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#### **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.



#### Love is in the air!

# February can't go by without you noticing Valentine's Day.

Your local hardware store may not be the place that you would naturally think of for that perfect Valentine's gift, but we may just surprise you.

We stock a good range of attractive cards priced from just £1.00. (Romance on a budget).



We still have our range of rather attractive jewellery in stock. Extremely popular in the run up to Christmas we are confident that this will provide a most acceptable romantic gift at this time of year.

We can also supply some rather attractive floral basket arrangements with a Valentine's theme. Please call in store and speak with Andrew to discuss your requirements.

Byzantium Collection Butterfly
Necklace



Whilst writing this piece I started to think about local Valentine's traditions. Over the years since we moved here we have heard much about Jack Valentine. So what is this tradition?

I found an old article from the EDP which suggests that Old Father Valentine or Old Mother Valentine would knock on someone's door and quickly disappear leaving a small gift on the doorstep. According to the EDP it is unclear when this tradition first started. What is clear is that Jack Valentine is as likely to visit children as he is adults. For children in the early 20th century sweets would be his preferred gift with older romantics preferring a more generous approach.

I know that the practice of Jack

Valentine is still very much alive in Norfolk today. **So look out on 14th February.** 



Valentine's cards priced from only £1.00



Seed Potatoes, Onions, Shallots and Garlic now in Stock.

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#### **Diary Dates**

Valentine's Day 14th February

Pancake Day 4th March

Lots more information to be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/brundall homehardware.



# Mr Fothergill's Seeds Special Offer



#### **Laundry Soap**

How many of our customers lamented the loss of the old green Fairy laundry soap which was withdrawn from the market a few years ago.

Want some good news. A similar product has been launched from a brand called Maid Simple. We have a selection of these bars in stock at just £2.99 each.

So if you want to get back to a traditional way of cleaning shirt collars etc call in store and pick up



#### **Rug Doctor**



#### Fed up with dirty carpets then rent the Rug Doctor.

We have three of these powerful carpet cleaning machines for rent at £22.99 for a 24hr period.

Craig, pictured, calls in every 8 weeks to clean, service and electrically test the equipment to ensure that it is in tip top condition for our customers.

The machine is easy to use and you  $% \left\{ 1,2,\ldots ,n\right\}$ 

can be assured that you will amazed at the amount of dirt that will be removed from your carpet.

So go on treat your home to an early spring clean. Rent a Rug Doctor from Brundall Home Hardware today! (ID Required).



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#### **Ingenuity in Business**

We are pleased to be members of Ingenuity in Business the group for businesses in Brundall. Look out for this logo around the village. If you own a business in Brundall speak with Andrew about membership.



#### Andrew's Top Tip— Painting without smell

Many customers are starting to think about decorating. A perfect time of the year given the darker nights and inclement weather during the day. But gone are the days when the old saying applied "it's best not to paint when there's an R in the month". Modern paints behave in a different way and will give you every opportunity to decorate when you want. In 2010 the formulas in paint had to change. This meant many

new products entered the market. Initially there was some concern about early yellowing of white paints but this is now not such an issue. Our paint supplier, Johnstone's, has introduced a new paint — quick dry gloss. This is a water based gloss that dries quickly to leave a perfect gloss finish. Ideal for use inside or out.



Struggle with breathing difficulties or just don't like the smell of paint? Then this is the product

for you. As it's water based the paint is low odour. No more feeling sick as a result of paint fumes.

One more tip — always use a modern synthetic paint brush. These have feathered tips which works perfectly with the paint and helps to reduce brush marks. No need to buy white spirit — just wash with soap and water. A range of water based satin paints also available in store.

#### Happy Decorating

#### Plant of the Month

### Introducing a new monthly article—plant of the month

We love our little garden centre and we really enjoy bringing you some top quality plants at very attractive prices. During this year we plan to bring you details of our plant of the month.

When we bought the shop 9 years ago this February 14th the very first item of stock we bought was 4 trays of primroses. So clearly this has to be our plant of the month.

So versatile primroses bring a real splash of colour to winter. Many customers keep the plants indoors to enjoy these vibrant blooms then plant outside for colour year after year.

We stock both single and double primroses in individual pots. We also stock a natural variety called Wanda which is perfect for naturalising in wooded or shaded areas.



Prices start at just 60p a plant.

Mix with some pots of spring bulbs, ivy and even a small conifer to create a beautiful winter / spring garden planter.

# Winter Care Products in stock!





Plus lots more. Please call in store!

#### Wild Bird Care



Don't forget to look after the wild birds this winter. We stock a good range of mixes which can be purchased from our self service feed bins or by the sack. With suet products, feeders and a whole host of other products in store you don't need to drive far to support local wildlife.

Look out for our special offer leaflet arriving through letterboxes shortly.

Picture taken at Pensthorpe.