

UNDER THE ARCH

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So here we are in another year - doesn't time fly! I personally can't wait for the warmer, brighter days of spring. As we work all year round, we have had some days disrupted with the snow this winter but have used the time to service tools and vehicles ready for the year ahead.

Looking forward to the long days of the warmer months - is your garden ready for the family gathering or bbq with friends? Whilst winter can be a quiet time traditionally, it is the time for planning and on milder days the work achieved now can save weeks in the spring. Borders to be cleared, new beds made and fence staining now whilst the plants are still dormant are some of the jobs we are undertaking at the moment.

Don't forget Valentine's Day on the 14th February.

Traditionally 12 red roses are given on this day to your loved one. However, this year why not do something different and buy a rose bush - either a shrub or a climber. It will last a lot longer than cut flowers and can provide more than 12 blooms. Simply ask your gardener for more information.



There has been a lot of discussions recently about recycling both locally with the introduction of a charge for the waste bins to nationally the overuse of plastics. Gardeners have always been good at recycling - after all that is what compost bins are for, the recycling of garden waste. Do you have a bin that needs emptying or wanting to build a new one, in readiness for this year's gardening? This is something we can do for you. As for recycling of plastic - why not turn yoghurt pots into plant pots and margarine tubs into seed trays but don't forget to put holes in the bottom for drainage.

Lastly, I hope everyone received their useful trolley token (the new £1 shape) with their Christmas card in December. However, should yours have gone astray please do let us know and we can get one to you.



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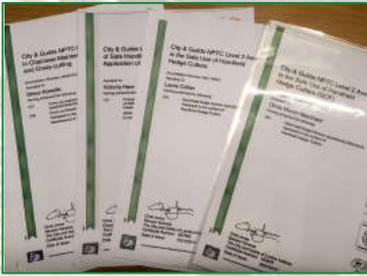


ARCHCAROLINE



DID YOU KNOW?

ARCH staff are constantly updating their training.



Over the last few months they have been brushing up on their knowledge and have been on training courses to improve their understanding of the machinery we use and this in turn, helps us to provide a more superior service to yourselves - our customers.



ARCH work with trained professionals. For example for your lawn treatments and tree surgery.

As a reminder, we can deliver products to you on our next visit. As an idea of prices, these are:

Multi purpose compost

£6.99 standard bag delivered

Bark

£7.50 standard bag delivered

Bulk bags are available

(Please ask for pricing)

Bedding Plants, Shrubs, Trees

(Various prices

Hanging baskets

from £18.00 delivered

(wicker baskets containing bedding)

If there is anything else you need please let us know, either by speaking with your gardener, telephoning the office on 01462 686491 or send an email to admin@arch.uk.com. We look forward to hearing from you soon!



HINTS & TIPS: Prune wisteria, Prune roses,

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

This winter has certainly been cold, with some high winds this year and we have seen plenty of problems on our rounds including fallen trees, lost branches, mis-shapen shrubs and plenty of damaged fencing, as well as a fallen rose arch. If you have any damage that needs some attention please do let us know and see how we can help.



Arch Fallen



Arch New

OPPORTUNITIES WITH ARCH

With the workload ever increasing, there are always opportunities within ARCH. If you know anyone who wishes to join the team either from Letchworth or perhaps wants to have a gardening round nearer to home, then please ask them to contact me on 01462 686491.



Prune fruit trees (not stone fruit). Clean pots and trays

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Recycling



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GRASS
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AREAS WE COVER:

Baldock

Hitchin inc: Wymondley and St Ippolyts

Knebworth

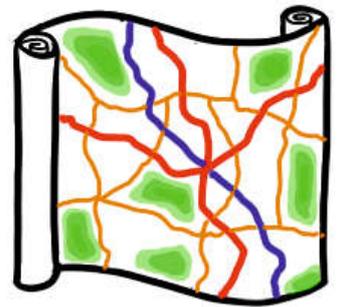
Letchworth inc: Ickleford and Arlesey

Stevenage inc: Graveley, Walkern and Weston

Stotfold inc: Clifton, Henlow, Shefford and

Stondon

Welwyn inc: Digswell



MESSAGE FROM ADMIN

Thank you for your continued custom, it really is appreciated. However, when you are paying your invoice can you please put the invoice number as a reference on the payment as it does save problems in tying up the various receipts.

**ready for spring sowing. Sow sweet peas and
plant early potatoes**



ARCH COMMUNITY GROUP

“Flowers, Bees, Butterflies, Trees”

Follow us on Facebook: **ARCH Community Group**

We are all looking forward to the exciting new projects for 2018 starting with our poppy sowing event on Sunday 4th February where all the Scout, Guides and other uniformed youth groups will be sowing a ring of poppies on the Greenway around Letchworth Garden City to commemorate the end of WW1. This will add some more colour for walkers who use the Greenway frequently. The event is being sponsored by ARCH and Letchworth Heritage Foundation. Thanks go to Ruth one of our volunteers, who has done most of the work in setting this up.



We are just waiting for the weather to improve a little bit before we start our volunteer events at the Wynd and in the In Bloom garden at Standalone Farm. Some work has already been done in the gardens over the winter to make sure we get the most out of them for 2018 and the Wynd Community Garden is showing its first signs of colour.

We plan to carry out some additional planting in both gardens as we lost some of the plants due to the bad weather and the exposed locations

Plans are underway to launch our annual Scarecrow competition which will be launched in the middle of February. We are hoping to get a lot more schools involved this year as we would like to make this as big an event as possible. We also have a number of other school events to promote Grow Your Own and Protecting our Wildlife.

You can also come and see us at the Letchworth Garden City Food and Drink festival, where we will be building one of our pop up gardens in the high street in May. For people who would like to see our gardens at Standalone Farm but don't want to see the farm we will be holding an open garden event in aid of the Letchworth Heritage Foundation charity of the year and will be held sometime in July when the gardens will be at their best.

We will keep you updated as to what is happening with the Community Group throughout the year.

We would like to thank our main sponsor Letchworth Heritage Foundation without whom none of this would be possible.

Steve

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GARDENS TO VISIT

The Swiss Garden,

Biggleswade, Bedfordshire

Enchanting garden created in the early 19th century and reopened in July 2014 after a major HLF restoration. Clever vistas, wrought iron bridges, ponds and sweeping lawns. The pathways are firm and even with minimal gradient. Most are suitable for access by wheelchair users.

Sunday 18th February - 9.30-5pm

Admission £6.00. Children Free

The Shuttleworth Trust - 01767 627933

enquiries@shuttleworth.org

www.shuttleworth.org/the-swiss-garden

The Knoll, Bedford, MK43

Cottage garden, with a collection of snowdrops, hellebores and spring bulbs. There is a gravel drive but most parts of the garden can be accessed by wheelchair with care.

However, difficult after heavy rain.

Sunday 11th February and Saturday 24th February - 1pm-4.30pm

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All Printing - including Wedding & Business
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Happy gardening

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