

SNAPE GARDENING CLUB - NEWS



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It always feels that the final show of Summer has absolutely gone once we enter this month.....October gives us a huge horticultural shift, as the dark nights will soon be here and the inevitable first frosts have already made the grass blades twinkle! The ground will start to cool and perennials will prepare to rest, but, it's just another change, and sure as anything, it probably won't be a straightforward season! So embrace the differences that we are lucky to have, and take the opportunity to plan and look forward to some easier gardening time.....

happy reading everyone x

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

ROSE CARE

UNUSUAL BULBS

JOBS TO DO

PLUS SO MUCH MORE...

HELP THE GARDENING CLUB HELP YOU!

*Do you need
"Strulch" for
Autumnal
mulching?*

*Are you interested
in a trip to the
Spring bulb fields
of Keukenhof,
Holland?*

**LET DAVID
KNOW BY EMAIL
BY 10TH
OCTOBER!**

*Can you help with cuttings and
plants for a gardening club plant
stall?*

*Do you need compost
for Autumn planting?*

*Please take a moment & let us know if you're interested.....we
always try & get competitive prices & arrange interesting
visits.....but before we spend time organising we need to hear from
you.....so please just drop an email to say "yeh or neh".....
thanks everyone*

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Send us a photo,
recommend a place to
visit or have a query we'll
do our best to help.....

GIVE IT A TRY –

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Do you know
the answer?

- Which family do the fig, banyan, breadfruit & mulberry belong to?
- Buttercups, anemones, delphiniums & aquilegias all belong to which family?
- The botanical colour of sanguinea gives what colour?
- What are birds that feed mainly on seeds called?

(answers on the next page)

BIRD CARE FOR WINTER.....

NOW IS THE TIME TO INVEST IN THE BIRD FEEDERS & BIRD BATHS.



As temperatures change the birds use a lot of energy to keep warm, and food in the coming months will be harder for them to find. Get them used to knowing that you provide a food source. Nuts, seeds and other energy-rich food sources will be welcome.....whilst they currently have access to berries etc, put out regular small amounts so it isn't wasted & goes mouldy. Keep feeders & baths clean to prevent the spread of disease.

Don't forget the more birds & wildlife are encouraged into the garden, the more pests they will devour when you need their help!

The next meeting of the gardening club is on Wednesday 15th October, 7.30pm at Snape Village Institute.

This sees us welcoming Viv Bradley who will be speaking all about "orchids".

Orchids in the wild or in the home are just so beautiful.....but they can give even the greenest of fingers a run for their money so don't miss it!



The Himalayan Garden & Sculpture Park is now an RHS partner garden and RHS members can gain free entry in the month of October.

They are open Wednesday-Sunday until November.

Autumnal afternoon tea is available as an extra treat (must be booked in advance)

The Hutts, Hutts Lane, Grewelthorp, HG4 3DA -
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OCTOBER JOBS TO BE GETTING ON WITH:-

- Protect ½ hardy plants with fleece
- Lift & divide crowded perennials
- Keep on top of fallen leaves – they can harbour fungal spores & give homes to slugs & snails
- Plant hedges, trees & shrubs
- Cut back yellowing asparagus foliage to 5cms
- Protect Autumn cauliflowers by wrapping the outer leaves around them or use a cloche or fleece
- Harvest pumpkins and squashes
- Tie in next year's raspberry canes
- Divide rhubarb crowns
- Apply a Winter wash to fruit trees & wrap the trunk with a grease band to prevent Winter moth damage
- Check your tree & plant stakes
- Check stored veg & fruit & discard any that are rotting

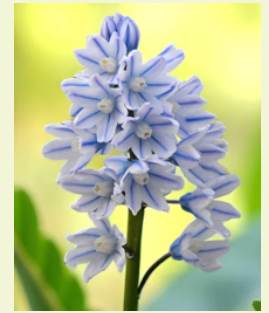
SPRING BULBS WITH A TWIST - Are you wanting something a bit different in your Spring bulb scheme? Have a look at these to give you ideas.....



TULIP GO-GO RED
"JOKERS HAT"
TULIP"



IXIA VENUS



PUSCHKINIA
LIBANOTICA
SQUILL

BRODIAEA
CALIFORNICA
BABYLON

HARDWOOD CUTTINGS FROM DECIDUOUS PLANTS

If you haven't tried taking cuttings from deciduous plants this is the year to give it a go.....it's a process for the long game.....as the cuttings are taken now and left until next Autumn.....the process is simple and the rewards are high!

PLANTS TO TRY

CORNUS



HYDRANGEA



FORSYTHIA



RIBES

MOCK ORANGE



LONICERA

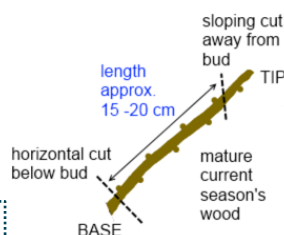


1. Select a vigorous healthy shoot from this years growth
2. Remove the soft tip growth
3. Cut into sections 15-20cms long
4. Cut above the bud at an angle
5. Cut straight across the base below a bud
6. Insert into deep containers using a 50:50 grit to compost ratio OR a slit trench in the ground
7. Leave a $\frac{1}{4}$, 1-3 buds above soil level depending on cutting length
8. Leave until the following Autumn - then lift & transplant

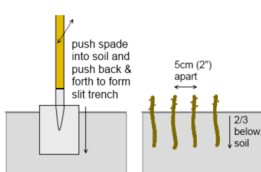
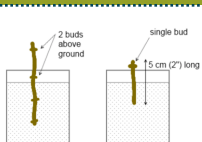
Steps 1 & 2



Steps 3, 4, & 5



Steps 6 & 7



AUTUMNAL ROSE CARE – Although harder pruning can be done later on, there are a few elements of rose care that will help these stunning shrubs if done in Autumn.

Tidy the plant...remove spent blooms...remove diseased foliage...reduce their height to reduce windrock



Snip off spent & soggy flowers to prevent rot...if your rose produces hips then just remove the petals.

Prune out and dead, damaged, diseased or crossing stems. Aim for an open structure to allow good air flow.

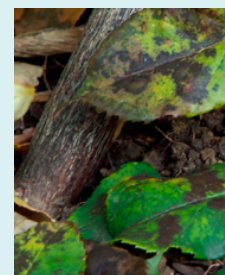
Shorten the stems of tall roses to reduce the risk of wind rock in storms. Try & cut on an outward facing bud if possible.



Prune rambling & climbers when flowers have finished and tie in the stems.



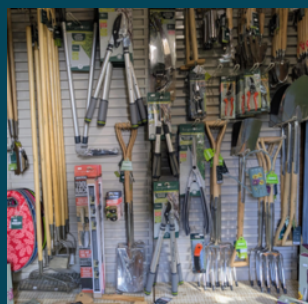
Thin out the heads of the statuesque standard rose as when congested the wind can snap off the thinner stems.



Pick off and collect fallen leaves that show signs of disease. DO NOT compost these put them in the garden waste bin.



25% of Burgon & Ball!
From the 1st October all our Burgon & Ball range will have 25% off. What is more, this offer is exclusive to Snape Gardening Club until the 1st November when it will be open to all customers. As well as a range of high quality tools, we have gardening gloves, kneelers & gift sets, all of which would make acceptable Christmas presents! Please note that this special 25% reduction replaces your usual 10% discount.



Throughout October the garden centre, like the arboretum, will be full of Autumn colour & Halloween fun. Our seasonal selection includes pansies, violas, wallflowers, polyanthus, cyclamen, heathers, hellebores, cotinus, dogwoods & acers. You will find that our quality plants are competitively priced, even before your 10% discount is applied. We also have a range of Spring-flowering bulbs & Autumn-flowering crocus.



If you are celebrating Halloween then take a look at our selection of cute ornaments, candles & pumpkin carving & decorating kits.

Plenty of reasons to pop along to your friendly local garden centre this October!