

Our Monthly Newsletter

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. We hope you find the content interesting. All back issues can be located at www.brundallpetandgardencentre.co.uk.

Winter Colour

We all know that Winter is on it's way but it does not necessarily mean the end of the gardening season.



Winter can be attractive in its own right and with a little thought about planting you can still add a little colour to your garden.

I often find pleasure in looking around the plants in the garden centre during the Winter months and noticing a new bud here or a little shoot growing there.

So how to make the most of a Winter Garden?

One of my favorite plants are hellebores. These flower during the Winter months and give a wonderful display, particularly if their flower heads can be seen through the snow.

Over the past few years we have kept quite a range of hellebores with colours including reds, whites, pinks and almost black.

Winter pansies are also a firm favorite in many gardens. We stock a strong variety called Maxtra. Winter pansies will stop flowering during the darkest winter months but really come into their own during the early spring. Indeed most customers find that their pansies flower right through the summer months. Why not try violas? These tend to be more scented and have dainty faces.

To help your Winter display along you can also plant evergreens. Euonymus is a good choice with lots of different foliage colour variations. Goldcrest conifers offer a vibrant green background to any Winter planting. Heathers provide a real splash of colour.

To give you an idea of what can be achieved for very little money I have planted up a small container with Goldcrest, heather, mini cyclamen, ivy and pansies. This will provide colour at different stages throughout the Winter months. Imagine looking out of you kitchen

window at something like this in January!



**PLANT NOW
FOR WINTER**



**Gardeners Club
October Special offer.
Buy 3 packs of spring
bulbs and receive a
4th free of charge.**

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Diary Dates

21 December 2013

Gift of Christmas event

Free of charge

11am to 3pm

Father Christmas and
Reindeer

Points of Interest

Battery Recycling

You can recycle all of your old domestic batteries in store. Please see the new collection container which is placed on the animal feed bins just inside the main door. Please do not leave batteries on the pavement outside when we are closed.

Cookware Catalogue

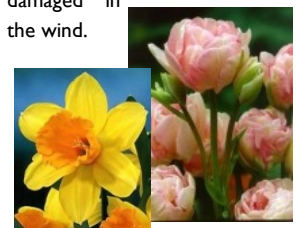
Our cookware catalogue filled with exciting products and recipe suggestions will be published this month. We will be delivering over 3000 copies through local doors. Look out for your copy or collect one in store from mid October.

Christmas Tools Catalogue

Mustn't leave the gents out. We will have a Christmas tools catalogue available in October as well. This will be delivered to 3000 households. Great for gift ideas and real bargains. Terrific battery buys. Torches also very popular.

Spring Bulbs

Our Spring bulb collections have now arrived in stock. This includes hyacinths, narcissi's and tulips. We have selected smaller varieties which seem better suited to our east coast gardens whereby the stems are not so likely to be damaged in the wind.



Knitting Wool



It's not every hardware store that also carries a range of knitting wool. Well here at Brundall Home Hardware we like to be different. We stock a basic double knit from King Cole at £1.65 a ball. We carry a wide range of colours and a selection of patterns.

Add to this a range of needles, pins and a whole host of haberdashery we are confident that we can cater for most

requirements. At this time of year we see a big demand for knitting wool. We also notice that many knitters like to knit for charity.

So come on call in to pick up your needles, wool and just —

Get Knitting

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Please email me with any thoughts and comments on this newsletter. I would also welcome suggested topics for inclusion in future editions.

Andrew's Top Tip— Don't gloss over the problem.

In 2010 our dear friends in the EU forced a change upon the paint industry. Paint formulas had to change to remove certain chemicals and this meant that the paint we use behaves in a slightly different way. One of the main problems faced was a relatively quick yellowing process for white paints. This affected most paint manufacturers.

At Brundall Home Hardware our main paint range is provided by Johnstone's paints. We have been delighted with the quality of the paint and the service that the manufacturing company provides to us and our customers.

Last year they introduced a quick dry gloss paint to the range. This is excellent as it does not yellow, it is low odour and it dries quickly. The paint is excellent for both internal and external use. A 750ml tin in priced at £9.99.



Combined with Johnstone's Quick Dry Primer Undercoat (£9.99 for 750ml) you will be equipped for a really good, long lasting paint finish.

Did you know that paintbrush technology has also changed? To work with the modern paint formulas you ideally need to use a synthetic paint brush which has tapered tips to the brush fibres. This means that the paint will be applied in a smooth manner and will reduce any unsightly brush marks.

We stock a range of Harris brushes. We always recommend the budget Extra brushes as these are a quality brush at the right price! (Please do not use the 5 brush Extra pack, at £2.99, this is not the same product and is more suited to jobs requiring paint brush disposal after use). Please always feel free to ask staff members for helpful advice on your decorating requirements.

Great idea

To ensure that we always have the chance of introducing new products Alison and I attend a number of different trade shows during the year. Sometimes this can be a bit boring but then a product catches your eye and you think—Wow that's a great idea!

Well here is a product that we saw at a recent show and we are sure that you will also be interested. It's a night light with a difference. The base plugs into a wall socket and the beam is switched on when movement is detected within 120 degrees of

the sensor. OK so nothing that good you may think. Well it also performs as an always charged torch. Simply lift from the base and switch on to utilize the bright LED torch beam.

The really clever bit is that in the event of a power failure the unit will automatically turn on. This is ideal for lighting difficult areas such as stairs and landings but more importantly it is a perfect solution to give that little extra piece of mind to the elderly, infirm or those with children.

We have ordered a batch of these which are now in stock priced at £23.99.

We think that this unit offers real versatility. If you would like a demonstration please ask to see the display unit operating in store.

THE PERFECT NIGHT LIGHT



One week only



To help create a bit of space in the garden centre we are offering a buy two get one free offer on our frost proof terracotta plant pots shown in the picture.

This means that you can have three of the largest pots for just £60.00—a real bargain for pots of this size and quality.

The offer will only be available between Saturday 12 October and Saturday 19 October inclusive.

SPECIAL OFFER
LIMITED STOCK AVAILABLE

Winter fuel

For many customers we are the shop of choice for Winter fuel. We carry a range of smokeless HomeFire Ovals and House Coal. We are unusual in the fact that we stock our fuel in both 10kg and 25kg sizes. Netted seasoned hardwood logs and kindling are both also very popular.

We know that our prices are very competitive as we check these against other suppliers in the area. So you can be assured of good value.

We also stock Calor Gas.

In store you will also find a selection of fireside accessories. Please ask for a copy of our fireside brochure.

