

# SNAPE GARDENING CLUB - NEWS

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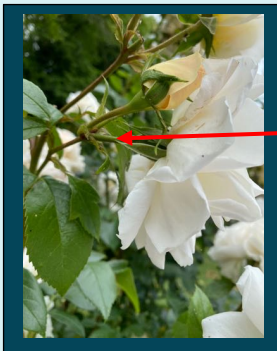
What a scorcher of a start to the early Summer! With hot sunny days the roses are glorious and the annual bedding plants are putting on a wonderful performance.....there are a few tips to maintain their longevity and a few helpful hints for the perennials. The winners of the "Breezy Knees" photography competition are announced!!!! As always there is the list of monthly tasks.....BUT if you only do one thing, make sure that you spend time in your green space and enjoy what you work so hard to create.....sometimes the weeds can wait! ..... happy reading everyone x

*A Summer garden isn't complete without a rose or 5! Here's how & why you can keep them looking their best all season long.....*

What you need :-  
Sharp clean  
secateurs &  
Sturdy gloves

Deadheading roses  
allows the plant  
to divert energy  
into the  
production of new  
blooms.

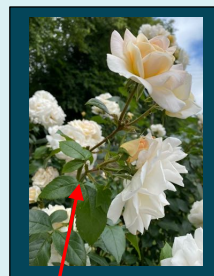
After rainfall,  
flowers can  
become soggy & if  
left in situ can  
encourage fungal  
disease.



Remove single flowers from a cluster as they each finish.

This flower needs deadheading allowing the bud above to fully open.

When the cluster finishes, then cut it back to the 1<sup>st</sup> set of 5 leaves.....this can be a fairly decent length of stem.....but by doing this you encourage a stronger stem to regrow, which will hold the next set of blooms later in the season.



This is the 1<sup>st</sup> set of 5 leaves!

This process is used for repeat bloomers :- floribundas, hybrid tea, grandiflora etc. Once blooming shrubs can be deadheaded to keep tidy & roses that produce hips should be left be.

Use your deadheading time wisely & observe the plant for any signs of damage.....this stem has broken due to wind and weight!



What to do with all the petals.....collect & layer in a glass jar, add a couple of dried mint leaves or a sprig of rosemary & you'll have a personal pot pourri x



## WHAT'S INSIDE THIS MONTHS ISSUE.....

- AROUND THE WORLD
- PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION RESULTS!
- JOBS TO DO

PLUS SO MUCH MORE...

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**Do you know the answer?**

- a) Asprin was originally obtained from the bark of which tree?
- b) Who wrote "The Constant Gardener"?
- c) Mrs Sinkins, Dad's favourite & Alice are all varieties of what?
- d) African violets are commonly known as what?

*(answers on the next page)*



*Summer days out.....there are some crackers this July!*

*Littlethorpe Manor HG4 3LG is open on Sun 6<sup>th</sup> July 1.30pm – 5pm, £8 entry, homemade teas*

*The Manor, Birkby DL7 0EF is open on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 11-4.30pm, £6 entry, tea & cake available*

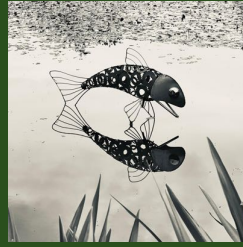
*Thirsk Hall YO7 1PL is open on Sun 13<sup>th</sup> July 11-4pm, £7 entry & refreshments are available*

*Clifton Castle HG4 4AB is open on Sun 6<sup>th</sup> July 2-5pm, £7 entry, homemade teas*

## ***Breezy Knees Photographic Competition.....***

*Our first trip of the Summer saw us visiting the 20 acre garden, found just outside York. The photograph competition saw us looking for a "quirky" shot & a "plant"*

***The winners are:***



**Katrina Turton  
&  
Kath Blanchard**



Thank you to everyone who sent in their entries.....the standard was high & it was a tough decision x



*For a bit of fun.....whose are these breezy knees?*

***Now is a great time to boost your plant stocks by taking Summer cuttings.....here's a how to guide!***



- 1.Trim below a single leaf joint or a pair of leaves.
- 2.The cutting length should be 8-10 cms.
- 3.Remove any leaves from the bottom half of the cutting.

*Summer cuttings are taken from this year's growth – choose non-flowering side shoots*

- 4.If using, mix 50/50 perlite & compost OR just use compost.
- 5.If using, dip the cutting end into hormone rooting powder.

6. Fill a pot with compost and centrally insert the cutting into the mix.

7. Water & allow foliage to dry to prevent rot.

8. Put in a well lit position not in direct sun.



Take cuttings from – salvia, forsythia, lavender, potentilla, penstemon, pelargoniums, fuchsias.....

Water fruit trees & bushes & mulch for water retention

## JULY JOBS TO DO.....

Pinch out side shoots from leaf joints on cordon tomatoes

### SOW

#### BIENNIAL FLOWERS

CARROTS

CHICORY

FENNEL

RUNNER BEANS

PAK CHOI

RADISHES

BEETROOT

Dust foliage & feed houseplants weekly

Lift & divide Iris

Deadhead roses watch for disease & bugs

Feed tomatoes, chillies & cucumbers with a high potash feed

Trim lavender after flowering – not cutting into old wood

Thin out heavy crops of apples, pears & plums & discard any damaged or diseased fruits

Be on the lookout for infestations of bugs – treat ASAP & a nightly stroll for slugs & snail captures!

PLANT

COURGETTES

HERBS

SALAD LEAVES

WINTER BRASSICAS

BRUSSEL SPROUTS

KALE

WINTER CABBAGE

PURPLE SPROUTING BROCCOLI

Open greenhouse vents for improved air circulation

### It's time to think about bulbs! The Autumn flowering variety AND next Spring!

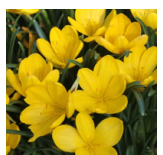
July is the month to plant Autumn flowering bulbs for a pop of later colour in the year. Even if it's a pot or two, they can brighten up a day.....here's a few examples.



Nerrines



Crocosmia



Autumn daffodil



Autumn Crocus

If you are particular about a specific bulb for your garden.....now is a great time to start looking at the catalogues & websites and put a pre-order in, to guarantee you'll get what you'd like!.....note to self! ;)

Mallard Grange Farm have opened for their 2025 wildflower picking season! With 33 varieties of wildflower & prices starting at £8. Coffee, cake, sweet treats & farm produce available. Open daily from 10-4pm Mallard Grange Farm, Aldfield, Ripon, HG4 3BE



#### HOLIDAY WATERING.....A FEW TIPS TO KEEP PLANTS HAPPY WHILST YOU'RE AWAY.

**\*\*Hanging baskets** – Thoroughly water, allow to drain & repeat. Move to shade or stand in a paddling pool if you're away for a couple of weeks!

**\*\*Beds & Borders** – Hosepipe water at the plant base. Try and soak the soil to a depth of 6 inches.

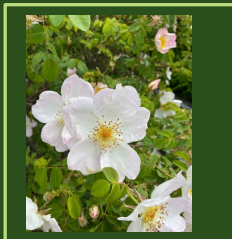
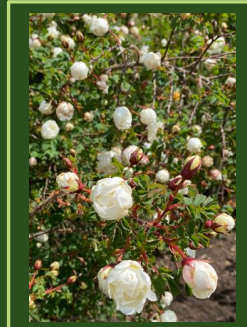
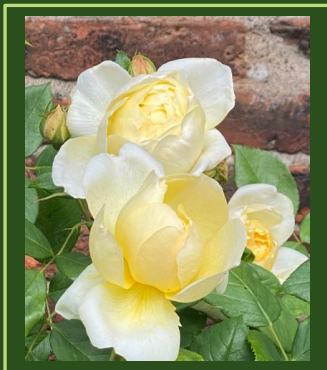
**\*\*Container plants** – Move containers into a shady Spot, not undercover as this will not allow any rainwater capture. Add a plant saucer.

**\*\*Houseplants** – Water and move from sunny windowsills.





*This month sees us travelling North to "Alnwick Gardens" & specifically their rose garden.....it was just starting to emerge for the season.....from shrubs to climbers to tea's and floribundas.....in buttery yellows to magenta pinks.....it was a delight!*



July will see the back of the summer bedding, although for now we still have a good selection with plenty of flowering time remaining.

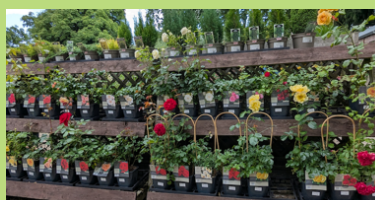


In April we announced our new collaboration with Mires Beck Nursery. Since then, we have sold over 800 of their plants and many will now be happily settled in the pretty gardens of Snape and other local villages. Our Harkness Roses, which we told you about back in February have really delivered and are looking great. In fact, the Garden Centre is awash with vibrant colours as we have recently added Garvinea and Calla Lilies to the mix.

It has been lovely to meet so many members of Snape Gardening Club at Thorp Perrow Garden Centre over the past few weeks. We hope you have found what you were looking for and, possibly, picked up some plants you hadn't realised you needed! We strive to keep our plants healthy and our prices reasonable and with 10% off on top, we hope we are meeting your needs. We really welcome your feedback though, so do let us know what you think we are doing right, or wrong....



If you are looking for a gift for a gardener, we are sure to have something to suit - and we stock a nice range of greetings cards too. We also sell gift vouchers - both our own and the HTA's National Garden Gift Vouchers.



*Enjoy your garden.....from Trevor...Ruth...Nathan & Penny x*