

# UNDER THE ARCH

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Busy, busy - that's how I would explain the last couple of months and I apologise for those who read my newsletter regularly, that

I missed July in that wonderful hot weather .

We currently have the highest number of staff and customers that we have ever had and so there has been rather a lot to manage. Thank you for your patience to those of you who have had to wait a bit longer for your visit, we have been popular this year but I think we are getting there!



On the staff front, I would like to welcome Vicky back, who had been away for a few months but she is now back raring to go and also to Emma who is our latest recruit. As usual, it is proving to be another interesting year when it comes to the weather. It has been very hot with the threat of a drought but as soon as the school holidays started it all changed and as I write this it is cold and wet with yet another weather warning issued. Not ideal for working in but everything is growing well. As gardeners this can be difficult but we will always advise you as best we can, as the plants have been stressed by this changeable weather. Moving into mid-late summer, the flowers are changing in the garden from foxgloves to dahlias and alliums to grasses. Together with the changing light, I find that a garden is never static and there is always something to see.

It is worth visiting a garden centre to see what is in flower now or why not visit a local Open Garden, to see what can be achieved at this time of year.

Enjoy your garden!

*Caroline*



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## DID YOU KNOW?

If you feed your bedding plants now, they will continue to flower into autumn.

Now is the time to start ordering spring flowering bulbs - crocus, daffodils, tulips, etc



You can sow veg seed now for winter harvest

An indication of prices for products which we can deliver on our next visit are:

Multi purpose compost  
Bark  
Bulk bags are available

£6.99 standard bag delivered  
£7.50 standard bag delivered  
(Please ask for pricing)

Hanging baskets  
(wicker baskets containing bedding)

from £18.00 delivered

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](mailto:admin@arch.uk.com). We look forward to hearing from you soon!

**A suggestion of what we can supply:**  
**Gravel..Bedding..Plants..Shrubs..Stain..Mulch**



**Stain**

**Gravel**



**Plants**



**Compost**



**Bulbs**



**HINTS & TIPS: Sow veg seeds now – cabbage, lettuce leaves,**

# WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

We have been busy watering during the heatwave and many waterbutts did run dry. Do you have a water butt for your garden? Rainwater is far softer than tap water and is also beneficial to many plants including rhododendron and camellias. So if you have a downpipe either from the house, shed or greenhouse it is worth fitting one.

For those of you travelling to/from Letchworth, you may have noticed our vehicles and staff at Letchworth Gate. Letchworth Heritage have asked us to tidy up the flowerbeds that are in that area - which had become overgrown over the years. After 4 weeks, the area is looking more flowerbed than weeds!

We are proud to have received another award at the SME Hertfordshire Business Awards, where we were a finalist in the Community Business of the Year category. The judging panel consisted of 22 judges from a wide range of professional areas and the certificate was presented at a Gala Awards dinner in Watford.



## 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 Wisteria, Plant spring bulbs, Collect seeds from garden plants**

# ARCH WORD SEARCH



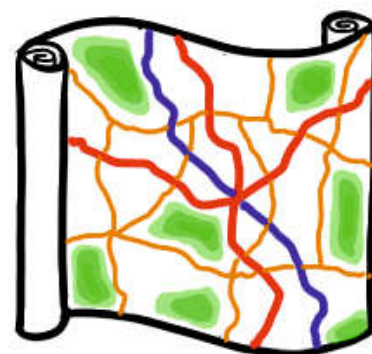
## LATE SUMMER

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LAWNS  
PRUNE  
RAIN  
SEED  
WATER  
WATERBUTT

### 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.

**i.e. foxgloves, annual poppies, Dead head plants - shrubs and bedding**



# ARCH COMMUNITY GROUP

“Flowers, Bees, Butterflies, Trees”

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

As you would have read previously, ARCH Community Group, in conjunction with the RHS, ran a scarecrow competition for the primary schools in Letchworth. The winning school was Hillshott Infant School and their scarecrow, the Gruffalo was taken to the RHS Hampton Court Flower Show.

Here it was up against 70 other schools from across the South East of England and whilst it didn't win, the children were able to enjoy a whole day at the show.

They saw not only the other scarecrows but had a chance to see the butterfly dome and world famous flower marquee.



We are also continuing to work with Letchworth Heritage Foundation and offering garden related courses. The next dates are:

Seed Saving & Collection 23rd September

Autumn Planter 7th October 2017

Autumn Pruning 28th October 2017

All at Standalone Farm, Letchworth

Contact Letchworth Heritage to book on Tel: 01462 476007

As usual, the volunteer events are happening at The Wynd on Saturdays, fortnightly. You can find the volunteers pruning, weeding and sowing the next crops for the community garden in the heart of Letchworth. If you are interested or know someone who is, then contact us for further information.

*Steve*

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# GARDENS TO VISIT

## Owners of Daisy Roots Nursery

8 Gosselin Road, Bengoe, Hertford, Hertfordshire, SG14 3LG

The garden acts as trial ground and show case for perennials and ornamental grasses grown there. Lawn replaced in 2010 by a wide gravel path, flanked by deep borders packed with perennials and grasses. Sunken area surrounded by plants chosen for scent. Small front garden with lots of foliage interest.

Open: Friday 18th August 6-8.30 pm (Evening opening)

and Sunday 20th August 1-5pm Admission: £4.00

## Howbury Hall Garden

A late Victoria garden designed with mature trees, sweeping lawns and wonderful colour themed herbaceous borders. A woodland area leading towards a large pond and the outside of a disused ice house. Also a large walled garden for vegetables and cut flowers, together with a comprehensive collection of apple varieties.

Open: Sunday 25 June, Sunday 27 August (12 - 5pm) Admission: £5.00

## Alswick Hall

Alswick Hall, Buntingford, Hertfordshire SG9 0AA: [www.alswickhall.com/gardens](http://www.alswickhall.com/gardens)

A Tudor house with five acres of landscaped gardens, set in unspoilt farmland.

It includes natural ponds with rockeries, herbaceous borders, shrubs, roses, dahlia beds, woodland walk and wildflower meadow.

A peaceful setting for an enjoyable afternoon.

## Helpful Numbers:

Royal Horticultural Society - Telephone - 0845 260 5000 <https://www.rhs.org.uk>



Perfect Ground Solutions

Colin Peters

For all your lawn treatments

01920 461958

Quote: ARC1

Shawprint

Anita Shaw

All Printing - including Wedding & Business

01462 600003

Quote: ARC2



Happy gardening  
*Caroline and the* **ARCH** *Team*

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