

## Our Monthly Newsletter

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## Newsletter May 2014

### Diary Dates

- 3 May — Help for Heroes  
Saturday
- 5 May — Bank Holiday  
(Closed)
- 26 May – Bank Holiday  
(Closed)

## May Bank Holiday Saturday

Join us on May 3rd for a special event.

For the past couple of years we have had a special offer day at the beginning of May. We have decided to do something similar again but with a slight difference.

So please come along to the store on Saturday 3rd May.

This fantastic special offer will be on the new season bedding and hanging basket plants. (More information at the bottom of this page). This one off promotion is a an excellent way to get your summer bedding off to a great start.

We have also asked John Gilson a tool sharpener and lawn mower repairer to join us for the day. He will arrange for your kitchen knives, secateurs and shears to be sharpened.

**Just to add to the fun** we have been asked by our



**HELP FOR HEROES**  
Children's Fancy Dress Competition  
WW1 & 2 Military or Super Heroes  
Saturday 3rd May 1.30pm

Refreshments Available & Prizes for the best Dressed!

customer Debs Hills if we would get involved with her Help for Heroes fundraising event. Brundall Scouts will be collecting outside the shop for this worthy cause and we will be hosting a fancy dress competition on a WWI / WWII / super heroes theme. Judging in store at 1.30pm.

Add to this free refreshments (donations accepted to help for

Heroes) and a selection of freebies from us here at Brundall Home Hardware. This should make it all worthwhile popping along on Saturday 3rd May.

More information about this event can be found on our facebook page.

Many of you regularly support events at the shop and we look forward to seeing you on Saturday.

## Special Offers

**FREE Kneeler**

When you spend **over £30** on gardening products

Whilst Stocks Last

Brundall homehardware

## Free Gloves

Claim a free pair of gardening gloves from HG Hagesan in our special promotion.

Simply purchase a 1L bottle of HG Patio Cleaner or Algae and Mould Remover and you can claim a pair of garden rigger gloves valued at £4.99 absolutely free.

## Tool Sharpening



We're always keen to provide a little extra help for our customers. So once again as part of our May Bank Holiday Saturday event we are delighted to welcome the services of a local tool sharpener and lawn mower repair service engineer.

John Gilson will be joining us between 10am and 4pm on Saturday 3 May. Just bring along your knives, secateurs and shears to be sharpened and

John will take them away and return them the following week in tip top working condition. For lawn mower repairs come and speak with John on the day.

4x 6" knives sharpened for £10. Secateurs from £2.50 and shears from £7.50.

**Get set for summer gardening with this extra service.**

**5 trays of summer bedding for £10.\***

**4 basket plants for £5.\***

**Saturday 3 May only.**

\*£2.25 bedding and £1.55 basket plants only.

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## Andrew's Top Tip — Hanging Baskets

**Hanging baskets are an easy way to create some high impact summer colour in your garden and they're easy to make.**

Select your hanging basket container. We have lots in stock and can give appropriate advice. You may need a basket liner if you use a traditional style wire basket. Place a small amount of polythene in the bottom of the basket (on top of the liner) before filling with compost. This helps with water retention. Add some water retaining gel and slow release fertilizer to your multi purpose compost. This helps to maintain a healthy environment for your plants. Both available in store (Miracle Grow Slow Release and Gardman Water Crystals).



Now select your plants. Basket plants are ideal. Try to plant odd numbers and place a slightly taller plant in the middle—fuchsias are ideal. Plant the other plants around the edge of the basket. I like to plant a mix of foliage plants and flowering plants to give real interest. 7 plants in a 14" basket is ideal. Avoid trailing lobelia. It dies off early in the season!

Not sure what to do. Let me make the basket up for you. Either bring in your old basket or select from our pre-made range. I've been busy and there are lots of ready made baskets to choose from.



## Plant of the Month

### Fuchsia

This genus of flowering plants are mainly classed as shrubs. Fuchsia Trophylla was first discovered in the Caribbean island of Hispaniola, now the Dominican Republic, in about 1696. The plant was named after the renowned German botanist, Leonhart Fuchs.

The plants produce a profusion of teardrop shaped flowers during the summer and autumn months.

Upright and trailing varieties are very popular for patio and basket planting. My favourites include, Swingtime, Winston Churchill and RAF.

Hardy varieties such as Alice Hoffman and Dollar Princes will brighten a border for many years being tolerant of most winters.

Propagation is very easy. Take a soft tip of the plant and include 2-3 leaf joints. Cut off with a sharp knife just above a leaf node. Dip in some hormone rooting powder and place in a pot filled with free draining compost. Place the pot in

a plastic bag to act as a mini propagator. Another approach is to take the cutting as described above. Then place some tin foil over a jam jar filled with water. Pierce a small hole in the foil and place the cutting through the hole so that the bottom of the stem is suspended in the water. Within a couple of weeks new roots will start to grow. A great way to teach gardening skills to children. Plant on in normal potting compost.

If all of this is too much like hard work. Just call in store and buy a plant for just £1.55.



## March Winner

**Gavin Dick was the March winner in our monthly prize promotion.**

Just "like" us on facebook or sign up to receive our monthly email copy of this newsletter and you stand a chance of winning a £25 goodie bag of stock from Brundall Home Hardware.

Gavin received a Draper screwdriver set and some multipurpose compost. Gavin is a real fan of chilli peppers so some seed completed the prize.

Sign up to our facebook page today to be in with a chance of winning.



## Outdoor Living



Please pick up a copy of our Outdoor Living brochure. Packed with garden furniture, BBQ's, camping equipment and children's garden toys.

As we struggle for space this is a great way for us to offer you a selection of competitively priced products. Just order from the catalogue and your goods will be in store within a few days, subject to availability.