past 10 years. Aster yellows is a disease carried by leaf-hoppers and has a huge range of host plants. Insect attacks are another way to put a plant under stress, rendering it less likely to fend off disease.



**4. Apply the correct fertiliser** You need to take care when fertilising plants since too much of any fertiliser can burn roots, reducing their ability to absorb water. This, in turn, makes the plants more susceptible to stress from drought, cold, and heat. Plants starved of nutrients are smaller and can be badly affected by leaf spots, while a stronger plant can fight off the diseases. An overabundance of a particular nutrient is another way to put stress on a plant.



**5. Plant disease-resistant varieties** Disease-resistant plants are those that might get sick with a particular problem but will fight off the disease instead of succumbing to it. For instance, some tomatoes are highlighted as “VFN resistant,” which means the tomato variety is resistant to the fungi Verticillium and Fusarium and to Nematodes. Do check the seed packets when selecting your varieties for this information. Remember we can help you identify the best or most resistant varieties of many plants; however reference books, specific web pages and catalogues may also list plants and varieties resistant to particular diseases.



**6. Prune damaged stems at the right time** Trimming trees and shrubs in late winter is better than waiting until spring, apart from the Prunus (Cherry) family when summer pruning is a must. Wounded limbs can become infected over the winter; allowing disease to become established when the plant is dormant. For other plants late winter pruning prevents disease from spreading to new growth. Always use sharp tools to make clean cuts that heal rapidly, and make sure to cut back to healthy, living tissue.

**7. Water properly** Watering your garden is a good thing, but since many diseases need water just as much as plants do, how you go about it makes a big difference. Many diseases in the soil and air need water to move, grow, and reproduce. To avoid giving these diseases an environment they love, choose watering methods that limit moisture on a plant’s foliage. Soaker hoses and drip irrigation accomplish this. If you are watering by hand, hold the leaves out of the way as you water the roots. Check out our range of Soaker Hose Kits - 15m and 25m. [www.hedging.co.uk/acatalog/Index\\_Watering.html](http://www.hedging.co.uk/acatalog/Index_Watering.html)



## ENJOY SNOWDROPS AT EVENLEY WOOD GARDEN

It's that time of year when our winter friends, the Snowdrops, awaken from their yearly slumber, and Evenley Wood Garden is the best place to spot these lovely plants, writes Sophie Cheesman and Justin Litten. This beautiful woodland haven is just a short drive from Buckingham and reopens to the public for 2017 on 4<sup>th</sup> February, when Snowdrop Days officially begin.



Evenley Wood Garden houses over 80 different species of Snowdrop, spread throughout 60 diverse acres, and some of these are rather special. One such example was initially found amongst *Galanthus Viridapice*, having been singled out for its unusual markings and size. Since then, it has been further developed, propagated, and honoured with the unique name 'Evenley Double'. Another interesting variety is 'Tim's Hill Poe', which was selected in a similar way and named after the garden's owner, the late Mr. Tim Whiteley. However this unique species rarely grows these days.

Still, there are plenty of the more well-known varieties found at Evenley Wood Garden, such as *G. nivalis* 'Lady Elphinstone', a unique snowdrop with a beautiful yellow centre, and *G. elwesii* 'Cedric's Prolific', which started out as a modest clump but has now doubled in size over the last couple of years. All of the garden's snowdrops actually grow in vast swathes throughout the site, and as a result the visual effect can be rather stunning. There really is nothing more impressive than being met by a river of white snowdrops, dancing and swaying in the wind.

Evenley Wood Garden's Snowdrop Days run daily from the 4<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> February, with the café open at the weekends with superb food by Open Air Foods.

The garden's opening season then extends until 29<sup>th</sup> October; offering a variety of stunning natural highlights and exciting events in between. Visit around 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. Finally, watch as the leaves change and the fruiting begins for autumn colour as the season begins to slow. The café will also remain open every weekend until 28<sup>th</sup> May and during all special events. Group tours are available by appointment. Open: 11am - 4pm. Admission: Adults £5, Children 12-17 years old £1, Children under 12 Free. Closed on selected dates - please check before travelling.

Evenley  
Wood Garden

### GREAT SNOWDROP DESTINATIONS FURTHER AFIELD

As well as Evenley Wood Garden, there are many Gardens which feature snowdrops from around the third week of January onwards.

**National Trust Anglesey Abbey and Gardens**, Quay Road, Lode, Cambridgeshire. Snowdrop season from around 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Check website for details [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/anglesey-abbey-gardens-and-lode-mill](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/anglesey-abbey-gardens-and-lode-mill)

**Bosworth House**, Oxendon Road, Arthingworth, Near Market Harborough Northamptonshire LE16 8LA. Just under 3 acres an almost completely organic garden and paddock with fabulous panoramic views. Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February (12 - 4pm). Admission £3.00, children free.

**Coton Manor Garden**, Guilsborough Northamptonshire. Snowdrops & Hellebores: Sat 18<sup>th</sup> February - Sun 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017 (11am-4pm opening through this period). Visit [www.cotonmanor.co.uk/opening\\_times\\_pricing.php](http://www.cotonmanor.co.uk/opening_times_pricing.php)

## WHAT'S ON THIS WINTER AND EARLY 2017

**EVERY SUNDAY** Stock up on your fresh fruits and vegetables as Aston Clinton-based Lance Smith joins us between 10am and 4pm. You can also purchase fresh meat and poultry as Crawley's Family Butchers from Brickhill will be in the Car Park.

**SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> & SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY** Our Special Weekend is in



two halves - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February is our celebration of the Potato with our annual Potato Day headed up by Thompson & Morgan's top vegetable expert, Colin Randel. Kings Seeds Jason Breed will also be imparting his wealth of vegetable growing knowledge too. We are also welcoming local members of the National Vegetable Society who will be discussing vegetable growing as well as offering top advice on showing your veggies too. On Sunday, it's all about scion wood swapping and apple grafting with members of The Mid Shires Orchard Group (pictured above) and their grafting experts as well as top fruit expert Fritz De Zutter.



**GARDEN CENTRE TALKS** Our Talks Season resumes on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm with BGC's Chris Day talking about Small Garden Trees. A look at native and non natives species, plus the best of the ornamental types for where space is limited. See end of "Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April" (next paragraph) for booking details.

**WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL** We welcome Dale Coleman, a top horticulturist with over 40 years in the horticulture and a National Carnation Society judge with his talk, "Auriculas: Growing and Showing". All our talks are in the Talks Room in the Restaurant, at 4pm, and will last approximately 45 minutes with time for questions afterwards. To book a seat contact our Customer Service Desk. Garden Club Members free, £3 for non-members.

### UPDATE: GARDEN VISIT DATES AND PRICES SO FAR ...

**National Trust Biddulph Grange Garden** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June BGC Members £48, Non Members £53. National Trust /BGC Members £41 NT /BGC Non Members £46.

**Highgrove Gardens Tetbury** We are currently awaiting a release date for this visit. BGC Members £58.00, Non Members £63.00.

**Kew Gardens Richmond** on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July. BGC Members £50.00, Non Members £55.00.

**RHS Hyde Hall & Flower Show** on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August BGC Members £43, Non Members £48. RHS /BGC Members £36.00. RHS /BGC Non Members £41.00.

**Two Centre: Batsford Arboretum & Bourton House Garden** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October BGC Members £48.00, Non Members £53.00.

**Buckingham Palace State Rooms & Garden Tour** We are currently awaiting a release date for this visit. BGC Members £58.00, Non Members £63.00.

Please see individual posters for coach pick up times etc for trips listed above.

**Self drive: Steane Park** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm. £4.50 entry, refreshments extra. Must be booked through Garden Centre, payable on the day at the venue. See posters for full details and map for directions.

**Self drive: Thenford Arboretum** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June from 2pm, £12 per person. Must be booked through Garden Centre.



## SPECIAL GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS OFFER COUPONS

### TAYLORS BULBS XL PACKS THREE PACKS FOR £15\*

PLEASE PRESENT THIS VOUCHER TOGETHER WITH A VALID  
GARDEN CENTRE DISCOUNT CARD FOR ADDITIONAL DISCOUNT

\* USE YOUR CARD TO GET EXTRA DISCOUNT WITH YOUR GARDEN CARD



### PLANT OF THE MONTH: JANUARY

AUCUBA 'CROTONIFOLIA'

Normally £9.99 each

Garden Club Members' Price:

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