

SNAPE GARDENING CLUB - NEWS



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Here we are in the month where things begin to change for the gardener.....It's a busy time, as there are jobs that need to be done before the weather changes and the ground gets colder, but there is the optimistic items of Spring bulbs and seed sowing in readiness for next year. It has, yet again, been a challenging year, but don't forget, this month brings us new delights with the russets and golds appearing in the tree canopies, the brightness of the rudbeckias....dahlias....clematis...and the last hurrah for the annuals, swaying grasses and the formation of stunning seedheads.....there really is still so much for us to smile about. This month the newsletter is giving you lots of useful tips and it finishes with the most delightful photographs of dahlias.....happy reading everyone x

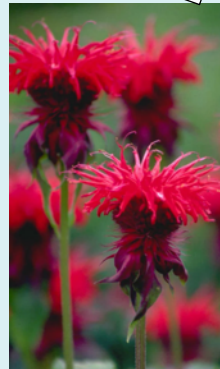
AUTUMNAL INTEREST IN THE GARDEN.....

It can feel as if the garden becomes stripped out and bare, once the floriferous annuals in pots & baskets have gone over.....but, there are plenty of choices to give a colour boost in these coming months.....here's a few ideas.

Japanese
Anemones



Monarda



Sedum



Cyclamen Hederifolium



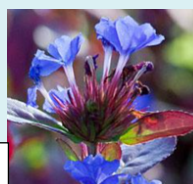
Violas & Pansies planted
now, will establish for
the Winter



Chrysanthemums



Hardy Plumbago



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

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JOBS TO DO

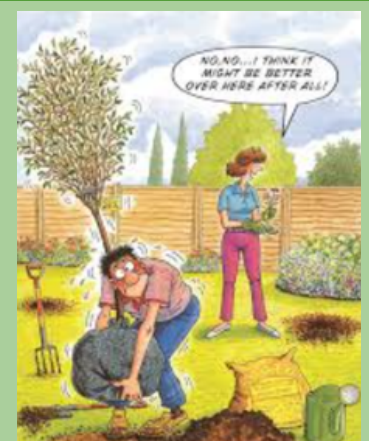
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visit or have a query
we'll do our best to
help.....

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Do you know the answer?

- a) Where is the Karoo Desert National Botanical Garden?
- b) What does it mean if a plant has the word "edulis" in its name?
- c) Which family do hawthorn, apple, pear & cherry belong to
- d) What is the highest accolade that can be awarded to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to horticulture?

(answers on the next page)



F. TATE & SONS, RIPON have their annual ½ price shrub sale now on.....looking for a bargain.....don't miss out

SEPTEMBER JOBS.....

PLANT UP
AMARYLLIS FOR
FESTIVE CHEER
LATER ON!

COLLECT SEEDS FROM
YOUR GARDEN
FAVOURITES.....REMEMBER
TO LABEL THE ENVELOPE!

ORDER BARE ROOT
FRUIT TREES

SOW HARDY GREENS
- KALE, PAK CHOI &
MUSTARD

CHECK TREE SUPPORTS
ARE UP TO THEIR JOB
DURING THE WINDY
WEATHER TO COME!

REMOVE
PUMPKIN &
SQUASH LEAVES
TO ALLOW
THEM TO RIPEN

POT UP THE
STRAWBERRY
RUNNERS FOR FREE
PLANTS!

BURN/GREEN BIN
ANY DISEASED
PLANT MATERIAL-
DON'T PUT IT ON
THE COMPOST
HEAP!!

RAISE THE
HEIGHT OF THE
MOWER BLADES
AS GROWTH RATE
SLOWS

KEEP FEEDING
&
DEADHEADING
ANNUALS

PICK OFF ANY
ROTTING FRUITS TO
REDUCE DISEASE RISK

SOW BROAD BEANS &
PEAS FOR AN EARLY 2026
CROP

TAKE HARDWOOD
CUTTINGS OF
CURRANTS,
GOOSEBERRIES &
FIGS

AFTER CUTTING
DOWN TO THE
GROUND, LEAVE THE
BEAN & PEA ROOTS
IN AS A NITROGEN
SOIL SOURCE

IMPROVE CLAY
SOILS BEFORE
IT BECOMES
TOO WET OR
FROZEN

COVER WALL
TRAINED PEACH
TREES TO PREVENT
PEACH LEAF CURL

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED
TO MAKE THE "AUGUST SOCIAL" OF
MEMBERS OPEN GARDENS SUCH A
SUCCESS - A WONDERFUL EVENING OF
MEANDERING....CHATTING & LAUGHTER X

MANY CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL THE WINNERS AT
THIS YEAR'S "SNAPE &
WELL" SHOW.....YOU
TALENTED LOT!

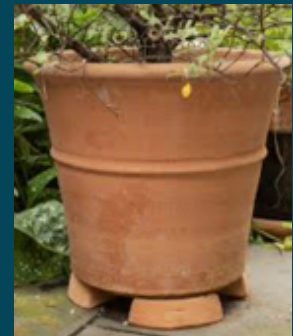


It's time to get ahead and prep a few areas in readiness for the changing season..... lets take a look at our wet areas.....containers and our greenhouses and coldframes.....they really are on the good jobs to get done list!

Clear out the pond weeds, & leave them heaped at the side of the pond so wildlife can return to the water. Cover with net to protect the water from leaves & Autumn debris.



Containers must have adequate drainage – raise the pots onto pot feet now – cold, wet compost won't help your container plants over the colder months. Consider topping up the compost levels if they have dropped over the Summer.



Greenhouse, cold frame & polytunnel housekeeping might seem like the last thing on the "to-do" list, but if you have suffered with tomato blight or other baddies then you want to ensure that these aren't harbouring over the Autumn. (don't compost any plants that have suffered – they need to be burnt/green bin).

You don't need anything fancy & costly – just elbow grease and time!

After emptying, start at the top of the structure & work your way down to floor level.

- *Check – outside gutterings are clear & secure*
- *Sweep down cobwebs from the framework and any staging that you may have*
- *Sweep out the floor area*
- *Wash all surfaces with hot water and a mild detergent*
- *Leave vented to dry thoroughly*

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK YOUR GREENHOUSE HEATERS ARE IN WORKING ORDER



JERVAULX HALL OPEN GARDENS

An 8 acre garden with mixed borders, beds, parterre, glasshouse, woodland, vegetable garden & fernery.

WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

12 MIDDAY – 5PM

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
AVAILABLE**

£7 PER ADULT ENTRY



Do you know the answer? a) South Africa b) Part of the plant is edible c) Rosaceae d) Victoria Medal of Honour

The 6th of September marks the 1st anniversary of Thorp Perrow Garden Centre! It's also 10 years since Trevor & Ruth decided to set the seal on their lifestyle move to North Yorkshire by realising a long held dream to open a garden centre (Wensleydale GC in Leyburn) We hope you have appreciated the convenience of us being on your doorstep & will continue to make the most of your 10% discount.

There is already a suggestion of Autumn in the air & this is confirmed by the return of pansies, violas, primulas, cyclamen & wallflowers to our benches. We also have a lovely selection of Spring flowering bulbs. We have recently started to stock cut flower bouquets. The flowers are grown just 5 minutes away! Apologies for the early use of the "c" word, but we have placed our order for pot grown and cut Nordmann Christmas trees. They are coming from a plantation near Darlington this year. Trevor & Nathan enjoyed a visit to the site & were impressed by the quality of the trees. Pot grown trees will be in-store at the end of October & cut trees at the end of November. We're happy to take pre orders for these for a £10 deposit. We can then select a nice tree for you when they arrive & pit it aside for you. Please do also get in touch in good time if you have specific requirements-a tree over 8ft for example, or to enquire about a different variety. Enjoy the tail end of Summer!.....From the Thorp Perrow Garden Centre Team



A word or two from "The Boss".....Firstly, I hope you have all enjoyed the Summer and have made the most of the glorious sunshine....despite the challenges that it has brought us! The trips to Breezy Knees and RHS Wentworth Woodhouse were very enjoyable and it's always a great chance to pick up new ideas for our own gardens. There's a busy calendar of meetings and some choices that we need your feedback on.....so please get in touch.

DO YOU WANT.....STRULCH OR COMPOST??? THE MORE WE BUY THE CHEAPER IT IS.....GET IN TOUCH

WOULD YOU LIKE A TRIP TO AUTUMNAL RHS HARLOW CARR OR RHS BRIDGWATER??? THE COSTS WOULD BE TRAVEL ONLY AS THE CLUB RHS MEMBERSHIP GETS US IN FOR FREE!.....GET IN TOUCH

THE 2026 PROGRAMME OF SPEAKERS IS IN THE PLANNING.....WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT???.....GET IN TOUCH

2026 IS THE 10TH BIRTHDAY OF GARDENING CLUB! WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN A TRIP TO THE BULB FIELDS OF KEUKENHOFF.....GET IN TOUCH

CAN WE RUN A PLANT STALL TO FUNDRAISE??? HELP TO ORGANISE & CO-ORDINATE.....GET IN TOUCH

MEETINGS WILL BE IN SNAPE VILLAGE INSTITUTE

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL SOON BE HERE - WEDNESDAY 17TH SEES BEN PRESTON TALKING ABOUT HIS VENTURE AT "CLIFF BANK NURSERY".

OCTOBER 15TH SEES VIV BRADLEY DISCUSSING THE BEAUTIFUL "ORCHID".

NOVEMBER 19TH SEES HENRIETTA HUNTLEY APTLY TALKING TO US ABOUT "CLIMATE RESILIENT GARDENING"



*Take a look at these
delightful dahlias.....
even if flowers are
not your
"thing".....these will
surely sway you!*

