

UNDER THE ARCH

ARCH Newsletter March/April 2018



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Brrr, as I write this the snow is beginning to melt and the thoughts are turning to Spring - albeit a bit later this year. What a long winter we have had and the gardens are telling the story. Very few daffodils are out yet and the snowdrops are still with us - it is going to be an interesting time over the next month to see how nature deals with such a severe cold spell and, as we know it will, how the garden catches up. The gardeners and non-gardeners among us, will be looking forward to a warm summer in the garden - I think we deserve it!



With Easter traditionally the start of the gardening year, let's hope we can all get out and enjoy the weather. You may be visiting a garden, browsing at a garden centre or actually in your own garden. Whichever way you chose you will be getting some fresh air and exercise, which are just two of the many benefits of being outside. Something we are constantly being told to do - I personally enjoy the "Green Gym" to the more traditional brick built boxes on

large retail parks!

As you look in your garden you can see where the gaps are and now would be the opportunity to plant spring bulbs already in flower, so you can get an instant spring garden. It is always best to plant in large groups, rather than odd bulbs planted individually - you get a much better display and an immediate impact.

Thinking ahead now is the time to plant summer flowering bulbs, including lilies and dahlias. There are a number of varieties and it is worth seeking out the best bulbs for your garden now, all ready for the warm summer ahead. Again, it is worth planting lots together to get the "wow" factor! Remember, if you need any advice we are pleased to help.

How are your lawns looking? With all that snow and freezing temperatures, they would have suffered. If you need any advice, again let us know as we do work with a lawn expert who would be happy to have a chat with you and provide an estimate to get your lawn in tip top condition.



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DID YOU KNOW?

NOW IS THE TIME TO FEED AND MULCH ROSES

ARCH - We can build you a compost bin to fit any space, any shape or size or perhaps you will want more than one?

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: Clear overgrown areas, Prepare Vegetable beds,

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

Although the weather has made it difficult for us to get out and about over the last few months, we have kept busy with fixing the damage it has caused, with the weight of the snow or the force of the wind. This has involved, either fixing or replacing fencing panels and posts before staining the panels to protect them - this is one job that is easier when the plants are dormant.



As our rounds are starting again, we have also found that there has also been damage to some shrubs, which have needed some drastic pruning to remove large branches. I'm sure as we start to travel around, there will be remnants of Storm Caroline or Doris!

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.



Start lawn treatments. Cut back Deciduous Grasses, Plant summer flowering bulbs, Mulch the beds, Feed and Mulch Roses & Clematis

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Compost



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MOISTURE
PLANTS
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PAPER
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AREAS WE COVER:

Baldock

Hitchin inc: Wymondley and St Ippolyts

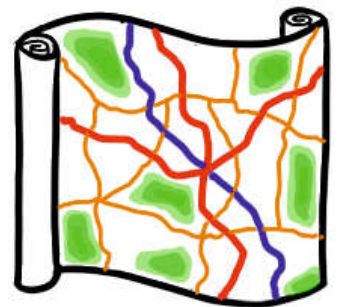
Knebworth

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.

**Check for wind damage to plants and structures,
Pressure wash patio**



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“Flowers, Bees, Butterflies, Trees”

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

With the better weather expected, the volunteer sessions have started again at both The Wynd in Letchworth and The In Bloom Garden at Standalone Farm.



In between the cold spells, the beds are being prepared for vegetables at The Wynd - although it has been too cold for sowing, as I write this. The beds have been dug over in anticipation of spring!

At Standalone, the beds have been weeded and new planting has been arranged, to cover the gaps where some plants have been casualties of the harsh winter this year. Being such an exposed site, it really has seen the force of nature. Also, a tree has been planted in the memory of a young volunteer who died in a car crash before Christmas.



As last year, there will be gardening courses run at a number of venues across Letchworth during 2018. Run by ARCH Community group, in association with Letchworth Heritage. As soon as I know more, I'll let you know, Keep an eye on our Facebook page for up to date information.

Steve

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GARDENS TO VISIT

Astwick Hall,

Hare Street Road Buntingford SG9 0AA

Tudor House with 5 acres of gardens set in unspoiled farmland. Two established ponds with rockeries, herbaceous borders, shrubs and woodland walk. A wild flower meadow with daffodils, tulips, camassias and crown imperial. Spring blossom, formal beds, orchard and glasshouses.

Open April 15th - Entrance £5

Look out for: National Gardening Week

The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) is celebrating National Gardening Week, the UK's celebration of all things gardening, from 30 April to 6 May in 2018. The gardening charity introduced the UK's first National Gardening Week to run from 16-22 April in 2012.

The aim of National Gardening Week, which has been running for seven years, is to raise awareness of the diversity, richness and cultural value of the UK's gardens, and to inspire new visitors to experience and enjoy them. The four RHS Gardens will be leading the campaign, with other gardens across the UK encouraged to take part.

The society is calling on garden centres, nurseries and garden clubs, to host walks, talks and events, offer free advice, and join in the challenge for people across the country to create their own Passion for Plant Plots. More information can be found at:

www.nationalgardeningweek.org.uk .

Helpful Numbers:

Perfect Ground Solutions
Colin Peters
For all your lawn treatments
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Quote: ARC2



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