

# Buckingham

Garden Centre



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# NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2018 ISSUE



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JUNIOR GARDENING CLUB**



**APPLE AND HONEY SHOW WEEKEND  
SATURDAY 22nd - SUNDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER**

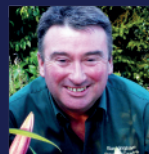
**WHAT'S  
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**WHY WASPS ARE NOT ALL BAD NEWS FOR GARDENERS,  
EVENLEY WOOD GARDEN EVENTS, NEWS AND  
COMPETITION, FIVE MINUTES WITH GERRY EDWARDS,  
WHAT'S ON, OUR CROSSWORD AND NEW INSTORE**



When did you first venture out into the garden and get your hands dirty? When I was knee high to a grasshopper I do remember a 'mountain' of turf arriving in our garden and my Dad lugging and moving the turfs in a wheelbarrow in readiness to create a new lawn. Of course this didn't mean anything to me, apart from the fact I got to use a rake and was allowed to remove 'big stones' and level. My next recollection was in my dear grandma's garden picking border carnations and just remembering the amazing fragrance. Our childhood memories are so important and these days encouraging youngsters with plants, soil and nature usually means prizing them away from screens. At the Garden Centre we continually encourage and engage with local children, from school visits to our annual school challenge so it's with much delight that we announce the launch of our Junior Gardening Club. We'll be running a monthly competition to find missing letters behind our secret doors, plus we'll make sure there are activities aplenty in our newsletters and at our events. We also want to get more local schools involved in gardening and engaged with Nature. So, if you are needing some help with a specific gardening or nature themed project then we would love to hear from you.

Finally, this summer has been a scorcher and we know many of you have been 'plagued' by wasps. Local pest controller, Tom Caswell, gives us his wealth of knowledge on these pesky characters on page 7.



Enjoy your late summer garden - whatever the weather!

Chris

## SHOP NEWS: FOOD HALL ADDITIONS, BULBS AND CANDLES

Although the recent hot weather may have been hard on our gardens, it does allow us plenty of opportunities to sit out and enjoy ourselves late into the evenings. In our ever-expanding Food Hall we have lots of new lines perfect for al fresco dining.

Newly in, we have a range of breadsticks from Yorkshire based Nibnibs (right) and Manomasa tortilla chips in a great range of unique flavours. Great to nibble whilst waiting for the barbeque to heat up. There is also pork crackling now available from The Snaffling Pig Co. You can play it safe with the perfectly salted variety or, if you're feeling more adventurous, you could go for Habanero Chilli or Marvellous Maple, or you could even try Cleaver & Keg's range of dried meats (think gourmet jerky) including chorizo, salami and beef. They all go brilliantly with our wide selection of local ales, including two new varieties from Towcester Mill Brewery - Father's Frolic and Saxon Shield.



If you want to invite people over but don't fancy slaving over a hot stove why not opt for a cheese and wine evening? With a few additions you can elevate your cheese board into something much more impressive. The Fine Cheese Company have crackers with well thought out flavourings. These are ideal for complementing all sorts of cheeses, such as their walnut and honey cracker, a perfect base for blue cheese. They also do a great selection of pickled vegetable and fruit purée that make great accompaniments along with our new range of olives from Silver & Green (pictured left). We have also introduced a range of dipping oils from Charlie & Ivy which, again, come in a wide selection of inviting flavours.



With the cheese board sorted don't forget to pick up a bottle of wine from the award winning Chafor Wine Estate (see page 11 for details of a visit). They have just added a much-requested red wine for the first time called Red Stag. This wine has hints

of cherry and blackcurrant with vanilla and cedar tones from the oak barrel. This makes for a light and fruity red wine, at only 11.5% ABV, perfect for late summer BBQ's and one which could be served lightly chilled. Whether entertaining friends or just enjoying time with the family make the most of your outdoor spaces whilst the weather allows. Don't forget our range of Kadai Fire Bowls which help extend the evenings with some perfect warmth to help raise the temperature. Enjoy the sun but remember to keep cool, stay safe and enjoy the rest of the summer.



Also in the Shop we have a new range of scented candles from Heart & Home. This company produce unique scented candles, with their team of experts ensuring that each of their beautiful candles has the most sumptuous blend of fragrances because they care about producing the best candles. As well as traditional candles, the range also includes wax melts, Scent Cups and warmers and candle holders. Fragrance names to look out for in the range include Dawn Mist, Guardian Angel, Pink Blossom, Pink Grapefruit and Cassis, Simply Mulberry, Simply Spa, Sweet Cherries and White Jasmine and Freesia.



Do please sniff out these exciting additions to our shop range.

The spring bulb season gets underway this month with a riotous selection of Alliums, Crocus, Hyacinths, Narcissi and Tulips amongst others taking centre stage in the Shop. Look out for the XL Value range which this season includes the Bulb of the Year, *Crocus 'Prins Claus'* (pictured right). This superb spring-flowering variety has white flowers, marked boldly in dark purple on the outer face of petals, particularly on the outer 3 petals. It prefers full sun and any well drained soil to flower well. There are also some new Daffodils to look out for, including 'Pastel Gem', a yellow and salmon combination, 'Tibet', all white and 'Rainbow', a white and peach combination and this variety is also UK Daffodil of the Year. Popular gift bulbs Amaryllis will be available later this autumn and there will be some new varieties including 'Cherry Nymph' (cherry red flowers) and 'Dancing Queen' (double white trumped-shaped blooms striped with cherry red).



As we enter autumn and with Christmas just a round the corner we also have our range of 2019 Calendars and diaries on display in the Shop, from traditional wall planners to themed and celebrity wall calendars - they make perfect gifts.

Finally, we will be starting a series of Facebook Competitions at the beginning of September with prizes of a range of seasonally themed goodies. To enter you'll need to LIKE Buckingham Nurseries on Facebook. We're easy to find on Facebook simply search for @BuckinghamNurseries

## NEARBY ROAD WORKS ON THE A421

As you may be aware there are major road works happening on the A421 as you head towards Buckingham at the junction of Tingewick Road. Developments at Tingewick Road are being accompanied by significant new highway improvements which will see the construction of a new four arm roundabout on the A421. Barretts, the house builders, are in partnership with Buckingham County Council to reduce the impact of the development and alleviate congestion. However, delays are going to be experienced as this work continues so please allow time when planning a visit to us. As we went to press, the road agency and council appear to be discussing the impact on local traffic, so we'll see what happens over the coming weeks.



## FIVE MINUTES WITH GERRY EDWARDS, TOP RHS FRUIT EXPERT

As our Apple and Honey Show is fast approaching we spent a few minutes with our favourite apple guru, Gerry Edwards, to discover more about his garden and his thoughts on fruit growing amongst other things. Gerry was recently awarded the prestigious Veitch Memorial Medal, an international prize awarded by the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement and improvement of the science and practice of Horticulture.



### Where do you live and perhaps describe your garden?

I live in Pinner in Middlesex and have around one acre of garden. Approximately one quarter of this is for my fruit growing and bees!

### Do you have your own orchard?

Yes, I do have my own orchard of approximately 300 top fruit trees. Mainly apples and pears but some plums and apricots.

### What do you love about your job?



I am lucky enough to have two great jobs. I work for the RHS as a fruit advisor and apple identifier. I am also Chair of the RHS Fruit Group, Vice Chair of the RHS Fruit, Vegetable and Herb Committee and a member of the RHS Fruit Trials Panel. Additionally I work for myself as Gerry Edwards Orchard Services. I travel round the country advising on orchards old and new, giving talks on fruit growing and writing. I love both of these jobs and get out and about and actually enjoy what I am doing!

### Your favourite plant...

Very hard to say but I will probably go for Bougainvilleas (pictured right) grown in the wild as they always cheer me up! But these are close run by Cistus or rock roses. I just love these sun roses flowering all year round and have many of them.



### Your favourite gardening activity...

Apart from the odd beer in the sun it has to be fruit tree pruning! Yes, that sounds bonkers doesn't it!

### What's the best orchard you have visited and why?

Very difficult as they are all so different. Therefore I have to nominate three! The first is the fabulous orchard at RHS Wisley Gardens where so many historic and heritage cultivars are grown. The second is at West Dean Gardens in West Sussex which I have watched grow from its earliest days. The third is an orchard that I saw earlier this year when I was on a speaking tour of Jersey. This is owned by Vincent Obbard who is the Seigneur of Samarès at Samarès Manor. He has experimented with growing fruit trees in various shapes exceptionally well and I am hoping to write a piece on him for the RHS *The Garden* magazine soon.



## In your opinion what is the best thing that has happened in fruit growing this decade?

Without doubt the banning of many horrible chemicals for the garden. As an organic grower of many years I have real proof that nature does its bit very well and I am delighted that many gardeners are following this lead.



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

An interesting question but I think that the answer has to be to have a full identifiable knowledge of all apples and pears that are grown. If this "super power" is nothing to do with gardening then I would use it to ensure that my football team - Queen's Park Rangers - win more often!

### Facebook or Twitter?

Twitter but almost prefer Instagram!



Instagram

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

Always grow autumn fruiting raspberries on to achieve a second crop the following summer!

### Final question Gerry. What's the most unusual fruit/variety you have been asked to identify?

An Asian pear that the enquirer was determined it was not a russet apple! I think they went home unhappy that it was not an Asian pear but a 'Brownlees' Russet' apple (pictured right)!



Gerry will be offering his wealth of fruit knowledge throughout our Apple and Honey Show Weekend. If you are wishing to have an apple variety identified please bring in 2-3 fruits plus foliage so Gerry's expert eye can have a good look. No more than two varieties for identifying and we would ask if you could make a small donation to our chosen charity, BBOWT. This would be greatly appreciated.

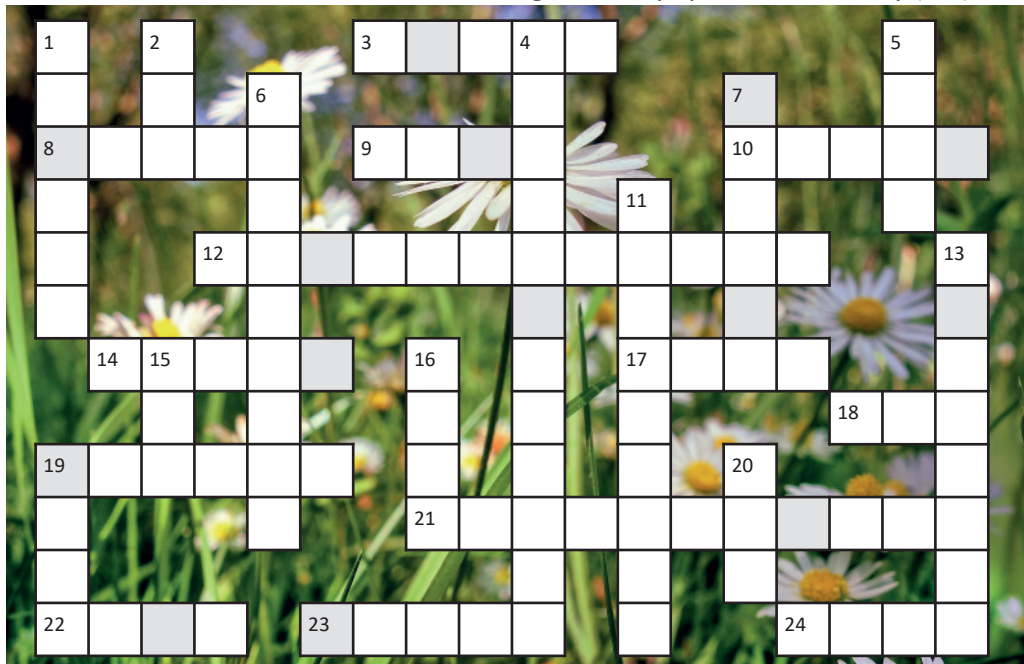
## SCHOOL CHALLENGE RESULTS

Back in February we launched our annual School Challenge to over 20 local pre and primary schools in Buckingham and the surrounding area. This year we threw down the gauntlet to grow the best Calendula or Pot Marigold. This easy to grow hardy annual provides valuable nectar and pollen for our bumble and honey bees! Our gardening expert and tutor Clare Price, pictured left, kindly came along and judged the entries for us. The first prize of £50 of Buckingham Garden Centre garden vouchers went to Maids Moreton School (pictured right with BGC's Chris Day) with their well grown pot. In second place Lace Hill Academy in Buckingham and in third place Thornborough Infant School. Well done to all the entrants particularly given the trying growing conditions.



## PUZZLE CORNER - OUR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER CROSSWORD

Would you like to win a £25 Buckingham Garden Centre Gift Voucher? Enter our crossword competition below. Use the clues to fill in the answers. Take the letters from the shaded boxes which form an anagram of a popular rose variety (8,6).



**ACROSS**

3. Another name for *Bellis perennis* (5)
8. *Crassula argentea*, \_\_\_\_\_ Tree (5)
9. Cornish horticultural attraction \_\_\_\_\_ Project (4)
10. Common, Grey and Italian are types of what? (5)
12. Designer of the 1974 Blue Peter garden (5,7)
14. Pomology is the study of growing what? (5)
17. Lump of soil? (4)
18. Honey producer (3)
19. Tree cedars (6)
21. The colour of the flowers of *Verbena bonariensis* (5,6)
22. Variety of Laurel (4)
23. *Xyella* has already killed many \_\_\_\_\_ oil producing trees (5)
24. Sunken fence or ditch (2,2)

**DOWN**

1. *Rhus Typhina*? (6)
2. TV presenter, Monty \_\_\_\_\_ ? (3)
4. Evergreen blueberry variety (8,4)
5. A friend of Bill and Ben? (4)
6. Evergreen or semi-evergreen yellow flowered groundcover plant or shrub (9)
7. A kind of garden structure? (6)
11. Naked autumn flowering bulbs (9)
13. A herb which has soothing and cooling properties (4,4)
15. Lancashire rose colour? (3)
16. Monty's dogs Nigel and \_\_\_\_\_ (4)
19. Plant support (4)
20. A suffusion of colour (3)

Once you have solved the anagram, send the plant name you have discovered by e-mail to [competitions@buckingham-nurseries.co.uk](mailto:competitions@buckingham-nurseries.co.uk) with subject line "August Crossword" or post your entry to September Crossword Competition, Buckingham Garden Centre, Tingewick Road, Buckingham, MK18 4AE. Closing date 31st October 2018. The answers to previous crosswords are available on our website.

## WASPS CAN BE A PAIN BUT THEY DO HAVE THEIR BENEFITS TOO

As a pest controller with some 20 years of experience, people often ask me "What is the purpose of a wasp"? The expectation is often that my response will be something to the effect of "They have no purpose other than to scare the living daylights out of grown men and generally be a nuisance at a picnic", writes Tom Caswell. However, to the surprise of many, I'm actually very fond of the wasp and regularly fight their corner in discussion. Wasps are pretty much the apex predator and master scavenger and the work they do in reducing the numbers of other bugs is invaluable. If you consider that, in order for a wasp colony to reach full size, they may have consumed as much as a tonne of other insects and that on a really busy year there can be as many as 1000 nests per square mile in the UK you will start to appreciate the impact they have on managing the ecosystem. They also like to hunt aphids and other bugs that feed on flowers so they can quite accidentally be fairly effective pollinators



This year we have seen an unusually successful season for the wasps though. In an average year, I would be called to deal with around 70 - 100 nests during a summer. At the time of writing this I have been called to over 300 so far this year and it's still only late August. Several factors have fallen into line to make it pretty much the perfect summer for them. As a pest controller however I was really surprised by the number of people who have said "You know, we hardly saw any wasps this summer until the start of August. Where have they all come from?" Well the truth is they've been here all summer but you just haven't seen them – and here's why.

We have seven species of wasp that are native to the UK but the main two are *Vespula vulgaris* - Common wasp (pictured left) and *Vespula germanica* - European



wasp. These wasps have a very structured lifecycle. In the spring queens emerge and immediately set to work looking for a nesting site. Once they have found a suitable spot they build a tiny nest from chewed wood pulp and saliva (about the size of a golf ball) and lay their first batch of eggs. These eggs hatch into larvae that will be fed

a diet of pre-masticated insects, meat and other protein rich food that can be found by the queen. Once fully grown the larvae will pupate into sterile females (workers) and once they emerge they automatically take over building the nest and tending the next batch of young. The queen's sole job is to lay eggs.

So why has this year been so successful? Why did we not notice them sooner? Well firstly, that horrible, long, cold winter we had suited wasps very well. We didn't really have any warm days to tempt the queens out early and by the time it started to warm up we were well into spring. This meant that there were no frosts to kill off the newly emerged queens. The long winter was then followed by an unusually hot May, June and July meaning that there was an abundance of food. Therefore the wasps were too preoccupied with chasing bugs to worry about our sweet foods. Finally, and this is the most unusual thing, the weather was so good when the new queens emerged that they didn't hibernate after mating. They went straight out and started building new nests and therefore more than doubling the number of nests again. As the original nests die out the new ones are just getting going so we expect to see wasps around well into the autumn this year.

Will this affect next year's wasp populations? 2016 was fairly busy for the wasps but last year was probably the quietest we have seen in a good ten years so it doesn't necessarily follow that next year will be another bumper year for our stripy friends.

**You can contact Tom at Reliance Pest Management on 01327 857031 or e-mail [tomcaswell@reliancepest.co.uk](mailto:tomcaswell@reliancepest.co.uk)**



## LATEST NEWS FROM EVENLEY WOOD GARDEN

Well what a summer it has been so far! We have had a spectacular lily season with the highlight being the Giant Himalayan Lily (*Cardiocrinum giganteum*, pictured below). This only flowers once every seven years and looked stunning, if only out for such a short time. We also saw a lovely display from one of Tim Whiteley's favourite lilies, the red-flowering *Lilium* 'Garden Society' (pictured right), which Tim bred from the North American *Lilium canadense* and the martagon hybrid *Lilium* 'Theodor Haber'.



It has been a tough couple of months at Evenley Wood Gardens with the high temperatures and the extreme lack of rain putting all plants to the test to see if they can survive this unusual British summer.

This month at the woods a lot of time has been spent trying to be selective over what plants to water and which would benefit from more. In the gardens our large farming water container, which holds thousands of litres of collected rainwater, has for the first time in several years, run dry in aid of our flowering lilies to try to prolong their flowering period.



One benefit of the dry weather is the weeds and vegetation has slowed down meaning we have had an opportunity to start clearing the pond area, raising the tree canopy and stripping back the island to allow our Gunneras to take over and have the space they crave. The pond and stream is going to be a major focus over the next few months to bring it back to its former glory. So please do keep checking in on our progress.

With our water system deployed and the cooler temperatures creeping in we are looking forward to our late summer events such as our upcoming theatre performance, Canopy of Stars, on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August which looks set to be a dazzling display of acrobatics in the trees. Along with our camping experience, Go Wild In The Woods, on 1st September, allowing our customers to experience the garden in a whole new light.

And of course, this is followed by Autumn Colour, which is set to be an exceptional display of fiery oranges, yellows and red – certainly a highlight of the year. Halloween activities will bring Autumn Colour to a close with pumpkin carving, spooky trails and other crafts before we brace ourselves for our first ever Christmas opening - details to follow in our next newsletter!

**COMPETITION TIME** We have two Evenley Wood Garden Season Tickets up for grabs, worth £30 each! To enter the competition simply answer the following question. Can you name the red flowering lily bred by Tim Whiteley and seen flowering in the garden this summer? Please send your answer together with your name and address to [competitions@buckingham-nurseries.co.uk](mailto:competitions@buckingham-nurseries.co.uk) or by post to Evenley Wood Competition, Buckingham Garden Centre, Tingewick Road, Buckingham MK18 4AE. The closing date for the competition is 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018.



**Evenley Wood Garden** is open daily between 9:30am to 4pm. Admission: Adults £5 and Children £1. Café open at weekends. Group tours are available through the season by appointment. Closed on selected dates – it is advisable to check the Garden's website before making your journey. [www.evenleywoodgarden.co.uk](http://www.evenleywoodgarden.co.uk)



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW JUNIOR GARDENING CLUB PAGE

We are excited to launch our new Junior Gardening Club at the Garden Centre this August. Each month we will be running a special challenge to find hidden letters behind secret doors carefully located around the Garden Centre. Simply find all the letters to make the mystery word! There will be prizes to be won, including fun stickers and bubble tubes.

Please collect your Competition sheet from the Customer Service Desk and get searching on your next visit!



### Gardening with Kids practical project - Jack and the Bean Stalk

This is fun and easy to do and will give instant appeal and lots can be learnt from it. If possible read the story of Jack and the Bean Stalk together if the child is not very familiar with it.

**Materials** Kebab stick or a twig or wooden lolly sticks taped together for length, some paper/cardboard and optional cotton wool, a clear plastic cup and a saucer, small amount of compost.

#### Method

1. Draw a castle surrounded by blue sky and glue on some cotton wool to give the cloud effect. Glue the castle/sky onto the stick leaving about 15cm of clear stick between the picture and the top of the pot after the stick has been inserted into the pot.
2. Puncture a few drainage holes in the base of the pot and fill with moist compost.
3. Push a bean or two into the compost and push the 'castle skewer' in to the pot.
4. Put the pot onto a saucer and place on a sunny windowsill.
5. Keep the compost moist and soon the bean will sprout roots then a shoot.
6. Measure how much the shoot grows each day and get the child to guess how long it will take to reach the castle.
7. When the bean has reached the castle the plant could be planted outside where it will grow on until the frosts come.



**NEW IN:** Look out for a new Unicorn range of enchanting soft toys, bedroom wall and door plaques, book ends, necklaces, pin badges, trinket boxes, jewellery boxes, key rings and bags amongst others. These items are perfect for creating your own individuality to a room or making it a theme to a new room - the possibilities are endless. Check out the Unicorn section in our main shop next to the books and greetings cards.



## BBOWT: OUR CHOSEN CHARITY OF 2018

The Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust is the only voluntary organisation in the three counties that is concerned with all aspects of nature conservation. Our experts work with more than 1,400 volunteers to look after more than 80 nature reserves and four environmental education centres. We run hundreds of public events every year including nature walks, talks, and workshops.

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Buckinghamshire  
Oxfordshire**



By connecting people with wildlife we hope to inspire them to protect the natural world and reap the benefits for their physical and mental wellbeing. Each year thousands of primary school children visit our environmental education centres to connect with nature and take part in curriculum-based and fun activities.

Our nature reserves are havens where wildlife can thrive and spread into the wider landscape if conditions are favourable. Our Living Landscapes scheme allows wildlife to move between suitable habitats, and reduce isolation between populations. This reduces the chance of local extinction. We also work with farmers, local authorities and other landowners to encourage wildlife-friendly land management.



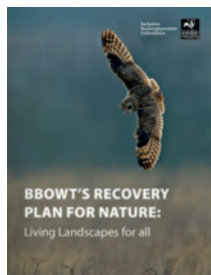
Gardens are also increasingly important havens for wildlife as habitats in the wider countryside shrink and fragment, and climate change takes its toll. Our gardens represent a vast living landscape and the way they are managed can make a big difference to wildlife. We encourage people to think of wildlife when they are gardening, for example by planting wildflowers, putting up bird boxes, leaving piles of leaves for hedgehogs to nestle in, and creating ponds - even if they are only the size of a washing-up bowl!

Butterflies can be attracted with nectar-rich flowers including Verbena and Scabious, while moths like night-scented Stocks, Honeysuckle, evening Primrose and Tobacco plants. Hedges provide living space and food for all sorts of wildlife, and climbing plants provide nesting and roosting sites for birds. We encourage gardeners to create their own compost using garden waste and vegetable scraps, or to buy peat-free compost. You can have an attractive and productive garden without using chemical fertilisers and pesticides. Gardeners' friends include frogs and toads, birds and small mammals like bats and hedgehogs – all of which eat insects or slugs. A pile of logs in a shady corner will feed beetle larvae and shelter frogs, toads and slow worms. Ladybirds, lacewings and hoverflies feast on aphids. There is so much that gardeners can do to help wildlife.

To find out more about the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust please visit <http://www.bbowt.org.uk>

To find out more about wildlife gardening please visit <http://www.bbowt.org.uk/wildlifegardening>

To find out more about events happening this summer please visit <http://www.bbowt.org.uk/whats-on>



## WHAT'S ON THIS AUTUMN AND EARLY WINTER

**EVERY SUNDAY** Between 10am-3.30pm you can stock up on your fresh vegetables and fruit from Peter Miller and also purchase a superb range of competitively priced fresh meat and poultry from Lee of Crawley's Family Butchers from Brickhill.

### **WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER at 4pm Roses with Andrew Mikolajski.**

Roses are amongst the most versatile plants and no garden should be without them. Andrew looks at their history and explores the range available. The talk will begin at 4pm in the Talks Room in the Restaurant, as part of our Garden Centre talks programme, and will last approx 45 minutes with time for questions afterwards. To book a seat call us on 01280 822133. Garden Club Members free, £3 for non-members.



**SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> to SUNDAY 23<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER** 10am-4pm, both days. Apple Weekend features 'North Bucks and Buckingham Beekeepers' Honey Show on the Sunday. We will be joined by the Mid Shires Orchard Group who will be providing apple growing advice as well as apple juicing. RHS Fruit Expert Gerry Edwards will be returning to give his apple fruit identification sessions over both days. We'll have a Tombola for our charity, BBOWT. See page 4 for a chat with Gerry Edwards. There will be delicious food tasting with our popular supplier Cottage Delight on the Sunday.

### **WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER at 4pm. The Gardening Influences of Beatrix Potter.**

Chris Day delves into the history of Hill Garden and how gardening became as much a part of Miss Potter's life as being a hugely successful author. Chris asks if this was the original start to how we create our cottage gardens today!

**FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER at 6.30pm until 8.30pm.** A vineyard tour, talk and sample tastings of Chafor award winning wines at Chafor Wine Estate in Gawcott. The cost is £10 and to register your interest contact our Customer Service Desk.

**SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER** Autumn Essentials Workshop with Clare Price. What to do in the garden as we move from Autumn into Winter? Whilst plants are dormant there are still plenty of useful jobs to be getting on with to prepare and enhance your garden for the following season. This Workshop covers three of the essentials to get you on your way. An introduction to Autumn and Winter pruning to include Apples/Pears, shrubs and roses. An exploration of plants to propagate including using some of the pruning material - Cornus, Roses, Phlox, Acanthus and division of perennials - Astrantia, Geraniums, plus seed collection and storage. Bare Root planting of trees and shrubs in time for the bare root season. The course will be part demo and part practical so please bring along suitable clothing, footwear, gloves and sharp secateurs. The cost for each Workshop will be £19.99 for Garden Club Members and £24.99 to BGC non-Members.

### **WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER at 4pm Designing A Border From Scratch with Lucy Hartley.**

This talk aims to guide the gardener who is faced with the prospect of turning a bare patch of ground into a new garden border. Lucy looks at the essentials, the pitfalls and the designer tips – old and new. She will start with good ground preparation through to ending up with plants which work well aesthetically for the onlooker and work well together for sustainability.



## SPECIAL GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS OFFER COUPONS

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

GARDEN CARD MEMBERS RECEIVE ADDITIONAL DISCOUNT. OFFER SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY



## PLANT OF THE MONTH: SEPTEMBER

**CEANOTHUS REPENS**

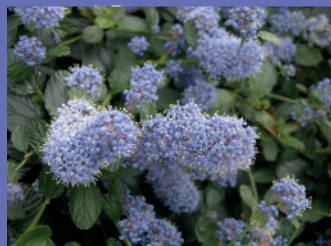
Normally £9.99 each

Garden Club Members' Price:

# £5.99

**PLEASE PRESENT THIS VOUCHER TOGETHER WITH A  
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## PLANT OF THE MONTH: OCTOBER

**PRUNUS ROTUNDIFOLIA (LAUREL)**

Normally £9.99 each

Garden Club Members' Price:

# £5.99

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## PLANT OF THE MONTH: NOVEMBER

**ROSE THE FAIRY RED**

Normally £7.99 each

Garden Club Members' Price:

# £5.99

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**Summer Opening Times:** Mon-Sat: 8:30am-6:00pm, Sun: 10am-4pm.