



Lawn Care and Garden Services

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Summer time Newsletter 2011.

Welcome to the summer edition of the Lawn Care and Garden Services Newsletter.

HANGING BASKETS

Hanging baskets come in all shapes and sizes. This year I noticed a style of basket which appealed to me, so I have made a small number up with summer annuals including petunias and trailing lobelia. Available now to hang outdoors.



Fixes direct to wall £9.50



Hangs from wall bracket £12.50

PLANT IDENTIFICATION

A popular choice, or should I say 'Choisya', in many gardens is *Choisya ternata*. The common name is **Mexican orange blossom**. This is a well-loved evergreen shrub from, as the name suggests, Mexico, so enjoys warm conditions. As a result, it benefits if sheltered from the cold winds that can damage the foliage and restrict growth. The bushes look attractive at all times, but especially when covered with the very fragrant white blooms. *Try scrunching the leaves in your hand to give an orangey aroma?*

Top tip - shorten stems by 10-12in after flower to encourage a second flush in autumn.



CHARITY – BERLIN MARATHON 2011

My son James is preparing to run his first marathon and hopes to raise funds for 2 charities close to his heart in the process.

James explains "I've signed up for the Berlin Marathon on 25th September this year and, whilst Gebrselassie is not worried yet, training is going well, but I would appreciate sponsorship to make the run for a good cause and not just a painful experience!

I've chosen two charities, **Sightsaves** and the **Alzheimer's Society**, both of which are very worthwhile and important causes, and any donations will be split evenly between the two."



Lawn Care and Garden Services has provided a little sponsorship to help 'cushion' the pain by way of a pair of running shoes. We wish James every success and hope he enjoys the big day! Anyone wishing to support the charities is welcome to sponsor James at

<http://www.charitygiving.co.uk/jamesturnbull>

LAWNS

Regular mowing on a slightly higher cut, mulch mowing and watering if the dry spell continues will help to keep your lawn in tip top condition.

CARD and GIFT IDEAS

GIFTS - Sometimes thinking of a gift for a special occasion or as a treat can be difficult. So here's an idea 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.



CARDS – for all occasions! From £1.20 to £1.50. For a free catalogue contact Independent Phoenix Trader Pam Shaw Tel 0191-2841719 (answerphone) E-mail: PAMELA.SHAW@TESCO.NET



THANKS TO JOE!

It was a pleasure to have had the opportunity to provide a one week work placement for Joe from Kenton High School. I'm sure everyone who met Joe during the week will join me in wishing Joe every success for the future!

Here's Joe completing the installation of a decorative fence.



Anemone 'Wild Swan' – RHS Chelsea Show Plant of the Year!

Anemone 'Wild Swan' was the winner of the Chelsea Flower Show Plant of the Year award for 2011. It's new hardy perennial with a longer blooming period than traditional Anemones, blooming from May to November, and reaches a height of 16-18 inches with flowers 2-3 inches wide. Pure white flowers are shaded and banded with blue on the backs. In morning and evening when the flowers nod and half close, the blue backs are revealed, for the rest of the day the white flowers open wide.



LOOKING AHEAD - PATIO CLEANING SERVICE

From time to time I am asked if I clean paving and patios. During this season I hope to identify if there is a demand and may invest in training and equipment to offer a pressure washing service for paving and patios from winter 2011. The service will, of course, be in an environmentally friendly way without the use of chemicals!

Happy gardening!
Tony.