

A new range of paints...



In the garden centre you will find a bright fresh display of garden spray paints from Plastikote. We've been advocates of using the new range of garden paints from Ronseal in the past and are delighted to introduce this product to our range. Plastikote have introduced this paint to make colouring a range of plant pots and garden furniture an easy option. Making your garden come alive with all year round colour is high on the agenda in many gardening magazines and programmes. So why not join in with this new trend and quickly and easily renovate many of the older tired looking objects in the garden?

Please no jokes about someone giving me a quick spray with this new product whilst I am watering the garden centre.

We're Faithfull to our tool supplier...

There's a few more changes taking place in store!

I've spoken about our relationship with Toolbank in the past. Toolbank is a major supplier of hand and power tools. They also supply over 80,000 products including decorating, DIY, gardening etc. There is a local depot in Norwich and most products are supplied to us on a next day basis. During June we had a number of discussions with representatives of Toolbank and their associate companies with a view to expanding the range of products which we purchase from them. One of the main product lines is their own brand products which are sold under the name of Faithfull Tools. We particularly like this range of products as they are of a good quality, a reasonable price and come with a no quibble 5 year guarantee. (This may vary slightly depending on the item). Perfect for us as a retailer and ideal for our customers who can be assured that they are getting a quality product at the right price.



We have started to make changes to our main tool display which will enable us to carry a wider range of Faithfull Tools. We are also

improving our display of ironmongery and fixings from another sister company Forge Fix. This will enable us to solve many more customer enquiries by hopefully having the right product for the job you wish to undertake.

Faithfull also carry a new range of quality garden tools and hose fittings. The latter are already being introduced and the hand tools will start to appear later in the summer. (We can only do so much in one go).

In our key cutting area you will now find a simplified range of padlocks. Again Faithfull Tools provide high quality padlocks and we have introduced the most popular lines. The padlocks have been arranged in order of size and security so hopefully this will aid you in the selection of the right product.



Over the years of working in the retail sector I have come to realise that the best supplier relationships are built on trust. We have been working with Toolbank for 12 years and their representative Nigel has become a welcome visitor every two weeks. He always enjoys a cup of tea and something to eat.

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There's hope in the garden...

The really cold start to Spring has had a significant impact on the bedding plant season this year.

Many growers lost stock and as a garden centre we have struggled to obtain the plants we would normally have had. The sales season during which garden centres were able to sell bedding plants was also reduced to about 4 weeks. This sounds like a sorry state of affairs but there is still hope for the garden.

Perennial plants (those which come back year after year) are becoming very popular and they actually save you money. Many perennials are only just starting to flower so this means that you can still plant your garden and enjoy a

colourful display this year, and the next and the year after etc.

We specialise in perennial plants and have two nurseries which help keep us stocked with colourful well known varieties and some plants which we have not seen before.

Please do call in and see what's on offer. Penstemon is one of my favourites. Easy to grow.



What's going on upstairs?

Have you taken a look above the shop recently?

In February we took on the lease of the flat above the shop and was given permission to use this for storage. We've been busy since then and have hopefully tidied up the external appearance so that our corner of Brundall looks a little neater. The walls of the flat have been decorated and net curtains placed at the windows. This makes it look a bit tidier. Inside, it's still quite rough. To be honest this is not really causing any harm. The rooms have been equipped with shelving which has meant that we now have easy access to surplus stock. No more clambering around in the ground

floor stockrooms to find what we need.

The kitchen area has been tidied up and is now a fresh place for us to sit and eat lunch. So much better than previous arrangements. I've even had one company representative, Nigel mentioned on the front page, jokingly ask if it is possible to sit in the boardroom. He's getting ideas of grandeur.

We are delighted with the many favourable comments that have been passed about the improvements to the car park area. This was also made possible by our taking responsibility for the flat. Hope you like this years hanging baskets.

Gorilla Products



We like the range of Gorilla products so much that we've bought a stand to display the entire range. Due in store during July. Highly Recommended.



New Glazed Pots...

We like to keep things fresh and interesting in the garden centre. So we now have a new design of plant pots in store. This range from Woodlodge is called the Pantry range and includes designs representing a honey pot, a milk pot, icecream and a jam pot. They look great and would be ideal situated on a patio or by a front door. It's just a shame that the honey, milk, icecream or jam does not come free with the pots.