

Spring 2012

Westland Multi-Purpose Compost

Buy One Get One Free -
Multi Purpose Compost
with added John Innes 50
litre bags £5.99 each.



Bedding Offer

£2.49 per tray or £2.20 per tray if you
buy 5 or more.



New In

The Kew Collection of
flower seeds and 'Heritage
Range' of vegetable seeds,
both by Thompson and
Morgan.



It's Gardening Time



The festive season is just a fond memory and the shortest day has gone, we are starting to see the lighter evenings and hopefully the frosty cold spells have passed us by.

Spring is the season when we can start to be excited about getting into the garden again. Have you drawn up a plan of the new plants you would like and where they are going? Are you doing a vegetable patch this year? Do you fancy growing something a little different?

Remember it is still quite cool so don't be tempted to sow seeds outdoors just yet. Wait until the soil is warm, when they will have a really good start. Hang fire on the summer bedding plants, as a late frost in March could kill them.

Primulas, polyanthus, pansies, pots of dwarf irises and miniature daffodils are all hardy enough to be outdoors. Just ensure they are kept moist and sheltered from drying winds.

Late February early March you will also be able to start cutting your lawn. Put the mower on a high cut for the first few mows, gradually lowering the height of the blades as the grass grows more.

We will be holding a series of demonstrations and events to help you throughout the gardening calendar. This will start with a Potato Growing Demonstration on the 24th March. Keep an eye on our events page on our website for further information.

Grow Your Own

Salad crops for greenhouses or window sills can be sown now. We have a fantastic selection of Unwins seeds in stock. Some of the most popular varieties include the delicately flavoured peppery rocket and the cut and come again salad leaves.



Photograph Competition Wildlife In Your Garden

Send in your photos of the wildlife you see in your garden. There will be £100 worth of gardening products in a hamper for the winner. Email to info@bellisbrothers.co.uk or post your entry clearly stating your name, age and contact details. Closing date is 30th April 2012



News From The Farm



Did you know we have over 50 acres planted up with fruit and vegetables to sell in our farm shop or for you to 'Pick Your Own'? Every year we have to rotate our crops. Our asparagus has been grown in the same fields for the last 10 years so the field will definitely need a well earned break. We have decided to put some of the vegetable fields back to grass which is also part of our crop rotation scheme. Our seed potatoes which are coming from Scotland and Holland will be delivered at the end of February and weather permitting will be planted in March.



We have several new varieties of strawberries to plant this year, Serenity which should be an improved mid season variety, Cupid which will be available mid to late season and Malwina, a late variety that will be very useful for us as we hope it will extend the strawberry season. We are always looking for disease resistant varieties as pests can become a problem. Our first Spring crops will be the asparagus and rhubarb which should be ready by late April. Following this are strawberries which could be ready as early as the start of June (if we have the weather like we did last year). The rest of our fruit crops will then naturally follow on. We will be studying the weather reports carefully as last year's strawberry season started so early it caught a lot of people out.

PICK YOUR OWN OPEN MID JUNE
(weather permitting)

Spring Events

Event	Date	Description
POTATO GROWING DEMONSTRATION	Saturday 24th March 10am - 4pm	Potato growing demonstration by Westland. Special offers will be available.
CHILDRENS EASTER EGG HUNT	1st April until 15th April	£1.00 per entry – follow the clues around the store. All proceeds to Nightingale House Hospice.
GARDENERS Q & A	Thursday 19th April 7pm	With Lynne Allbutt, Stephen Lacey and Glyn Smith. All proceeds to Nightingale House Hospice. £7.50 per ticket.
THE POTTING BENCH	Thursday 26 th April until Sunday 29 th April 11am – 4pm	In-store Container & Hanging Basket Demonstrations. We can pot up your containers or baskets or you can just watch & learn & buy the finished product.

Grow to Love your Fruit and Veg!

A new campaign designed to encourage customers to 'Grow to Love' more fruit and vegetables has recently been launched by Horticulture Wales. The aim is to help growers in Wales to market their products. Bellis's are pleased to be involved with and support this campaign.



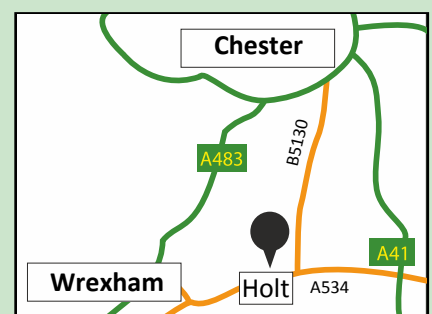
A range of 20 individual Grow to Love cards has been produced with each one offering historical facts, nutritional information and tasty recipe ideas for preparing everything from beetroot to Pak Choi and Jerusalem artichoke. A series of events will take place during 2012 to promote the Grow to Love campaign across Wales. For more information and to access the Grow to Love cards please visit www.horticulturewales.co.uk We shall keep you posted on how things develop.

£8816.89 raised for Nightingale House Hospice

In 2011 we managed to raise a staggering total of £8816.89 for Nightingale House Hospice. This money helps the hospice to continue providing specialist palliative care for patients & their families. We would like to thank all of our customers and staff who have donated in any way. Charity fundraisers in 2011 included a Gardeners Question Time, Companion Dog Show & Family Fun Day, Easter Egg Hunt, Christmas Launch Evening, Father Christmas's Grotto and Breakfast with Santa.

Opening Times

Monday to Saturday 9am - 6pm
Sunday 11am – 5pm
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