

AUTUMN NEWS

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WALLED GARDENS

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MY FAVOURITE TIME OF YEAR

Autumn is, for me, a magical time of year. The air is pleasantly cooler, it is still light in the early evening and the rays of the sun casts golden shadows across the grass and turning trees in the park. The gardens are now coming into their September plumage. Oranges and yellows, fruits and cobwebs. Clouds of swallows and house-martins plunge over the meadows catching flies before they leave for Africa.

This is the beginning of the next gardening year. we are planning Spring colour while **still enjoying this year's, so come and visit us to stock up on bulbs for next year and meet us at the Gardening clinic for advice for your garden next year.**

With best wishes

Ursula Cholmeley.

Ps Maggie, who many of you know, leaves us to go travelling. We will miss her but are delighted that Landy Hosli will join us from mid-September



GARDENING CLINIC
31ST AUGUST

The Gardens are open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays in September and October. 11.00 –4.00 pm. Adults £5.00 children £1.00

Diary Dates in this issue:

Gardening Clinic: Monday 31st August

Gardeners Market: Sunday 13th September

Childrens Month: Open days in October

Christmas Shopping: Sundays in November

Please note: Autumn into Winter Day has been amalgamated into Childrens month, so the actual event does not exist as advertised.



Gardeners Question Time comes to Easton, well not quite, but between us we know quite a lot about gardening. Our guest will be Jackie Murray and Steve, Tim and I will be on hand to answer any queries you have about your garden. As well as this, the new stock of Spring bulbs should be in. We stock a few well chosen varieties which produce really healthy beautiful blooms.

B. H. Monday 11.00-4.00 pm

GARDENERS MARKET - SEPTEMBER 13TH



A celebration of local, fresh, seasonal and all those other buzzwords that really means integrity. We have around 15 stalls selling good quality plants, antique gardening tools, bulbs, chocolate, cakes, jams, cordials, meat and bread. This year the Beauvale Ensemble will be playing in the courtyard while you shop and look around the garden. This is our 3rd autumn market and it is a great time to visit as there are still plenty of flowers and produce in the gardens and it is a good time of year to buy plants and get them established in your garden for next year.

We have had particularly fine comments from groups and visitors this year: Here are two: 'Fabulous, fabulous, fabulous!' and 'Drove all the way from North Yorkshire. Well worth the drive.' and if you can please a Yorkshireman...

GOOD GARDENS • GOOD SHOP • GOOD FOOD

CHILDRENS MONTH

Now this is fun, for us, for parents and, of course, for children. In October, we encourage children to get outside while the weather is still comparatively mild and enjoy the garden **with them in mind. It's low-tech fun.** We have a new swing, conkers, snails, hyacinth potting, pumpkin rolling, leaf piles, dens, turf maze, yew tunnel and activity sheets. Most of the flowers have set seed and the terraces have been mown so we say this to children.... Come and do your worst, **the gardens won't mind and we won't either!** (subject to the usual parental guidance.) 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.



Friends Shopping day.

Thursday 12 November.

An exclusive day for Friends of Easton Walled Gardens (and their friends.) Join us for shopping and a garden visit with a free drink while you shop and gardeners on hand to show you this years plans and last years improvements. Bring your own friends who may not have visited and show them what we do. Relaxing and interesting with lots of shopping opportunities, this day is regularly popular with our Friends. Invitation to follow.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Now here's the best bit, the gardens open FREE on Sundays in November so you can stroll around the gardens, have lunch or a coffee with us before or after your shopping. Way better than struggling in the high street or at packed fairs! Of course, if you just want to drop into the shop you are welcome to.

This year the Christmas shop is the largest yet. We will have 3 rooms for Christmas shopping, including big items and lots

of small presents. I have been sourcing these since July and we hope you like our ideas for you. Present ideas include everything from the traditional RHS endorsed tea towels and stationery to funky bird feeders and presents for trend conscious teenagers. I am getting quite an old hand at this now and source presents that represent quality, usefulness and value for money. Something you would be proud to give family and friends. A number of our products are made in Britain and are exclusive to us in this area.

Can't make Sundays? You can book visit the shop by appointment during the week. Bring some friends, plan your present giving and shop quietly. Just call Landy on 01476 530 063.



Advance Snowdrop dates for 2010: February 13th – 21st Daily 11.00 am—4.00 p.m