



Lady Marmalade (Rose of the Year 2014)

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**ENJOY SUMMER ROSES**  
ADD FRAGRANCE AND COLOUR TO YOUR GARDEN

**MAY/JUNE  
2014 ISSUE**

**WHAT'S  
INSIDE**

Chesum Roses in the spotlight, Summer Festival, New Products in-store, Meet The Team - Joanne Carter, Box alternatives, Garden Funnies, New Plants, Top 10 Tasks for May/June and much more.....



Well, what a spring folks! Growth in abundance, everyone busy in their gardens and even a sneaky report suggesting one-fifth of us gardeners like to throw slugs and snails over our neighbour's fences! Oh the shame of it! However, that said, it's just a great story to get everyone to think about our gardens and what needs to be done.

If the garden has moved in leaps and bounds the past few months, May and June generally sees further changes as the plant palette moves into summer with the wall-to-wall coverage of the RHS Chelsea Flower Show and the finale of The Big Allotment Challenge. Goodness we know how to take our gardening seriously!

The Garden Centre has been buzzing, literally with customers and our bees, which is fantastic after two difficult years weatherwise. So let's hope 2014 looks set to be a "normal one" for us and our wildlife. Talking of bees, for a bit of fun, we've hidden this bee somewhere in this newsletter. Once you have found it, make a note of its location (page number) together with your name and address to [competition@bucks-nurseries.co.uk](mailto:competition@bucks-nurseries.co.uk). All correct entries received by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014 will go into a prize draw with a chance to win a £10 Buckingham Garden Centre Gift Voucher.



There's plenty to be done and as we prepare for our big June Festival of Fun (see below), now is the time to start thinking about utilising and enjoying the garden for entertaining and BBQ's. So, whatever the weather, enjoy your garden.

**Chris**

## COUNTDOWN TO OUR SUMMER FESTIVAL OF FUN

**Saturday 28 June** meet  
Chris Collins  
from Blue Peter

**Sunday 29 June** meet  
Christine Walkden  
The One Show

**Festival of Fun**

We will be delighted to welcome not one but two TV gardening personalities over the weekend of the 28th & 29th June. For our younger audience Chris Collins, the Blue Peter gardener, is instantly recognisable and will be giving out lots of advice to our younger customers. He'll be here on Saturday 28th from 10am-5pm and also on hand for advice, book signings and judging our 'Design and Make A Miniature Garden in a Seed Tray Competition' in conjunction with the Buckingham Table. In between Chris's presentations we'll have a couple of magic shows to keep everyone entertained, so don't miss these!

On the Sunday, we will be delighted to welcome BBC's The One Show gardener Christine Walkden from 10am-3:30pm. Christine will be giving some instructive and practical talks, taking a Q&A session, signing books as well as offering great advice in her bubbly manner.



Arthur  
Bell



## ENTER for YOUR chance to WIN!

For our chosen charity, Breast Cancer Care, we'll be selling raffle tickets to win the chance to enjoy afternoon tea with either Chris or Christine at the Garden Centre. Priced at just £1, it gives the opportunity for a family (up to 4) the chance to sit down for around half an hour and have a good natter with a TV gardener. They will also receive a signed copy of one of the gardener's books as a special memento of

the day. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the Customer Service Desk from mid-May costing £1 each. We'll have tickets for both gardeners

available and you must be able to take the prize on the day from 4pm on Saturday for Chris Collins and 3:30pm on the Sunday for Christine Walkden. Please note: the prize isn't transferable and all proceeds from the raffle will go to Breast Cancer Care.

Plus... Special offer over the weekend of 28th/29th June only, if you join (or renew) your Garden Card membership for just £10 you will automatically receive 10% off our range of garden furniture.

## NEW PRODUCTS AVAILABLE IN-STORE



**BRAND NEW PRODUCT:** Westland's Resolva Bug Killer (contains Lambda-Cyhalothrin as a micro-emulsion) is the new contact insecticide which should help you control even more garden pests! Pitting itself against the market leader, Provado Ultimate Bug Killer, a systemic and contact insecticide giving 4-6 weeks of cover, Resolva Bug Killer lasts for up to 2 weeks. However, it's the range of pests it controls which makes this product rather different. The Ready To Use (RTU, £3.99) Resolva Bug Killer controls over 19 types of pest and can be used on over 37 crops. The all-in-one insecticide is fast acting and comes in a unique bottle with a non-drip trigger, designed with safety and ease-of-use in mind. Resolva Bug Killer can either be used indoors (including greenhouses) or outdoors.

The Concentrate product (200ml, £7.99) can tackle over 21 pest types across 47 crops. Uniquely, it will provide control of Carrot Root Fly, Cabbage Stem Weevil, Pea Moth and Leaf Curling Midge.

Also new... In our Pets area, do check out our new range of canned dog food called Nature's Menu Country Hunter. They are available in 4 flavours – Duck, Rabbit, Salmon and Venison. A 600g tin costs £2.25 each. They have been well received by our dogs at the Garden Centre!

Plus, our garden furniture ranges are now on display in the Shop including the manufacturers Alexander Rose, Kettler and Anchor Fast, a relatively new company, who specialise in garden picnic benches, seats and tables in tanalised pine.



## FIVE MINUTES WITH JOANNE CARTER

### Jo is one of our Plant Area Assistants

Where do you live and perhaps describe your garden?

I live in an old town house in Towcester with a small north facing courtyard garden, surrounded by brick walls all white washed to increase the light and all the plants are in pots!

*We know this is going to be a difficult one, but if you were a castaway stranded on that desert island, which plant would you like to take with you?*

Trachelospermum, the Star Jasmine, for its warm evening scent and evergreen foliage colour and it would make a great shelter from the sun, probably helping me to fall asleep most nights.



next I'm never sure what each day will bring. Our customers always keep my knowledge fresh and I'm learning all the time.

*Your favourite edible and why?*

Tomatoes; I could eat them all day every day and there's so many different types! From sweet little baby cherries to fat beefsteaks with colours that wow me every time!



*Your favourite gardening activity and why?*

Looking for bugs while deadheading and weeding. I'm always on the lookout for something new either in my own garden, at work or anywhere I find myself across the earth. It's a mini adventure every time!

*Do you have a gardening tip you would like to share with us?*

Don't try too hard to keep things perfect and weed free. Some things will surprise you with their beauty if you let them grow.

*If you could have one Super Power what would it be?*

Time travel – just like Mr Benn! One minute in the jungle with Victorian plant hunters the next on a deserted beach observing the rock pools but always home in time for tea!

*Facebook or Twitter?*

Definitely Facebook because I've always liked looking over the (virtual) garden fence.



# THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX!



The screenshot shows a news article from BBC Gardeners' World. The headline reads 'Monty tackles box blight'. Below the headline is a photo of Monty Don standing outdoors in a garden. The text below the photo discusses the impact of wet weather on box blight.

Last year's wet weather had already caused record levels of box blight, according to the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), writes Chris Day. And the problem is set to get worse, with the two forms of the disease, *Cylindrocladium buxi* and *Volutella buxi*, flourishing.

Dr John David, the RHS's chief scientist, said they had seen more enquiries about box blight so far in 2014 than in the same period last year. He added: 'We believe this is mostly due to problems left over from the mild, wet conditions we experienced in 2013.'



Caron  
Keating



'Although the extent of any problem won't become clear until after April, when the weather heats up... the RHS believes the likelihood is that box blight will continue to be a common problem in 2014.'

The RHS list of the most common garden diseases for 2013, published recently, reveals enquiries about box blight were at their highest since the society began keeping records in 1996.



Box blight was found in 1994 at a Hampshire nursery and has spread across the Home Counties.

Recently, the National Trust had to remove the entire Box hedge at Buckland Abbey, in Devon, and replanted it with Japanese Holly. Gardeners' World gardener Monty Don removed much of his Dwarf Box on national TV earlier in the spring citing the mild winter weather as one of the major factors in the disease's spread. Alternatives to Box are *Ilex crenata* (Box Leaved/Japanese Holly), *Lonicera nitida* (Box Leaf Honeysuckle) and some of the smaller-leaved Hebes such as *H. buxifolia*, *H. sutherlandii* and varieties such as 'James Sterling', 'Pagei' and 'Red Edge'.

Over at Highgrove House and Gardens, the residence of Their Royal Highnesses The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall, they have used *Teucrium x lucidrys* (Hedge Germander) instead of Dwarf Box to provide a useful edging to the extensive walled kitchen garden. This neat dwarf evergreen sub-shrub flowers for up to six weeks, attracting bees and other beneficial insects with its pink, purple and white flowers. It is a cross between Wall Germander (*Teucrium chamaedrys*) and Sage-leaved Germander (*Teucrium lucidum*) and like all hybrids can only be propagated by cuttings. Hedge Germander is slightly higher and more upright than Wall Germander and has darker and glossier leaves and brighter flowers.



# LOST IN TRANSLATION

## When we get the wrong end of the stick - or should that be a cane!

Pauline Brown and Chris Day spill the beans on some of their favourites!



We do get asked all sorts of questions surrounding the garden. One I shall never forget from many years ago – a customer came in and asked “My garden is



infested with armadillos – can you suggest something to kill them please?” The clue was in their accent – American. Same question from an English gardener, “My garden is infested by woodlice – can you suggest something to kill them please?” We got used to American terms with the air base not far way – how about “Do you sell sod?”

Well, here’s another (usually said in a slight sarcastic tone) “I didn’t realise you provide free slug eggs with your plants?” Of course after further investigation it turns out to be outer shell coating of “used” slow release fertiliser, usually Osmocote. If I’d had £1 for all those customers who asked me to explain that funny!



What about the customer who wanted to know how to grow his moss-pole he had just purchased? This was back in the 1970’s and 80’s when Swiss Cheese



plants and Philodendron houseplants were popular and you used moss-poles as a support system for the aerial roots to grow into for support. Suffice to say the customer was most unhappy when I said he needed to purchase a plant to go with it!

A customer came in to purchase some fruit trees for her parents and the obvious question was asked as to whether there were other fruit trees around for pollination. Apple trees were no problem, so then I enquired about pear trees and she asked if common pear would be compatible, which we replied that they would. She then told us that she had purchased several from us some ten years ago which were planted in the mixed hedgerow and these produce a really good crop every year which is great as common/wild pears are not that common these days!

She then said that it did cause a bit of a problem on the farm as they had not realised how much the cows would love the fruit – so much so that they leant on the fence pushing it over in order to get at the pears. Luckily they do not eat so many as to cause them to ferment in their stomach, or for them to taint the milk.

Another ditty I could add from my experience on my parent’s garden in Gloucestershire. They had masses of really old fruit trees, typically many of which were over 30 feet high, and had very heavy crops some years, so much so that we had to take the cattle out when the fruit started dropping in earnest otherwise they would gorge themselves on it with dire results. One year for some unknown reason there was a reasonable crop of apples, but all high up in the trees, so we wanted to pick some by hand to save for later use. Ladders were duly put up and up I went with bucket in hand. When full down I went, put the bucket at the base of the tree, then up again with another bucket. All was going well with a second bucket filling fast,

# IMAGE REMOVED

when I heard an ominous noise below – a couple of cattle had cottoned on to what was happening and had munched their way through a good number of the apples in the bucket. I shouted at them and started to descend throwing an apple at them to try to shoo them away. By the time I was back on the ground, they had tipped the bucket



Cig  
Handel



over, thus bruising the uneaten apples, and to add insult they ate the apple I had thrown at them.

When telling the tale to friends in the pub later, a further anecdote was added – I was better off as similar had happened to a listener – not only had the horses in his case started munching but they had lent on his ladder dislodging it, leaving him sitting on a branch in the tree. He did not do a bucking bronco and leap onto the horse's back, but had to wait to be rescued by his brother when he came out to help later!

Thank goodness for fruit trees on dwarfing rootstocks!

## NEW CONTENDERS VYING FOR A GARDEN SPOT



This spring and summer you'll see more native wildflowers available in small 9cm pots and these are perfect to help encourage bees, butterflies and other beneficial insect life into the garden. There are some beauties such as Cornflower, Honesty (pictured), Ox-Eye Daisy, Herb Robert and Meadow Cranesbill. Remember it's the diversity of planting which yields the best range of visitors, so add as much variety as you can. Remember too, if you are on a budget many of these can be easily raised from seed sown through the late spring.

You'll also notice we have given over some space to woodland plants. Many of us have shaded areas, say under existing trees or perhaps shade created from a building and these present a great planting opportunity in the garden. So, if you have a shady border, think of it as a woodland location and plant with a range of plants suited to those specific conditions. Good contenders would include ferns, Wild Garlic, *Iris foetidissima* (the so-called Stinking Iris), *Tellima grandiflora*, English Bluebells, Hostas and even Wild Strawberries which will positively thrive and give you much interest throughout the year. However, shade can be wet or dry so be sure to check the requirements before you plant. Dry soils can be bulked up with organic materials such as garden compost, well-rotted manure or using one of the soil wetting agents such as Broadleaf P4 and adding a small amount to the planting hole to help keep the roots moistened to aid the new plant's successful establishment.

Finally, don't forget we offer a container planting service on request. You can bring along your own baskets and pots to be planted – prices and details available at our Plant Info Office. New this season is our fabulous new range of ready-planted moss-lined traditional planted baskets, which will include a colourful seasonal mix.



## 10 TASKS FOR MAY/JUNE

**ROUTINE** Prune many spring-flowering shrubs after flowering. Stake tall or floppy plants. Cut lawns at least once a week. Hoe borders regularly to keep down weeds. Collect rainwater and investigate ways to recycle water for irrigation. Keep the hoe moving through the borders to help control weeds.



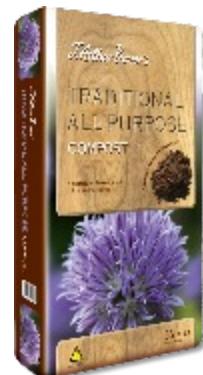
Remember the adage - one year's seeds is seven years' weeds. Catching weeds before they have a chance to flower and set seed is essential. You can always spot treat the likes of Dandelions and Hairy Bittercress with Roundup Weedkiller Gel. Application couldn't be easier; simply touch the weed and the gel adheres to the leaf so is perfect to use on weeds in flower beds, vegetable plots and other awkward places.



**VEGGIES** Harvest Lettuce, Radish, other salads and early Potatoes. Pinch out sides shoots on Tomatoes grown on the single cane cordon system. If you are growing bushy types then there is no need to de-side shoot your plants as the more shoots develop, the larger your crop will be! Plant seedlings or sow directly in the soil by the end of May for early autumn crops like Broccoli, Brussels sprouts, Cabbage, Carrots, Cauliflower, Endive and Radicchio, Kohlrabi, Swiss Chard and Turnips. Pick Peas to help

encourage more pods. Plant out tender herbs like Basil, Coriander, Dill and Lemon Grass. Continue to establish Chives, Oregano, Parsley, Sage, Rosemary and Thyme where you have gaps in your herb patch.

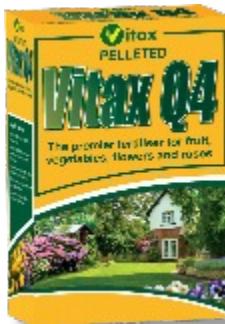
**ALL CHANGE** No sooner we were enjoying the delights of Tulips, Pansies, Wallflowers, Violas and Forget-Me-Nots and its all change as the summer seasonal plants keep up the gauntlet. If you are revamping your pots and baskets remember to use new multi-purpose compost. In the recent compost trials from *Gardening Which?* J Arthur Bower's Traditional Potting Compost came top with a score of 82%. However, all composts only have sufficient nutrients for around 4-6 weeks, so be prepared to liquid feed your planters as we go into the warmer summer months. If you want to save time, why not sprinkle a small quantity of Osmocote, a slow-release fertiliser, around the base of your plants to provide some useful supply of six months feed.



**UNDER GLASS** Open greenhouse vents and doors on warm days. Shade greenhouses to keep them cool and prevent scorch. Improving the humidity in the greenhouse by damping down should be carried out mid-morning and again in the early afternoon to add valuable humidity to the air. If not already done, position some Agralan Yellow Sticky Traps to help catch whitefly, aphids and other pesky pests. However, do position the trap well out of harms way!

**FLOWERS** Plant out summer bedding at the end of May. Position summer hanging baskets and containers outside – a slightly sheltered location is usually the best option for baskets. Preventatively spray all roses with Roseclear Ultra to help discourage blackspot, mildew and aphids from spoiling your display this year. Once the early flowering shrubs (such as Forsythia, Kerria, Philadelphus, Ribes and Weigela) have finished flowering then is the time to trim these back to help maintain

a good shape as well as encourage better flowering next year. It would be beneficial to feed around the base of these plants to help the process.



**HEDGES** Check that there are no nesting birds before clipping hedges. Newly planted hedges need to be watered regularly to keep them growing well. Second and third year hedges would benefit from a feed to help stimulate some new growth and to promote more structure. Apply Vitax Q4 (non-organic) or Blood, Fish & Bone fertiliser if you garden organically. A good handful along each 1m run will be sufficient.

**TROUBLE SHOOTING** After the mild winter, slugs and snails look set to be a problem this month. Be prepared to protect your plants using copper tape

around slug vulnerable plants especially Hostas and young vegetable plants. Alternatively pet-friendly slug pellets can be used, or liquid slug killer will help kill the slugs below the surface or maybe consider using nematodes to deliver a slug-lethal parasitic infection. Remember one of your greatest allies is birds – provide plenty of flat stones so they can practice their effective snail bashing techniques! Watch out for damaging Viburnum beetle and Lily beetle grubs. At first signs of attack apply Provado Ultimate Bug Killer to the foliage as this is a highly effective systemic insecticide. Always follow the instructions as directed on the packaging and always use chemicals wisely.



**FRUIT** Apple (and sometimes Pear) trees are likely to drop large numbers of excess fruit around now. This is known as the 'June Drop', and is nature's way of thinning out the crop. Inspect fruit bushes and trees for pests and diseases, and treat as necessary. As new canes of Raspberries and Blackberries appear tie to support wires, but remember to keep them away from last year's growth as this will flower and fruit this summer. It is a good idea to drape netting over soft fruit bushes such as currants, as well as Strawberries

which are either growing in rows or containers, to prevent birds, especially cheeky Blackbirds, from stripping unprotected plants of their fruit.

**LAWNS** Remember to regularly mow lawns to keep them in shape - removing 'little and often' is the key to a good quality sward. Continue cutting lawn edges with a half-moon edging iron to ensure they are neat. Ensure new lawns (either from turf or seed) do not dry out during hot weather, as turves will shrink and fail to knit together causing cracks and gaps to appear. If persistent broad-leaved weeds, such as Dandelion, Plantain, Common Mouse-ear and White Clover are still proving a nuisance then control them with an application of Verdone Extra. This highly effective lawn herbicide can be applied from April to September. Do follow the instructions carefully on the packaging for best results.



Rhapsody  
in Blue





**BULBS** Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of Daffodils and other spring-flowering bulbs. Summer bulbs such as Dahlias, Gladioli, Lilliums and Tuberous Begonias can now go into their final planting locations. Make sure they are planted into some well-prepared soil embellished with a small quantity of Vitax Q4 fertiliser or try Westland Gro-Sure 4-in-1 Planting Magic Mix.

## THANKS TO YOU



Over our Potato Weekend in February, Breakthrough Breast Cancer raised £169.34. Back in March, Marie Curie volunteers did some fundraising for their Great Daffodil Appeal and over the two days they raised £489.43.

On Sunday 6th April, our Shop Manager Rachel De Cann ran her first marathon for Breast Cancer Care. Rachel was one of the 10,000 people to take part in the UK's second largest 26 miles and 365 yards run in Brighton.

Chatting to Rachel you quickly realise this was an emotional journey of courage, conviction and purpose. Rachel sadly lost her mum to cancer a short while ago and the overriding commitment to help and give something back to a charity has made her determined to succeed. There's been plenty of preparation along the way - a half-marathon and a number of 10k runs.



I asked Rachel what were her thoughts as she crossed the finishing line? "Well, to be honest I had set a target time of 6 hours. However, as I ran across the line the clock read 5 hours 59 minutes – I'd done it. Delighted at this I then discovered my actual time was 5 hours 48 minutes and 57 seconds. I cried when I found my future husband, Rich, at the finish line and yes the emotions flowed. I'd done this for my mum, my dad (who was willing me on in the crowds), Rich and, lastly myself. All this made it so worthwhile."

Rachel paced herself throughout the run, so she didn't hit the so-called "wall". The weather that Sunday changed from damp and cloudy to warm and sunny along the route and Rachel even got a touch of sunburn as she ran along the seafront for the last 6 miles of the race. Rachel kept re-hydrated throughout the run, taking on board around 3-litres of liquid, including a strawberry yogurt tasting gel, full of essential electrolytes (charged minerals like sodium) every four miles, to help keep the metabolism balanced.

The runners were well looked after at the finish with charity tents offering massages together with the obligatory foil wrap, soft drinks, crisps and sugary sweets to help the recovery process.

"A wonderful lifetime ambition" is how Rachel described her massive Brighton Marathon achievement. Rachel, your mum would have been proud of you and so are your colleagues at the Garden Centre. The current total for Rachel's charity, Breast Cancer Care is £509. But you can still donate at Rachel's JustGiving page <http://www.justgiving.com/Rachel-De-Cann>

## WHAT'S ON

We are delighted to be involved in this year's **Relay for Life**

**Buckingham, 28th - 29th June** Event to be held at the Bourton Meadow Academy. We are one of the sponsors providing wheelbarrows for the event. This inspirational overnight fundraising event is in aid of Cancer Research UK and its aim is to remember those lost to cancer, honour survivors and celebrate life. The Candle of Hope ceremony which takes place at 10pm on Saturday evening. A Candle of Hope bag can be dedicated to the memory of someone lost to cancer, dedicated in honour of someone on their cancer journey, or in celebration of someone surviving cancer. Each Candle of Hope bag represents a life and somebody's story. Afterwards you are invited to join us in a walk around the candlelit track in silence, in honour of those who have been remembered in this way. To find out how you can get involved check out their website at [www.relayforlifebuckingham.org.uk](http://www.relayforlifebuckingham.org.uk)



Whisky  
Mac



**Garden Centre talk: Wednesday 14th May\***: Top expert Geoff Hawkins looks at all aspects of Simple Plant Propagation. He will have plenty of tips on increasing your plants in the garden and home.

**Garden Centre talk: Wednesday 11th June\***: Does The Answer Lie in the Soil? Mark Mackie from PlantWorks and BGC's Chris Day look at the soil science and nutrients after the rains/floods and advice on the best plants for difficult locations to help you get the best from your soil this season.

\*Usual venue in the Talks Room within the Restaurant from 4:30pm with the talk lasting 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 Centre Discount Card Holders, £3 for non-members.

## PLANTS OF THE MOMENT



In May the colourful, highly versatile bedding Geraniums (Pelargoniums) are being promoted in the garden centre world by TV personality, Baroness Floella Benjamin, OBE.



In June, hopefully flaming and timely, the ever-popular Roses in all their many forms will be the plant of the moment this time grabbing our attention under the watchful eye of Blue Peter gardener, Chris Collins (see page 2).

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# Chessim:roses



## OUR PREMIER ROSE GROWER CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF GROWING

Paul Chessum began growing roses in Bedfordshire in 1964 – initially producing roses in his parent's back garden before expanding into his own nursery. Over the years Chessum's has expanded to become one of the largest growers of roses in Europe.



Paul Chessum himself remains head of production supported by an experienced team of nurserymen sharing some 200 years of rose growing experience amongst them.



With over 2,000,000 roses currently in production they remain committed to British Horticulture – Standard Rose production is as important as ever and builds on the techniques developed by Paul himself – this combination means that Chessum's Standard Roses are renowned throughout Europe.

Their New Crop Roses are lifted in the autumn and are supplied bare root from October to March to Garden Centres. Chessum's also produce over 1,000,000 container roses which are available all year round, from freshly potted in autumn and spring to fully container grown in late spring and summer.

So, if you are looking for Quality British Roses, you'd better visit Buckingham Garden Centre this summer!

This year, to assist our customers to help the Honey Bee, Chessum's Roses have joined forces with the British Beekeepers Association and created a "good for Honey Bee" logo on all the roses that are great for bees. Honey Bees are important pollinators. Planting for Honey Bees provides food and habitat for other pollinators and birds alike. Honey Bees do not hibernate and therefore need pollen and nectar (from February to October) which is ultimately converted to honey - the bees' winter food store. It is best to plant your garden with groups of Honey Bee friendly plants.



Pictured David Andrews, Chessum's Roses' Business Development Manager, with a larger than life bee-friendly cheeky bee!



You can learn more about planting for Honey Bees and help raise vital funds for varroa research (varroa is a predatory mite) by becoming a Friend of the Honey Bee at [www.friendsofthehoneybee.com](http://www.friendsofthehoneybee.com). Friends of the Honey Bee is operated by the British Beekeeper's Association [www.bbka.org.uk](http://www.bbka.org.uk), Tel: 02476 696679.