



# Newsletter



## Let's welcome autumn together!

September is an incredible month in the garden! While it's predominantly the month of harvest, it's still very important to prune and trim back certain plants and trees to help them survive over winter, and thrive again next spring! This newsletter will provide you with a straightforward guide on harvesting/planting/sowing certain plants, as well as providing up-to-date information and promotions within Sooty's and Sweep's. We hope you enjoy!



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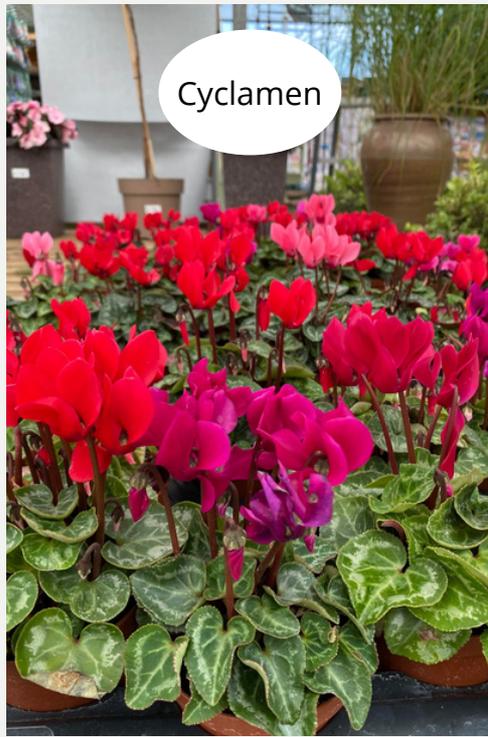


# Beautiful flowers

At Sooty's garden centre we have huge range of plant options, all competitively priced and at the highest quality!  
Here are just a few of our staff favourites this month!



Autumn pansies



Cyclamen



David Austin Roses



Berberis



Heathers



Lavandula Stoechas

# Jobs to do...



Dig up remaining potatoes before slug damage spoils them



Collect and sow seed from perennials and hardy annuals



Divide herbaceous perennials, to ensure healthy vigorous growth



Keep watering new plants, using rain and grey water whenever possible



Start to reduce the frequency of houseplant watering



Cover leafy vegetable crops with bird-proof netting



Harvest autumn raspberries - ideally on a dry day so the berries aren't wet



Clean out cold frames and greenhouses so that they are ready for use in the autumn

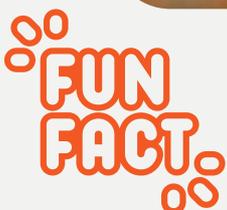
# Hedgehogs

*a gardener's best friend*

Let's stop the misconception that hedgehogs are pests! They are actually very valuable pest controllers as they eat snails, slugs, and other insects, helping protect your plants from damage, disease, and pest infection naturally.

Firstly, hedgehogs will NOT stay in your garden at all times – they wander up to one mile each night! However, make these changes to attract them,

- Install a hedgehog house.
- Leave clean freshwater in your garden.
- Provide enough food.
- Upgrade your pond – make it suitable for hedgehogs to swim, but not drown.
- Make space between fences, or avoid netting as they can become trapped.
- Check piles of logs and leaves before starting a bonfire.
- Pay extra attention for hedgehogs when mowing the lawn.



***Hedgehogs were given their name for excellent reason; 'Hedge' represents where they build their nests: hedges, bushes, shrubs, and 'Hog' for their snout.***

# OUTDOOR CATERING PLANS for any occasion



**BOOK TODAY**

Did you also know, Sweep's provides outside catering options too – as well as free venue hire!

From grazing boards, to afternoon tea boxes, to cold buffets, and kids buffets. Check out our website for more information at

[www.sootysweeps.com/catering](http://www.sootysweeps.com/catering)

# SALE SALE SALE



**30%  
OFF**



To prepare for a new exciting feature at Sooty's Plants, we've got a huge sale on all our giftware products!

Come in and check out the remaining stock today!

# Garden Ornaments & decorations

*REGARDLESS OF ITS SIZE, GARDEN ORNAMENTS CAN PROVIDE A BEAUTIFUL FOCAL POINT IN YOUR GARDEN.*

SOOTY'S SELLS STONE BIRD BATHS, PLANTERS, STEPPINGS, STATUES AND MORE!



**Not only are stone bird baths beautiful to look at, they will also encourage more wildlife to your garden!**

Looking for a new inspiration in a quiet garden corner? Why not try something new, and choose from animal to greek and roman statues, oriental and japanese, easter island, pixies, sculptures, sundials, bird baths, and more at Sooty's.

# *New stock constantly arriving*

Sooty's Garden Centre is constantly focused on providing our customers the BEST stock we can find - whether that's in relation to flowers, shrubs, trees, plant pots, stoneware decorations, plant seedlings, benches, animal nests, and animal feed, we care about it all.



# September Planting/Harvest Guide

September is when we can begin to welcome Autumn into our gardens!  
This month the fruits and vegetables to sow outdoors and harvest are:

## Outdoor sow

- Lettuces
- Strawberries
- Cabbages (for a spring harvest)
- Cranberries
- Spinach
- Onions
- Peaches and nectarines

## Harvest

### Fruit

- Apples
- Apricots
- Blackberries
- Blueberries
- Cranberries
- Figs
- Grapes
- Melons
- Peaches
- Pears
- Nectarines
- Plums
- Raspberries
- Strawberries
- Tomatoes

### Vegetables

- Aubergines
- Beetroot
- Broccoli
- Cabbages
- Carrots
- Chillies
- Courgettes
- Cucumbers
- French and broad beans
- Garlic
- Carrots
- Celery
- Lettuces
- Marrows
- Onions
- Peas
- Potatoes
- Peppers
- Shallots
- Radishes
- Spinach
- Spring onions
- Summer squash
- Sweetcorn
- Turnips



# FREE VENUE HIRE AT SWEEPS

## for any occasion



## BOOK TODAY

Our venue hire catering options range from:

- Hot Buffet
- Cold Buffet
- Kids Buffet

So whether its for

- Private Event Catering
- Corporate Event Catering
- Birthday Parties
- Weddings
- Baby Shower Parties
- Funerals / Wakes

or anything else, get in touch today!

To book: Call us at 01772 812540, or contact us on [www.sootysweeps.com](http://www.sootysweeps.com)

# Gardener's Quiz

Make sure to read the next newsletter for the answers!  
Good luck,

Which of these groups of vegetables need most frequent watering?

- a. peas, beans, turnips, kale
- b. Watermelon, squash, pumpkin, asparagus
- c. Cucumber, spinach, celery, corn



Which of these sweet smelling plants is highly toxic to humans?

- a. Roses
- b. Lily of the valley
- c. Freesia

Why do people believe pea and bean roots should be left in the ground after harvesting?

- a. To release nitrogen back into the soil
- b. To sanitise the soil
- c. To keep predators at bay



Which of these botanical gardens is not in the United States?



- a. Kew Botanic Gardens
- b. Desert Botanical Gardens
- c. Brookgreen Gardens

What does sinensis imply in a plant name?

- a. Plants of tough, fibrous composition
- b. Plants that irritate the nasal and bronchial tracks
- c. Plants from or first discovered in China



Last month's correct answers are:

- 1) B 2) C 3) B 4)A 5)A

*We can't wait to  
welcome you!*

