



News for May & June

Garden Design



Now that summer is getting underway you can see where your gaps are in the borders and also see how well your garden is working for you.

Perhaps the garden has outgrown your needs and needs to be updated i.e. the children have grown up.

If you need any help with any suggestions then why not speak with our designer, who is studying at Capel Manor College in Enfield, for some ideas.

Please call the office on 01462 686491 to make an appointment.

Jobs to do now...

- Plant out summer bedding
- Feed plants in pots and containers
- Keep weeds under control
- Keep newly planted areas watered well
- Check for birds nests before cutting hedges
- Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of daffodils
- Look out for pests and diseases
- Earth up potatoes
- Prune spring flowering shrubs after flowering
- Check tree ties



Look out!

Lily Beetles
A bright red beetle often seen on lilies, which needs to be removed immediately as it will destroy your plants.

Hints & Tips

What have we been up to?

Something a bit different!

We were asked by a regular customer to install a wildlife pond that compliments their wildlife garden.

So from a grassy area, we transformed it into something far more interesting.

BEFORE



AFTER



Arch to the rescue!!

While working in a new garden we came across this poor injured relative of 'Archie'. Unable to leave him there we have put him into safe hands for a makeover... fingers crossed for good recovery!

Photo: Sam to the rescue



Bio security

Do you know where your plants come from?

To keep our knowledge up to date, we recently attended a meeting which discussed Bio Security. It included speakers from DEFRA and also Chelsea Flower Show designers, regarding the impact of foreign pest and diseases arriving in the UK. So if you are thinking of going abroad this year and bringing back plant material, please think again. The poster says it all. The main message to us all is to "Buy British", whenever possible.



**Sunday
23rd
June.**



Come and help us support the Garden House Hospice at Stevenage Open Gardens, to raise much needed funds for this local charity.

Helping the Hospice
Don't miss it...

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Gardens worth a visit...

Apart from the ARCH team being at the Letchworth Food & Drink and Stevenage Day (as mentioned previously), there are plenty of open gardens at this time of year.

Pembroke Farm Garden

The Gotha garden at Pembroke farm is a country house garden with a wildlife walk and formal surprises. The garden was started in 1990. It was created from an arable field and is mostly based on chalk. It was originally conceived as a woodland walk, stocked with anything which might attract wildlife and pollinators, but then developed a passion for topiary and started to introduce some more formal areas. These include a topiary garden, rose gardens (encompassing over 150 rose specimens), a woodland garden and tea lawn with cottage garden beds in the style of Gertrude Jekyll. You are invited to meander through changing spaces that create a palimpsest of nature and structure. *All proceeds from the garden are used exclusively to maintain and encourage the habitat for our precious flora and fauna.*

OPENING TIMES 2019: Monday to Thursday - Closed. Friday, Saturday & Sunday 12 - 5pm.
Entry fee: Adult: £4.50, Children: Free (must be accompanied by an adult at all times in the garden).



Photo: Pembroke Farm Garden

Community Group

Volunteers have started back at The Wynd, Letchworth



The volunteers have been busy with some extra sessions recently, now that the season is in full swing. Some of the work recently completed in the Community garden is bed clearing, various vegetable seeds sown and new planting. The sessions are informative and fun and the volunteers even get time to socialise over a cuppa!

If you are interested please email: steve@arch.uk.com

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Well done!

Steve and Caroline recently walked the Bridges of London, to support the Garden House Hospice and were chuffed to get medals for their efforts!



Join us...

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.leitchworth.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



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.



Our current year has been the busiest yet, with new clients and past customers returning to us. If you know anyone that is passionate about gardening and all things horticulture, then please do get in touch.



Meet Gill, the new recruit!



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UNDER THE ARCH

MAY / JUNE 2019

Hurrah, spring has sprung.

The days are longer and warmer - generally! With the gardening calendar now underway, there is Chelsea and Hampton Court Flower Shows to look forward to.

Here at ARCH we will be staging our own gardens at the Letchworth Food & Drink Festival on 25th & 26th May and also at Stevenage Day on 9th June. Both will showcase what can be achieved in a small space but also we will be raising funds for local charities. Please do pop down to see us. Happy gardening!



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Caroline

Photo: Alliums