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INSIDE**

The Heritage Seed Library Revealed, New Products, Top Tasks for March/April, Discover Evenley Wood Garden, New Season TV Gardening, How to save 20% at Browns Hair Salon (Buckingham) and much more

There's a bit of a buzz around the Garden Centre and we're not talking about our busy honey bees at the moment! Let me explain. Back in August 2014 *The Sun* newspaper invited its readers to vote for the best plant retailer in the whole of the UK, well just a few weeks ago we heard we had won the accolade of the Midlands & North regional winner! Our heritage at Buckingham Garden Centre is built around plants, and is something we are justly proud of especially as the horticultural world undergoes so much change. Our Plant Area Manager, Edward Beach (pictured centre with Val and Steve Bradley from *The Sun* newspaper) went to collect the accolade, a shiny engraved stainless steel

spade, at the Horticulture Week Awards. So, our Plant Team can take a truly well deserved bow for their continued hard work and horticultural professionalism we endeavour to provide week in, week out, for all our customers.

Happy spring gardening folks!

Chris



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SOWING THE SEEDS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Very many years ago my husband and I became interested in the pioneering work of the late Lawrence Hill, writes Pauline Brown. As a result we became members of the Henry Doubleday Research Association (HDRA), now re-named Garden Organic and their Heritage Seed Library and have become involved in various projects over the years. Therefore, in a planning meeting I mentioned to the team who look after the bare-root selling area, the possibility of growing some of these endangered heritage varieties and becoming Seed Guardians. This idea was jumped at so we got in contact with Neil Munroe, the manager of the seed library at Garden Organic, and he came to see us and agreed to send us a list of heritage varieties which he thought would be suitable for the area we envisage growing them in. The idea is to work as seed guardians but also to promote the work of Garden Organic.



We have chosen twenty four varieties which we will germinate and fit into one of the plots which at the moment are holding the hedging plants. We will create some explanation sheets about the work and also a brief history of each of the varieties we are growing. The plot will start by looking like any vegetable growing area, and if all goes well, we will be able to crop a small amount of the early crops which will be cooked and served in our restaurant so customers can appreciate the quality and flavours. However, as we let the crop mature and come into harvest it will look like a neglected vegetable plot with varieties being left to go to seed, or beans and peas being left on the plants to go hard and eventually dry. It may look a mess at this stage, but we shall then be able to harvest the seed and send this back to HSL for them to clean and store to send out to members the following year.

Garden Organic has an interesting history. Long before seed catalogues were available, farmers and gardeners saved seed from one year to the next. The commercialisation of the seed trade in the 19th century brought with it corruption

amongst unscrupulous seed companies. To prevent such abuse European legislation was eventually introduced, making it illegal to commercially market seeds of varieties not included on either the UK National List, or in the European Common Catalogue. Listed varieties had to go through rigorous two-year trials in order to establish their distinctiveness, uniformity and stability (DUS testing) and many smaller seed companies found the costs involved prohibitive. In addition, synonymy tests effectively reduced the number of varieties available to both commercial and amateur growers, hence, many were lost.



The late Lawrence Hills (pictured left), founder of the HDRA, realised that the new laws would limit the gardener's choice. He wanted to do something to conserve genetic diversity in vegetable varieties associated with the UK and Europe to counteract this loss. Initially, he helped to establish the national gene bank at Horticulture Research International, Wellesborne, Warwickshire. Creation of the Heritage Seed Library (HSL) followed; born out of Lawrence's foresight and enthusiasm. It started life as the Genetic Resources Unit, a tiny collection of varieties grown to raise public awareness and to provide seed for re-sowing. In 1992 Garden Organic formally recognised the importance of the collection and HSL was conceived. The HSL collection holds 19th and 20th century commercial varieties that have fallen from favour and

are no longer maintained by seed companies; historic cultivars that pre-date seed catalogues and cultivars; local varieties which have been grown in a specific location for many years and heirloom varieties that have been handed down through families for generations and never been available commercially. There are currently around 800 accessions in the HSL collection, with around 120 in the process of or awaiting trial and assessment. All are open pollinated varieties, which potentially contain a wealth of genetic material, and because of this are often used in the breeding of modern hybrids. Once this valuable genetic resource has disappeared we will lose a valuable genetic resource that may be useful for the future. Unlike F1 hybrids, seeds collected from open pollinated varieties will also produce plants that are 'true to type', providing that they have not cross-pollinated, thus providing seed year after year.

More than 100 varieties are grown at Garden Organic headquarters, at Ryton near Coventry. This annual harvest helps to conserve the collection, but could never meet HSL members' requirements. In excess of 40,000 packets of seeds are filled, sealed and mailed by hand, by just two full time, two part time and one temporary staff member each year, plus a team of volunteers. They are also sent a number of varieties that are new to HSL. These are trialled to assess their suitability for the collection, and characterised using a system derived from the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute standards. These trials occupy a certain amount of the growing area at Ryton, but reducing the space that they can dedicate to bulking up stock for supplying HSL members. This is where the volunteer Seed Guardians, HSL members who have decided to go that extra inch, come into their own.



Each Seed Guardian is responsible for growing allocated varieties specifically to return seed to HSL. Each consignment they receive is cleaned, weighed and assigned a traceable batch number, before being stored. Guardians are expected to ensure that their allocated HSL varieties remain pure, and report on the varieties they grow, providing information regarding the performance of the crop during that season.



Donated seed

Accepted into library

Variety grown out



Seeds distributed to members



Seeds harvested

New Guardians select their varieties from the 'orphans' list'. The Seed Guardians are the stalwarts of HSL, without their dedication the diverse range of cultivars offered in the catalogue would significantly diminish.

The work is supported and funded by donors and HSL members who, for an annual subscription, receive the Garden Organic magazine, The Organic Way, and are entitled to select six packets of seed from around 150 listed in HSL catalogue. The Members have access to the Seed Saving Guidelines and other resources via the Garden Organic website. We are delighted to become Seed Guardians and hope that our customers will become equally enthused with this most worthwhile cause.

SPRING TV GARDENING NEWS



BBC *Gardeners' World* returns on BBC Two for its 47th season with Monty Don (left) presenting from Friday 6th March at 8:30pm.

The Beechgrove Garden will air from 2 April on BBC Scotland, weekly until 15 October, with a repeat in the rest of the UK on BBC network television on Sundays from 5 April in an

unconfirmed early-

morning slot. Veteran presenters Jim McColl, Carole Baxter and George Anderson will be joined by Chris Beardshaw again.

Raymond Blanc and Kate Humble (pictured right) will present heritage fruit and vegetable BBC2 four-parter *Kew on a Plate*, to be broadcast in late March.

From late April, Carol Klein will present four episodes of *Carol's Plant Odyssey* on BBC Two, exploring the history of the Rose, Tulip, Iris and Water Lily.



OUR PLANTS OF THE MOMENT



In March the ever colourful seasonal pansies and violas come under the spotlight and highlighted by TV personality Esther Rantzen. Esther is a keen gardener and is often seen chatting at the RHS Flowers shows such as Chelsea and Hampton Court. We'll have another batch of 3-litre Japanese maples arriving together with a delivery from a specialist acer nursery too in April, so do come and have a look at the display.



In April, Alan Titchmarsh's side kick Frances Tophill from ITV's *Love Your Garden* champions the ever glorious Rhododendrons in all their guises, including the alkaline tolerant Inkarho rhodos. We have a great collection of these arriving this spring, plus a batch of evergreen azaleas.

OFFERS AND UPDATES FROM AROUND THE STORE

Plenty to mention this month... **RESTAURANT** We have a great offer on selected Fruit Teas from Twinings including Blackcurrant Burst, Rejuvenating Nettle, Reviving Nettle & Blackberry, Invigorating Peppermint, Revitalising Lemon & Ginger, Cranberry & Raspberry, Calming Camomile and Pure Green Tea. (Earl Grey is not included in the offer) Normally £1.80, now £1.30 per cup (offer runs until 30th April 2015).



Look out for the new-look Spring Breakfast and Lunch Restaurant menus, which include a full range of breakfasts, light bites and hot and cold drinks. The lunch menu includes light lunches, lunches, salads, children's menu, desserts, cakes, cream teas and drinks, including speciality teas, coffees and iced cold drinks as well as a range of soft drinks.



We have a new food supplier. Karl's Bakery is now our main fresh bread supplier, who delivers to us on a daily basis and offers superior tasty bread to our Restaurant and we've already received excellent feedback from our customers! This supplier together with our vegetable and meat supplier now contributes to our locally produced supplier base remit to source local wherever possible.

In the **AQUATICS** department, look out for our bulk bags of Bermuda Floating Pond Stick fish food (3kg/40-litre) available for just £19.99 for a limited time. This food is perfect for all ornamental pond fish and because the sticks float you can easily view how well your fish are feeding.



There is a new range of **PAVING** from Borderstone, including the new feature paving displays, the



Minster 2.3m Octagon Kit and the Abbey Petal 1.8m Circle Kit (right), both available to view at the Garden Centre. If you are thinking about creating a gravel drive or pathway then the Gravel Pave System (pictured left) may well appeal. This quick and easy modular add-on system stops gravel from spreading and is suitable for vehicles.



GET THE LOOK FROM OUR NEW MENSWEAR RANGE

Our clothing department grows from strength to strength and we're delighted to announce two new menswear ranges for this spring.

Carabou clothing has been established since the late 1970s, when it first began selling men's jeans on a market stall. Since then the business has grown and is still going strong after 36 years. The Garden Centre have chosen a range including a good selection of outdoor



clothing that is comfortable and practical as well as being suitable to wear on a daily basis, from a shower-proof wax jacket for walking the dog, to a thin and lightweight jacket for the summer evenings. You will also find in the range practical action trousers that offer multiple pockets perfect perhaps for the DIY enthusiast or for the weekend walker. The garments are affordable and come in a good variety of sizes from medium to extra large.

Farah clothing have been building their brand since 1910 when the company first set out on manufacturing and selling clothing. Since then they sold their clothing all over America before bringing the brand over to the UK in the 1970s. During this

decade Farah scaled new heights by becoming one of the top selling trouser brands in the UK and from this have recently been able to introduce a women's fashion line. Farah has become a well-known name in garden centres up and down the country.

For the first time our company is branching out into a new menswear section that will suit all ages, we have selected Farah as it has a great reputation and is well known for its affordable fashion and casual wear. The range we will be



stocking will consist of jeans, available year round as well as chinos as a summer line. To go with these we have carefully picked a range of polo tops, long and short sleeved shirts that are available in a wide range of sizes. As we are entering into spring and summer we have chosen chinos as a smart/casual garment that can be worn everyday but also part of a great holiday outfit, and for those chilly summer evenings a crew neck jumper to keep warm.

TOP TASKS FOR MARCH / APRIL

PLANT summer-flowering bulbs and corms as soon as the soil can be worked easily and the fear of the worst frosts have passed. Popular favourites such as Dahlias, Gladioli and Lilies can be established where you want them to flower.

NOW the soil is beginning to warm up we can start thinking about getting out planting the likes of Asparagus crowns, Shallots, Onion sets, Jerusalem Artichokes, Ginger, Horseradish, Early Potatoes and Rhubarb crowns. You can warm up the soil further by laying some polythene or landscape fabric 7- 10



days before the intended planting date. These crops need a weed-free location generally in good, direct light in well-prepared soil. Early chitted Potatoes can be planted out from late March onwards. Traditionally Good Friday is when we would plant out our spuds and as Easter falls early this year, there's no excuse!

CREATE your own festival of colour for this summer with our range of bedding plug plants. Look out for our selection of KinderGarden plug plants where the range includes cutting raised Pelargoniums (Geraniums), named varieties of Fuchsias, foliage hanging basket and container plants and much, much more. These plants will require frost protection, so simply pot into a 8cm (3in) pot using multi-purpose compost and keep in a frost free, well-lit location.



YOU will need to be quick to get your bare-rooted shrubs, trees, fruit and hedging plants in before the plants come out of their dormancy period. Timing is crucial - remember the soil preparation ideally needs to be carried out a week or two before planting, but as the season moves on, a Plan-B option is sometimes best. Clear the area of grass, all weed growth and aim to allow 60cm (2ft) of clear soil around the base of your plants as any competition around the root zone is not good. Do improve the soil (good compost, Bonemeal and maybe treat the roots with friendly-fungi such as RootGrow) but above all try and get the plants in, watered and trimmed back (if required) quickly. Check in-store for limited fruit tree clearance lines, including some discontinued varieties.

ROUTINE Cut back Cornus (Dogwood, pictured) and Salix (Willow) grown for colourful winter stems. Mow the lawn on dry days (if needed). Top dress containers with fresh compost such as Arthur Bower's Multi-Purpose Compost, but use ericaceous compost on plants such as Japanese Maples, Pieris and Rhododendrons. Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials, especially the Hostas.



OPEN the greenhouse or conservatory doors and vents on warm days to allow good air circulation and to keep the temperature balanced. As days warm up, damp down mid morning and early afternoon to help improve the immediate atmosphere.

THINK of new ways to add height to the garden this summer – either structurally using arches, obelisks and even bamboo wigwams planted with your favourite variety or colour of sweet peas, or simply by growing climbing French Beans or Runner Beans. More permanent structures would look good clothed in twinning toughies such as evergreen Honeysuckle, large-flowered hybrid Clematis, Roses and Wisteria. Make sure they are given a flying start by preparing the soil well beforehand and aim to keep the plants well watered through dry spells to help establishment.

CLEAR weeds, overzealous vines and other unwanted plants from beneath hedges as these can compete with your hedge line. Likewise, keep climbing plants in check – Ivy (Hedera) is best kept within bounds, especially if you are growing it along a fence or wall. The aerial roots can, and do damage concrete, unpointed brickwork and house rendering, so keep it in check. However, on good surfaces ivy can benefit the house by providing an effective insulation layer so can keep heat in your property. Ivy also provides useful accommodation for birds and wildlife. However, if you need to get rid of the ivy, first cut the plant at soil level severing the roots and then apply a weedkiller such as Round-Up or Tree Stump & Root Killer to the remaining cut stem before the end of March before the sap starts to rise. Do follow the instructions carefully prior to application.



Marketa Hermova and Justin Litten take us on a written tour of Evenley Wood Garden and bring us up to speed with the latest news of this hidden jewel.

It doesn't matter if you are a tree lover, take a fancy to bulbs or if you are a keen gardener with a love for the natural environment. With our extensive collections of trees, shrubs and bulbs, Evenley Wood Garden is the place where you can learn something new throughout the seasons. With an aim to extend the collections of trees and shrubs, the team from Evenley Wood started a new project in the winter of 2014. The collections of Camellia, Euonymus, Rhododendron and Azaleas flowering in late spring and early summer will be supported by new planting. The comprehensive list of over 3,000 species of plants in the Garden will increase by at least 240 plants this year.

During the last 30 years, the garden has produced eight new plants, many of them being trees, such as *Acer campestre* 'Evenley Red'. The garden is constantly evolving organism, with new areas created to provide new vistas and surprises around every corner for both the general public and professionals alike.

In 2014 the team at Evenley Wood led twelve guided tours for people from various garden clubs and societies. The garden offers a suitable environment for outdoor activities. Teachers from a local school prepared their own educational programme and with their pupils came twice last year. The feedback we received was extremely positive:



“Evenley Woods provides a safe haven and all our children had a wonderful time. The outdoor classroom is the perfect base and the staff could not have been more helpful or supportive before and during our visit. Thoroughly recommended as an excellent local resource to meet the outdoor learning emphasis of the curriculum.”

At the bottom of Timber Ride the team has cleared a large area that will be used for the development of a new rose collection, that will be interplanted with various Pear species. This part of the garden has a north facing aspect with predominantly alkaline, well-drained soil. The site takes advantage of the afternoon summer sun that will suit the new roses. The area was cleared of several large Poplars that surrounded the site, conifers that had been part of a plantation and some large Sycamores and Hazels that had been in the centre of the area and took up a large amount of light and space. After the removal of the unwanted trees from the site, heavy machinery will be brought in to clear the remaining tree stumps and dig in extra organic material, such as well-rotted manure. This will be allowed to settle for up to 12 weeks and give the new plants the best possible start. As these new roses begin to grow they will become a valuable addition to the Garden and add to the already extensive collection of roses and add even more summer interest to complement our lily collection.



James Wong (pictured) with Evenley Wood Garden's owner Tim Whiteley (pictured far left) who promoted the lily in this year's BBC Two programme *The Great British Garden Revival*.

Have you ever asked yourself the question why the British love gardens and why lots of keen gardeners are spread across the country? Why Britain ranked high in the 'Top Gardening Countries'? First of all it starts with tradition and history. It started in Roman times with enclosed areas in towns, and flower beds in the villages. The Saxons were written into the garden history books because of their vineyards and orchards. Christian monks grew fruit and vegetables and all of us are familiar with the grass seats, roses and honeysuckle growing around Norman castles. The 16th century saw the interest of forests and woodlands for hunting for sport and wooden pavilions covered with jasmine and roses, providing private areas for flirting and courtship in the evening.

Later on, gardens became a space used for recreation and health benefits. Wild and cultivated roses were quite often used in the landscaping around spas, where residents enjoyed their scent while relaxing. The renaissance brought a huge continental impact on British gardens in terms of style and plant species. New bulbs came from Turkey, new trees from North America, China and east Europe. The gardens were designed in a modern and formal style. It was in the 18th century when Magnolias, Rhododendrons, Azaleas and



Camellias arrived to Britain. Around the 1860's each large family home had a wide border with climbing roses and meadows covered with hundreds of bulbs. William Robinson and his book *The English Flower Garden* published in 1883 took British gardens back to the natural and informal look. New tree and shrub species were coming in to Britain from Asia, especially from Japan and China. The National Garden Scheme started in 1927 and the BBC aired its first gardening programme in 1934. Since then, we have seen the rise in the popularity of garden centres, container gardening, and the trend of creating garden spaces for conservation and the restoration of historic gardens, such as the Lost Gardens of Heligan.

The Project at Evenley Wood Garden has a simple aim, namely to show British history and tradition. Rose breeders have made great strides over the years, resulting in a wide range of plants being available to the public, ranging from Climbing Roses, Hybrid Teas, Miniature Roses and many more. Evenley Wood Garden has an extensive list of more than 170 roses that impress the visitors senses every year. Bringing extra colours to this 60 acre woodland garden will add an extra dimension to the natural environment. The current collection is a mixture of climbers, ramblers and shrub roses. These will be

added to be a substantial collection donated to Evenley Wood by Robert Mattock of Mattocks Roses. The collection includes some rare species roses such as *Rosa spinosissima* 'Andrewsii' (pictured right), *R. blanda* and *R. suffulta*. We will also be adding climbing roses to the collection such as *R. 'Cooperii'*, *R. 'Devonensis'*. The hybrids, such as *R. x centifolia* and *R. x odorata* 'Hume's Blush' will be added to the collection. Traditional rose gardens are very formal in their design with beds laid out in geometric patterns with climbing or standard roses in the middle with shrub or bush roses surrounding them. However, when the rose collection is added to Evenley Wood the planting will be in an informal layout, with species grouped together but without the formality of lines or defined borders.



Why do we want to maintain a collection of British Bred Roses? The collection of Rose species bred in Britain comprise of varieties that are generally available to

the public and species that are either not widely available or in decline. This collection can be used as a source of genetic material for propagation for future generations and restoration projects. As an educational tool the collection can be used to show horticulture students various varieties of species roses and pruning and propagation techniques to maintain the collection. We anticipate taking in some students from Pershore College in Worcestershire this year, which will widen their experience and maintain the standards.



To celebrate the expansion of the rose collection, the Garden has organised the Lily and Rose Festival, combining both the highlights of the summer season. The event is on the 20th June 2015 and will include talks from experts, a plant and country craft market and obviously a spectacular show of flowering roses and lilies.

Enter Our Free Competition

We have 2 Evenley Wood Garden Season Tickets, worth £30 each to give away. To enter the competition for a chance of winning a Season Ticket, please answer the following question:-

When does Evenley Wood Garden hold the Lily & Rose Festival this year?

A. 16th May B. 20th June C. 18th July



Pop your answer A, B or C together with your name and address to competition@buckingham-nurseries.co.uk or enter through our website or by post to Evenley Wood Garden Competition, Buckingham Garden Centre, Tingewick Road, Buckingham MK18 4AE. The closing date for entries is 30th April. Our Competition rules apply.

GARDEN CARD EXCLUSIVE: 20% OFF BROWNS OF BUCKINGHAM

We've teamed up with Browns Salon in Buckingham to bring our Buckingham Garden Centre Garden Club holders a special 20% discount. Simply present your valid Garden Centre Card at the time of booking.

If you're looking for the best hairdressing salon in Buckingham then look no further than Browns Hairdressing. Browns' stylists believe in offering superb customer service and have the talent, flair and creativity to give you the best haircut, hair style and hair colour you've ever had. Browns' are also experts at wedding and prom hair and offer the Brazilian blow dry at their salon – guaranteed to give you smoother, shinier hair. Vertical sun beds are available too. Established since 1999, you can find Browns Hair Salon in the Old Law Courts in Market Hill, Buckingham (pictured right).



Browns History

With over 30 years' experience in the hair industry, Browns Hairdressing Group was founded by Sally Brown and established in the Buckinghamshire village of Olney in 1980. The Group expanded in 1999 to incorporate stylish flagship salons in the centre of Buckingham, Market Harborough in 2002 and in Harpenden in 2003, Stony Stratford 2007 and Stamford 2011. Browns will look to expand again very shortly and plan to open 4 more salons by 2017.

The company is very much a family business; joint directors are Harry and Sally Brown. Currently all five members of the Brown family are part of The Browns Hairdressing Group, with Harry Brown Junior managing the Market Harborough Salon and more recently taking over the role of business director. Tobi Brown manages the Buckingham salon and is Training Director for the group, running Browns finishing school and training courses throughout the year. Daughter Lace Brown, juggles her time between the Appointment Centre and hairdressing in the Stony Stratford salon. With a passion for hairdressing, the Brown family insist on commitment to quality and excellence.



Browns Hairdressing Group started fund raising money for Macmillan about 10 years ago, after Sally Brown, founder of Browns was diagnosed with breast cancer. Having undergone treatment Sally is now fighting fit. Whenever Browns do a fashion show or attend any event they are trying to raise awareness of Macmillan Cancer Support and collect donations.

In 2004 Harry Brown Junior, one of the directors of Browns, and manager of the Market Harborough salon had a very bad car accident where he was left with two broken legs and was in and out of hospital for over a year. While in hospital being told he may never walk again without the aid of crutches he decided to prove all the doctors and surgeons wrong and set himself a challenge. This was to become the first of many challenges Harry would complete.

After 5 separate operations on his legs and a further 18 months of physiotherapy, Harry and brother Tobi flew over to Beijing and climbed the Wall of China for 10 days, this was after raising over £9000. As soon as the pair got back from China they had signed up to trek the hills of Cambodia. This challenge had to be postponed as Browns opened a sixth salon in Stony Stratford. The money that they had raised was transferred into the brothers' next challenge, their biggest to date in February 2009 Harry and Tobi hiked to the sky and reached to summit of the world's largest free-standing mountain Kilimanjaro. In total, Browns have raised over £35,000.00 for Macmillan Cancer Support.



To book an appointment you can contact Browns Hair Salon, Market Hill, Buckingham, MK18 1JX.
Tel: 0844 999 2365.
www.browns-hair.co.uk
The Buckingham Garden Centre Garden Card 20% Off Offer is valid until the end of March 2015. It cannot be used in conjunction with any other offers in-store.

WHAT'S ON

EVERY SUNDAY Stock up on your fresh fruit, vegetables and fresh eggs as Aston Clinton-based L. W. Smith join us between 10am-4pm (apart from Easter Sunday when we are closed due to trading restrictions).

WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH Garden Centre talk at 4:30pm in the Talks Room in the Restaurant. Our guest speaker, Andrew Mikolajski will be looking at selecting the best Plants for Shade. Booking details below.

SUNDAY 29th MARCH Rare Plant Fair at Evenley Wood Gardens. Details at www.evenleywoodgarden.co.uk

WEDNESDAY 8th APRIL Garden Centre talk at 4:30pm in the Restaurant Talks Room. The topic will be Growing Pleione Orchids with plant expert Malcolm Brownsword.

Talks last approximately 60 minutes with time for questions. To book, please contact the Customer Service Desk, but there may be seats available on the day. Entry is free to Garden Club Members. £3 for non-members.

SATURDAY 11th APRIL Tingewick & Water Stratford Horticultural Society will be holding their 11th Annual Spring Show on Saturday 11th April in Tingewick Village Hall. Open for viewing 2-4pm. Schedules will be available from the Customer Service Desk or call Charles Tanner on 01280 847680.

13 - 19th APRIL National Gardening Week runs through this week. Championed by the Royal Horticultural Society this year's theme is Art, Beauty and Science. More details can be found at www.nationalgardeningweek.org.uk



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GARDEN VISITS Dates and prices are now being released for our planned garden trips this year. Do contact our Customer Service Desk for more details and if you would like to book on any of the trips.



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**MARCH 2015
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50p off 20/24 Pack Bedding Plants



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Valid in March 2015 with current Garden Card

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**APRIL 2015
Extra Discount**

£1 off every £10 spent on Tools



Receive **£1** off every £10 spent on Garden Tools when collected from the Garden Centre.

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