

A new season arrives....

It seems that August has passed so quickly and we are now looking at the start of Autumn. Our gardens have started to recover after the prolonged period of hot dry weather and our attention now turns to the new season planting.

During September we will be replacing our seed collections with the new season 2019 displays. These will include the most popular vegetable varieties from Mr Fothergill 's and a selection of flower seeds from Johnsons. We will also take delivery of a range of spring bulbs including narcissi and tulips. These come from a grower in Cornwall. We have responded to demand and the majority of the collection will include small growing varieties. This means that they are ideal for planting in both borders and containers and should not adversely be affected by our strong east coast winds. We are offered many different bulb collections from a variety of growers, many of which can be found in discount stores. We prefer to supply our customers with a larger stronger bulb, at an affordable price, enabling you to have confidence that your display will flourish in the Spring. Plant during September and October for the best results next year.



The traditional gardener

We all remember gardening programmes such as Ground Force where the worst of gardens could be revamped into a perfect haven within a matter of a couple of days. The results looked splendid but at the back of our minds we always wondered if the decking area would last more than a year or two. Programmes such as these also changed gardening habits with most people wishing to buy a plant which is in flower so that you can instantly transform an area and know exactly what you are buying. This is not a problem. However, we may have lost some of the traditional skills of looking at a few green shoots in a pot and imagining what this will turn into the following year. Many of the perennial plants in the garden centre have finished flowering this year. However, now is an excellent time of year to plant these to fill any gaps in your borders. Then look forward to the display next year.

Is your lawn more mud patch than stately home?



Personally I spent quite some time at the beginning of Spring trying to change the appearance of my lawn. It had been treated with a lawn weed and feed and to be honest it was looking rather good. Then came along the hot weather and within a week we were, like most people, staring at a rather unattractive brown patch. I imagine that they may well have had a similar problem at Blickling Hall, although, the picture shown was taken when we had a traditional summer.

Since the weather has included a little more rain our lawns have started to revitalise. The green has returned, albeit in our case a little patchy.

In time, your lawn will come back to its former glory but you can help things along. Adding grass seed to bare patches will bring back the vitality of your lawn. A light sowing when rain is expected should see the grass germinate in a approximately 10 days. Between 35g and 50g per square metre is the recommended rate. At this stage avoid adding a weed and feed on your lawn as this could damage some of the new growth. We do stock a range of Autumn Lawn feeds which may help strengthen your lawn for the coming winter. These can be used throughout September and October.

We stock two types of grass seed. Hardwearing which includes Rye Grass and Better Lawn which gives a finer look. Our prices are £7.00 and £7.50 per KG respectively. As our seed is sold loose you can buy exactly the amount you require.

Quick Tips

We are frequently asked for a suitable adhesive to repair the soles on shoes. Try UHU contact adhesive. A flexible and waterproof glue manufactured specifically for this task.



Have you been growing herbs in your garden this Summer? Why not not collect excess herbs and freeze them for use during the winter? They can be frozen in ice-cube trays and simply dropped into stews etc when needed. Cheaper than buying fresh herbs out of season at the supermarket.

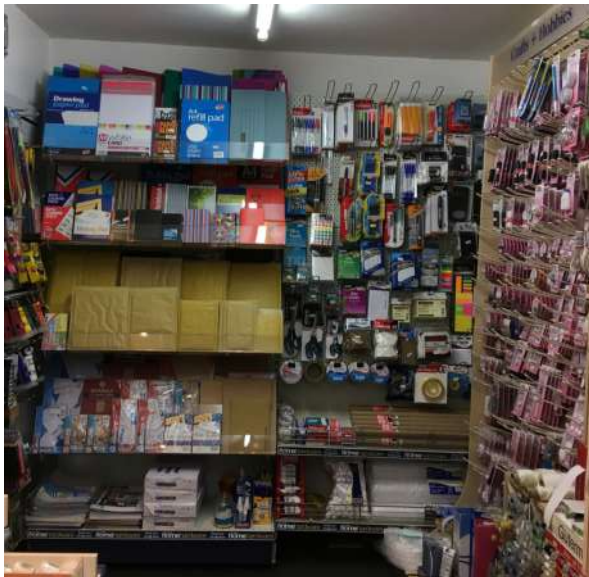


Yankee Candles are changing!

Yankee Candles are changing their product line and are launching a new range of multi-wick candles in square shaped jars. Yankee Candles have held their traditional design for many years and continue to be the most popular choice of scented candle with many consumers. The new range of candles provides the same great value of a highly scented candle with a long burn time. The new design will fit in well with many homes where the fashion is now clean straight design lines with a sleek uncluttered look. These candles also

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Stationery Department.

Have you seen the changes we've made to our stationery display? Never easy to display an array of different stationery items but we decided to make some improvements to make things a little easier. With the Post Office not stocking postal bags/boxes etc we are increasingly finding that local customers need easy and quick access to such items. We

hope that you find the new arrangements more convenient to access. Sending a parcel to Australia for Christmas you need to act fast! For Royal Mail International Economy Delivery the last postal date is the last week of September. We have all the necessary postal boxes and packing materials in store.



Date for your diary?

Our Gift of Christmas Event will be held on the 22nd December 2018 between 11am and 3pm. Please see our facebook page for more information nearer the time.

"Autumn seemed to arrive suddenly that year. The morning of the first September was crisp and golden as an apple". J.K.Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*. We're hoping that the much talked about Indian Summer is going to arrive during this September.



Light bulb regulations. The rules on the type of light bulbs which can be produced have once again been tightened up. This means that very soon the only type of bulb you will be able to purchase will be LED. Please speak to staff for further advice.

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