

Community Group

Volunteers have started back at The Wynd, Letchworth

As the weather starts to warm up our volunteer sessions at The Wynd Community Garden has started. The first job on the agenda is to repair the raised planters before we start planting this years veg.

Our Masterclasses in conjunction with Letchworth Heritage Foundation are in full swing and this year we are adding a few new courses. As part of the willow sculpture trail now installed at Radwell Meadows, we held a masterclass in willow weaving. Just a small number of people could attend but we had a great response with some fantastic baskets being made.

Nearly all our masterclasses are full but we have now set up a waiting list as we always get a few people that can't make it.

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Join us...

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| 13th April | Propagation |
| 27th April | Spring Planter |
| 8th June | Pests & Diseases |
| 14th September | Seed Collection |
| 12th October | Autumn Pruning |
| 9th November | Introduction to Garden Design |

Please note - dates are subject to change

A full list of courses can be found on the Letchworth Heritage Web site: www.lechworth.com (searching for 'Gardening Masterclass').

More Information or to book, go to the ARCH Community Group Facebook Page, @ARCHCommunityGroup or visit the Letchworth Heritage Website

Steve



Did you know?

As part of the service that ARCH can offer our customers, we can supply products when we visit.

For example bedding plants, shrubs and even trees can be sourced for you. Compost is in stock at all times so should you need a bag (or more) just let us know.



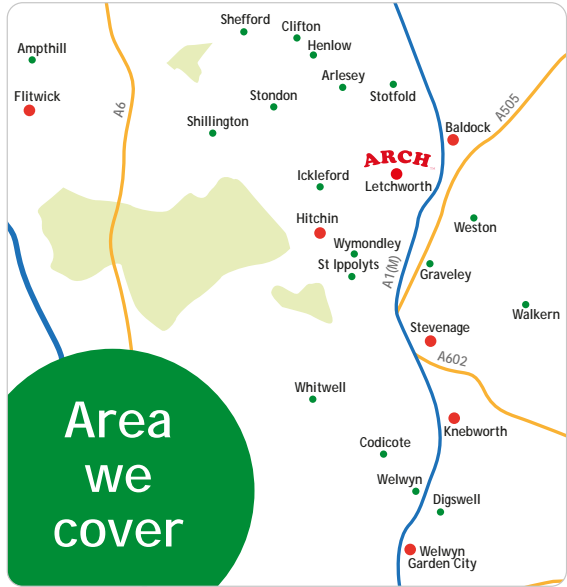
Join the Team.



Here at ARCH, we are busy planning our coming year and with that comes new opportunities to join the team. We are looking for people, like ourselves, that are passionate about gardening and working outdoors.



Meet Vicky, the new recruit!



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UNDER THE ARCH

MARCH / APRIL 2019

I know gardeners are known for discussing the weather but who can blame us, record February temperatures and such a difference to last February.

Your poor gardens will be very confused! We as trained gardeners do try to understand the impact the varying weather has on your plants, including your lawn, but it can be quite a challenge at times!

So working with the weather what are your ideas for the coming year? Have you sown any seeds - either flowers or vegetables yet? It is easy to think you are too late but March is a perfect time for sowing, the days are longer and the soil will be warming up nicely and Easter is traditionally the start of the gardening year.

Happy Easter from us all at ARCH!



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Caroline

Photo: Narcissus (Daffodils)



News for Mar & April

Garden Design



With winter behind us and Easter not far away, your thoughts will be turning to using your outside space.

Have you thought about having a garden design or even a planting plan for a particular area in your garden?

As mentioned last time, we are working with a garden designer who has recently started her garden design course at Capel Manor College in Enfield. If you are interested and want to have a chat please call the office on 01462 686491.

Jobs to do now...

- Plant snowdrops “in the green”
- Plant summer flowering bulbs
- Cut back Cornus (dogwood)
- Refresh patio pots with fresh compost
- Lift and divide perennials
- Cut back grasses
- Feed roses and shrubs
- Sow hardy annuals
- Pot up dormant Dahlia tubers
- Repair and feed your lawn
- Plan and design your garden
- Prepare trenches for runner beans
- Sow Beetroot, Carrots, Swisschard, Lettuce, Peas
- Finish planting Shallot and Onion sets
- Divide pond, bog and marginal plants



What have we been up to?

Or should we say “Spot the Difference”!

This was a difficult project, on a sloped front garden, that was covered initially with builders rubble and old shrubs. Working during “Storm Gareth” made it even more interesting!

However, I think the photos speak for themselves – well done team!

BEFORE



AFTER



Have you seen our Mosaic?



Complete with rose arch and wheelbarrow. This was completed by a talented lady in Kent, who I have known for many years. It is totally frost proof and can be situated outside. Although at the moment, we are enjoying it in the office!

Biz4Biz Awards Update

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, we had been nominated for a business award.

We have since been shortlisted for 6 categories, so **Thank You** for all your votes!

We will let you know what happens next.



SPRING WORD SEARCH

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CROSS
DAFFODILS
EASTER
EGGS
FAMILY
FRIDAY
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HOLIDAY
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Gardens worth a visit...

Alswick Hall, Buntingford

Listed Tudor House with 5 acres of landscaped gardens set in unspoiled farmland. Two well established natural ponds with rockeries. Herbaceous borders, shrubs, woodland walk and wild flower meadow with a fantastic selection of daffodils, tulips, camassias and crown imperial. Spring blossom, formal beds, orchard and glasshouses.



Photos: Alswick Hall

OPENING TIMES 2019: April 14th 2019 12.00pm to 4.30pm
Entry fee: £5.00
REFRESHMENTS provided