



Lawn Care and Garden Services

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Springtime 2012 Newsletter.

Welcome to the latest newsletter. Springtime is an exciting time as the new season begins with signs of fresh new growth, fragrance, colour, new life and renewal. These first signs of warmth bring joy and cheer in our gardens, encouraging spring flowers to open and birds to fill the early morning air with the beautiful sound of birdsong!



INCREASED CAPACITY FROM SPRING 2012

On the subject of 'growth', over winter we've considered how best to meet the increased demands on the business during the busiest months of the season. Also, how we can offer additional services which have been requested by our Clients for larger projects, such as lifting and replacing an existing lawn, which in the past may have been too large to take on at peak times. We've decided to expand our capacity to meet these needs, as they arise during the main season, with services from an experienced assistant gardener. More to follow in the next newsletter!

FREE GARDEN CALENDAR PLANNER.

A useful addition to any fridge, a fridge magnet which gives some of the seasonal garden tasks including lawn care. Please ask if you would like a magnetic copy next time we visit, or perhaps cut this one out!

Available while stocks last!



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SPRING - Lawn Care - feed, scarify, aerate & top dress.
Planting inc. plant summer flowering bulbs

SUMMER - Lawn Care - regular mowing, preferably mulch mow
Plant summer bedding; trim hedges; plant baskets & tubs

AUTUMN - Lawn Care - feed, scarify, aerate & top dress
Plant bulbs for springtime; shrubs & trees; pressure wash paving

WINTER - plant bare rooted roses, shrubs & trees; fences & sheds - install/repair; prune roses & some late flowering shrubs

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SUMMER FLOWERING BULBS

Now is the time to be thinking about **summer colour** and planting summer flowering bulbs in borders, containers and tubs. Available from early spring, buy dry, firm bulbs when they're as fresh as possible. And avoid the temptation to plant too early in cold soil as they may rot.

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WATER BUTTS

Increasingly popular a water butt can grace many a garden. As an environmentally friendly 'water saver', connected into a drainpipe down-comer can provide rain water free of charge! A water butt can also be set up to collect water from a garden shed by installing a gutter and downpipe. Supplied and installed from £45, please ask for details.



LAWNS

Now is the ideal time to scarify the lawn to remove build up of thatch and allow light and air into the lawn. If the lawn is compacted in places then aeration may be appropriate. It's also a good time to lay a new lawn as generally less hand watering is required due to spring showers!

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN DIAMOND JUBILEE

As part of The Woodland Trust Jubilee Woods project Her Majesty The Queen planted a native English oak at the Sandringham Diamond Jubilee Wood. To celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the Trust is helping people across the UK to plant **6 million trees**.

Whilst a native English oak, which can grow to over 75feet, may be too large for many of our gardens, there are other choices which may fit into our gardens to mark this special occasion.

One of my favourites is the Witch Hazel which produces a fine display of naked flowers in wintertime. 'Naked flower' is an expression used where the flowers come out before the leaves. While some Witch Hazels grow into large trees there are smaller, more bush or shrub-like, varieties such as **Hamamelis × intermedia 'Diane'**. It has a long flowering period in midwinter and is lightly scented with bright green leaves up to 6in long that turn yellow in autumn. In early or mid-winter it bears fragrant, yellow, dark red or orange flowers, with crimped petals, on the bare branches.



Alternatives to planting a tree to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee include planting summer bedding in a 'red, white and blue' theme! The Royal Horticultural Society (www.rhs.org.uk) have advice and planting schemes.



This newsletter is also available on our website www.antonyturnbull.co.uk and, if you're reading this newsletter on-line then this is a direct link to the RHS page on the Diamond Jubilee <http://apps.rhs.org.uk/advicesearch/Profile.aspx?pid=765>.

We'll have more garden ideas for the Diamond Jubilee in the next edition.

GIFT VOUCHERS

An ideal gift for a special occasion for any garden lover or better still non-garden lover! A Lawn Care and Garden Services gift voucher can be used for anything from grass cutting or planting to a consultation on ideas and ways to change or improve a garden.



Happy gardening!

Tony.