

AUTUMN NEWS

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BETTER THAN AUGUST



Ever thought that your garden looks worse in August than you remembered? In this part of the world it feels like the end of the gardening year. Most plants have completed their life cycle and even the weeds (not that there are any, obviously) look tired. This is a hedge trimming, tidying time. Then, just as we think that's it, we get September and October. Two magic months of long shafts of sunlight, late annuals and amber colours.

Deep in the ground the daffodils start to put down roots ready for the spring and the autumn crocuses appear. Pears need harvesting and we put on events for our visitors with warming soup and heartier food. Definitely not the end of things. We look forward to seeing you this autumn.

Ursula Cholmeley

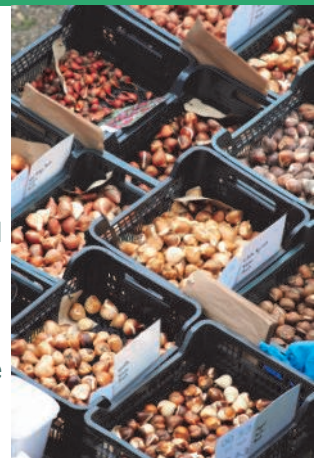
Landy, our lovely PA, has had a beautiful baby girl, Phoebe. Congratulations to her and Mark.

Press News: Unfortunately, Channel 4 pulled the funding for the second series of Landscape Man half way through filming. Therefore we will not feature as thought on Channel 4 next spring, but in the serendipitous way these things work, BBC Gardeners World will be showing our sweet peas.

GARDENERS MARKET SEPTEMBER 12TH 10.00—4.00 P.M.

This is an event that makes the most of Autumn. September is a great time for establishing plants so this is a good opportunity to get plants at an excellent price from local knowledgeable growers. Whilst you visit the gardens you can buy plants, bulbs, cakes, local meat and bread as well as thinking about presents and, for those of you who are way more organised than me, start the Christmas shopping list!

Belvoir Cordials, Basingthorpe Beef, Bread to Order and Tuk Tuk Foods are all lined up to bring their produce. The tearoom will be serving our usual delicious food, (thank you to everyone who has made such lovely comments about the food and drink on facebook, twitter and by post this summer) and the gardens should look great with some late annuals starring in the gardens. We look forward to seeing our friends and new visitors.



RHS EVENTS



Wednesday 17 November: RHS Autumn Walk.

I will be leading a private tour of the gardens, looking at the challenges of managing a large garden, establishing meadows, planting bulbs and planning for next year. Hot Chocolate, winter cordial and cake is included and a chance to do some Christmas shopping. Please book through Mary on 01476 530 063
RHS members £12.95 Non RHS £15.95

Join photographic expert, teacher and plantsman Pete Murray for seasonal photography, September 8 2010. To book call us or call Pete on 01780 410 078 for more information.
Price £35 per afternoon.

OPENING TIMES: UNTIL THE END OF OCTOBER 2010. WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, SUNDAYS AND BANK HOLIDAY MONDAYS.

11.00 AM-4.00 PM SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER FREE ADMISSION FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

GOOD GARDENS • GOOD SHOP • GOOD FOOD

CHILDRENS MONTH

In October, we encourage children to get outside while the weather is still comparatively mild and enjoy the garden with them in mind. We have a swing, conkers, snails, hyacinth potting, pumpkin rolling, balls, leaf piles, dens, turf maze, yew tunnel and activity sheets. The tearoom will be open for light lunches and teas or bring a picnic if you like. Open days in October 11.00 –4.00 pm.

Pumpkin Carving competition.

Sunday 24th October Two years ago we ran a highly successful carving competition. This year we are hoping whole classes and families will get involved. Bring your carved pumpkin on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday 20th – 22nd October during opening hours or by appointment. and on Sunday you and your guest come in FREE! Your pumpkin will be displayed in the courtyard and you can see if you have won and then have a great day in the gardens. For more information on classes please see our website www.eastonwalledgardens.co.uk



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

I am writing this in mid August and Christmas seems a long way off but the bulk of the ordering of Christmas stocking fillers, interesting and useful gifts and decorations has already been done. Come and visit us for FREE on Sundays in November for Christmas shopping, walks in the slumbering gardens and a warming lunch or tea.

Sweet Peas for Autumn sowing: You can sow sweet peas for big early flowers. We have around 30 varieties for sale and can send some to you if you call Mary. Seeds are £2.00 a packet plus postage

Are you on twitter or facebook?

You can follow my daily ramblings on twitter @EWGardens. See lots of photos of the gardens, keep up with events and post your own photos on our facebook page: www.facebook.com/EWGardens. On our website you can find this newsletter and also a series of seasonal screensavers to download.

FRIENDS NEWS

Friends of Easton Walled Gardens Christmas Shopping day is on Wednesday November 10th 11.00 –4.00. Invitation to follow.

Friends news: With VAT looming at 20% and other costs, it is with some regret that we will have to increase our friends membership for the first time ever this autumn to £20 for a single and £30 for a family. This still represents excellent value for money and includes a season ticket to the gardens, a free visit to Grimsthorpe Castle and our special friends Christmas shopping Day. We hope you still think you would like to support us next year AND if you are not a friend of the gardens, if you join now your card will last until February 2012!



ADVANCE DATES FOR SNOWDROPS. 12TH-20TH FEBRUARY 2011. OPEN DAILY 11.00-4.00 . WE ARE CURRENTLY TAKING GROUP BOOKINGS. WWW.EASTONWALLEDGARDENS.CO.UK