

## 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](http://www.brundallpetandgardencentre.co.uk).

## Trip down memory lane...

We're always being asked if we stock some of the old fashioned products that most of our older customers came to know and trust. Sadly many of these have now been withdrawn from the market and can no longer be found in your local shop. Some were just brands that the supermarkets did not stock and as such the general market disappeared.

One of the most recent departures was Fairy Soap. You know the large green bar used as a pre-wash. I still have a bar of this in my garage



which belonged to my grandmother. I discovered it the other day and it made me think about some of the products we still stock that have been around for generations.

I love the smell of the old fashioned Pears' Soap. There is something special about unwrapping the box and feeling



that awkward size bar which can easily drop out of your hand when you first use it.

How about Brasso? This is still one of the most popular metal polishes around, still retaining its original livery. This old advert shows the product being used to clean a variety of old pots and pans. Today it remains a versatile product in the cleaning cupboard.



Brillo soap pads have been an essential kitchen cleaning tool for decades. Today they are now part of the Mr Muscle group. Not so sure that this carries the same message. I really hope that they do not completely remove the Brillo name.



Occasionally we can obtain Robin Starch. This is increasingly difficult so you will find Dylan Starch as a



regular line.

One for the children. We still stock Crayola Wax Crayons.



If you have your own favourites drop me a line on email, (details overleaf) and I will try to include some of your memories on our Facebook page.



**Gardeners Club**  
August special offer.  
10% off all  
perennials

## Newsletter August 2013

### Diary Dates

#### August

Induction service for Rev Peter Leech on 13 August.

Bank holiday Monday 26th

August. We will be closed.

**2014 calendars and diaries  
now in stock.**

### Points of Interest

#### Ingenuity in Business

Over 25 local businesses have joined together to form Ingenuity in Business. The purpose is to support each other and improve our joint offering for the people of Brundall and the surrounding villages. A village web site is planned which will highlight the services on offer, provide a platform for community groups etc to highlight their activities and provide local tourist information. A number of further initiatives are planned with the support of Brundall Parish Council and Broadland District Council. If you require further information or would like to enroll your local business please speak with Andrew.

Look out for more information!



#### Hedgehog Food in Stock.

It's early to think about winter but your local hedgehog will be pleased to receive your support, with his very own dinner. This is important if we have a dry summer and natural foods such as slugs are in short supply.



## Jewellery



Paua shell collection

Our latest offering is a selection from the Byzantium range of jewellery. This is an affordable and attractive range with prices starting at just £7.99. Ideal as a personal treat or for a gift.

"The gift of the God of the Sea", the ancient Maori people see the Paua Shell as a transcendent treasure. This range is all natural and carved from the beautiful abalone paua shell. Each

one is different and unique in colour and tone comprising of blue, green and purple shimmering shades. The iridescent quality of the shell creates a new colour and pattern in every light. Exceptionally popular pendants, earrings and bracelets in fabulous styles, not to be missed!

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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—Cleaning the Oven

OK! So the oven is due it's annual clean. A job most dislike but it does not have to be a chore with the range of products we have in store.

Our first recommendation is Oven Pride. It doesn't get much easier. Place all of your chrome shelves and cleanable surfaces in the large bag supplied. Add the cleaning chemical, seal the bag and ensure that all surfaces are covered. We leave it overnight and then wash it off in the morning. For a really good clean finish we give everything a spin in the dishwasher. No scrubbing, no hard work, just a very easy way to clean.



We also recommend HG Oven and BBQ Cleaner. This is excellent for dealing with everyday stubborn burnt on marks. A quick spray, leave for a minute and wipe off. Great for keeping the oven door glass clean. HG Ceramic Hob Cleaner is also brilliant. It removes all cooking marks and leaves a highly polished look to your cooker hob. We find it useful for removing stubborn marks on ceramic cookware and saucepans before placing in the dishwasher.



We also like the Bake-o-glide oven liner. Stops burnt spills etc sticking to the bottom of your oven. All products mentioned are stocked at Brundall Home Hardware. Please read all instructions before using any of these recommended products. We also stock oven bulbs, cooker hood bulbs and filters. No excuses now not to get that perfectly clean oven.

## Key Cutting

At school my least favourite subject was metal work. I was just not very good at it. So I was surprised how much fun I can have with key cutting. It's the challenge!



First of all you need to try and find the right blank. There are over 16,000 different key types in this country so as you can expect we only carry the most popular ones. However, this does mean that in over 95% of cases we have the right blank to be able to cut your key. We can also get a bit creative if we don't have an exact match.

With two machines on site we can cut most cylinder and mortise lock keys.

I particularly like the challenge of

trying to make a copy of a broken key. This can be very fiddly.

There are many factors which mean a newly cut key may not fit your lock. Both keys and locks wear in time so when you introduce a new key this may not work perfectly. We have a few tricks up our sleeves to age new keys so that they will work first time.



padlocks.

All of our key cuts are guaranteed. If we cannot get them to work we will give you your money back.

Cylinder keys cuts start at £3.65 (Mortice £4.25) and the unit price drops the more copies you have of the same

key.

Our prices are very competitive. We have price checked them against the main key cutting suppliers in the wider Norwich and Great Yarmouth areas.



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'BITS & PIECES'  
Episodes of an  
Ordinary Life



by Wendy Ward

Local author **Wendy Ward** has published an illustrated book—**"Episodes of an Ordinary Life"**. On sale in store for **£9.95**.



Our new seed collections will arrive in store during **August**.