

Our Monthly Newsletter

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Diary Dates

Shrove Tuesday

4th March

Ash Wednesday

5th March

Mothering Sunday

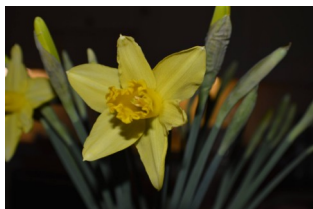
30th March

Signs of Spring

Did you know that March was originally the first month of the Roman Calendar and was named after Mars the god of war.

I always enjoy March as there are now so many signs of Spring. All the new bulbs are coming into flower and many of us are starting to think about our gardens. A good time for cleaning the greenhouse, tidying the boarders and pruning before new growth appears. Oh and don't forget the potential first cut of the lawn.

March is associated with daffodils. One of my favorite spring flowers as they herald the start of warmer weather often showing their colourful heads through frosts or even late snow.



Narcissus (the wild daffodil) is named after the boy in Greek mythology who was changed into a flower. Narcissus is the main daffodil species in Britain.

Narcissus are also known as Lent Lilies because they bloom in early spring with many of the flowers dropping off before Easter. They certainly will this year as Easter is so late!



Mothering Sunday takes place on Sunday 30th March. With this in mind we have been working on the design for some rather attractive floral baskets. These can be made to order and will use seasonal plants. (Designs may vary from the picture shown). Priced at £14.99 these baskets make a perfect mothering Sunday gift. We can vary the style, design, contents etc to suit different budgets. Please speak to Andrew to place an order.

Don't forget our range of Mothering Sunday cards and gifts.

Brundall in Bloom

The Ingenuity in Business team will be working on Brundall in Bloom this year. Many of the shops in the village centre will be decorated with floral displays. We hope many village groups and residents will wish to get involved. Participation is easy just create an eye catching display to the front of your property, using annuals, perennials or any attractive display of your choice.



Ready to plant now!



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

Free Garden Kneeler



Spend £30 or more on gardening products in a single transaction and receive a £3.99 garden kneeler free of charge.

Whilst stocks last.

Pancake Day

We usually have a rush of mums in the shop on Shrove Tuesday for small frying pans, lemon squeezers and other cooking utensils for the traditional pancake tea.

With a great range of goods in our cookware department you can be assured that we cater for most kitchen requirements. The best bit — we're just round the corner and in many cases our prices are cheaper than the cookware departments in many of the larger stores.



Battery Recycling



Help save the environment.

We have a battery recycling container in the shop. This is your local and easy way to recycle batteries. Just pop in store and place your batteries in the container. This can be found on top of the wooden wild bird food feed bins as you enter the shop.

Don't forget that we stock all manner of different battery types, from the more common AAA's,

AA's C's and D's to the more unusual button cell and watch batteries.

We've even got the old fashioned 6v torch batteries and radio batteries.

Our Duracell Plus batteries are all priced at £4.49. JCB alkaline batteries are priced at £2.60.

Battery Back

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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 — Garden Clean-up

Now is the time to start tidying up the garden for summer and if your garden is anything like mine the green slime monster has been hard at work over the winter. The paths, shed and fences have all taken on a rather unattractive shade of green. There are many ways to treat this problem, wash off with a power washer, brush down with a broom or do it the easy way and just leave it!



Not happy with any of these options then give this product a go — Patio Magic. We've got it in store now and on special offer at just £9.99. This is one of these must have labour saving products. How does it work? Simply dilute, spray or water on the affected surface and leave. Within a few days the problem starts to disappear. To me this is well worth £9.99 to leave your garden areas fresh and clean.

This product and many other special offers feature in our Spring Gardening and Homewares promotion. Brochures will be available in store during March and all homes in the NR13 5 postal district will receive a copy through the post during April. Can't wait for your copy. Then look round in store as many of the gardening products are already in stock at the special price.

Save money at **Brundall homehardware**

Plant of the Month

Saxifraga

For many years Alison and I have enjoyed growing Saxifraga. These alpine ground covering plants create a cushion of flowers at this time of year. We have several colours in stock from white, to light pink and deep pink. All priced at a very reasonable £3.00.

Saxifraga are the largest sub species of the genus Saxifragaceae. Mainly grown in the northern hemisphere and enjoying alpine conditions. The Latin word Saxifraga means "Stone Breaker". It is thought that the plants may have medicinal properties in helping break down kidney stones. Although, we would obviously not recommend trying this.

Saxifraga can tolerate both sunny and partial shady positions. They are a fully hardy

perennial which means they will last for many years. They are ideal in alpine gardens and rockeries, although we do use them at the front of a mixed border. The flowering period



is from March to April. They work well when planted alongside Aubrietia — another ground covering plant which flowers at this time of year.

Try growing Saxifraga to enhance rockeries, alpine beds and at the front of perennial borders.

Silent Roar



Fed up with cats pooping in your garden. There's a great number of products on the market to treat this problem many of which do not seem to work.

We like this one. It's a small green pellet which has been rolled in lion poo. Cat's don't like it!

We understand that cats feel threatened by the scent of a feline higher up the food chain.

We always get great customer feedback saying how well it works.

Paint Offer



20% off

Johnstone's coloured emulsion during March. This is a Brundall Home Hardware March exclusive offer.

Our price drops to just £12.79.

Better than most DIY store own brands. A quality emulsion at a great price.

Applies to Matt and Silk colours on display in store. Does not apply to special orders or trade paints. Please phone ahead to check stock availability.