

UNDER THE ARCH

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It's definitely the gardening season now - the flower show season has begun!

At this time of year there are a number of gardens and shows that you can gain inspiration from.

From Chelsea to a local village fete - everyone is talking gardening! See our "Gardens to Visit" for some ideas.

Since the last Newsletter we have seen extremes of weather - very dry in April (a lack of April showers!), severe late frosts in May before turning very warm. We are struggling, so it's no wonder the plants are confused!

There has been talk of a drought but hopefully our plants will survive. Please remember to water any newly planted shrubs, trees, lawns, etc - even after a shower of rain. Also, pots and hanging baskets as at this time of year the leaves stop a lot of the moisture reaching the soil, so they do dry out completely extremely quickly. If you find your pots have dried out too much, then try placing them in a bucket of water for a couple of hours to completely hydrate them again. It's amazing what this trick can achieve.

We are now in our busiest time of year - the days are longer, the weather is warming up, there are local and national flower shows and everyone is starting to get outside into their garden. We

currently have a waiting list for customers and be assured we are getting around as quick as we can. However, we are looking for staff so should you know someone that loves their garden, knows a dandelion from a daffodil and has a true passion for horticulture please pass them my details.

Hanny Gardening!

Caroline



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DID YOU KNOW?

ARCH now has four vehicles in its fleet

ARCH can give you ideas for your garden

ARCH can deliver products to your door -
compost, shrubs, bedding plants, gravel, etc. (Any
large or bulk items we are happy to arrange also).



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. 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

HINTS & TIPS: Plant out bedding, Deadhead bedding,

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?



It's been a busy time, with a variety of work - here are some examples:

Pressure washing - At the end of a tenancy, we were asked to tidy up the patio. Nothing like a pressure wash to brighten up the slabs!



Clearance - Then, at the beginning of a tenancy another garden needed a good clear, here is some of the waste!

Something a bit different - we were asked to plant a very difficult kerbside area that needed brightening up. So with no soil to plant in, we made 2 custom planters and then stained them to the customer's requirements.

They are planted with yellow, evergreen euonymus, to really cheer the space up and is easily maintained.



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.



Water new planted shrubs well, Check for Pests, Cut back daffodil foliage,

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FLOWER SHOW

G Z O C B S D E Y R C S Q E C
L J D L G V T X E H M N T L R
P S R E W O L F E U J E T S O
B L I M B H S L E A Q D J F W
C J D A X T S T F L O R A L D
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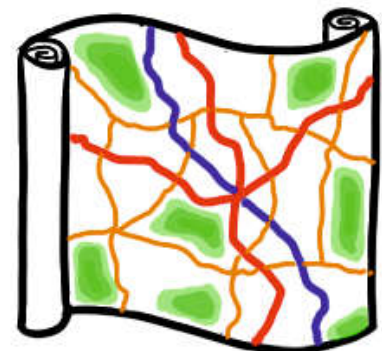
CHELSEA
EXHIBIT
GARDENS
POTS
TICKET

CLEMATIS
FLORAL
HATS
ROSES
WATER

CROWDS
FLOWERS
MARQUEE
SHOW

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.



Prune spring flowering shrubs, Weed borders, Mow lawns

ARCH COMMUNITY GROUP

“Flowers, Bees, Butterflies, Trees”

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

The local schools in Letchworth have been busy building scarecrows in a competition organised by ARCH Community Group and Letchworth Heritage.

The scarecrows have been on show at Standalone Farm and the winning entry is off to the RHS Hampton Court Flower Show, as part of an initiative from the Royal Horticultural Society to encourage children into the garden

(<https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/Competitions/Hampton-Court-Scarecrows>).

This year's theme was “A Walk on the Wild Side” and the Letchworth winner is the Gruffalo.



If you are lucky enough to be visiting the show please look out for the Letchworth Scarecrow and vote.



We are pleased to announce that ARCH was recently a finalist in the Federation of Small Business & Worldpay UK Business Awards for the Community Award. This recognises the work that the business does to encourage all ages and abilities to get outside, either at a community garden, school garden club or their own garden and enjoy what it has to offer.

Steve

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GARDENS TO VISIT

Ayot Gardens, Ayot St Lawrence, Welwyn, AL6 9BT

Mature specimen trees, shrubs, herbaceous border, woodland and old roses.

As part of the National Garden Scheme:

Saturday 10th June 11am - 5pm and Sunday 11th June 2pm - 5pm

Homemade Teas

Ickleford Open Village, nr Hitchin, Hertfordshire

Sunday 25th June 2017

12.00noon to 5.00pm

A range of gardens throughout the village will be open including Hitchin Lavender at Cadwell Farm, Ickleford - free entry with programme but small charge if you wish to cut some lavender.

Refreshments including lunches and cream teas will be on sale at various locations, and there will be events and stalls around the village, including a raffle and pony rides.

Free transport around the village will be provided by shuttle bus.

Proceeds to the St. Katharine's New Building Fund and Room for All.

Cost:£4.00 adults, accompanied under 14s free. Programmes will be available from the village shop beforehand or at the church on the day.

Contact the organisers:

Email: rhgillham@hotmail.com

Oxhey Village, Watford, Hertfordshire

Sunday 25th June 2017

2.30pm to 6.30pm

Oxhey Open Gardens is showcasing creative, inspiring village gardens to enthusiastic gardeners and visitors. As well as gardens of every style and size, you can stop for delicious homemade cakes, tea and refreshments along your route.

Sorry, but due to the layout and location of many of our gardens, this event is not suitable for wheelchair users.

Helpful Numbers:

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



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