Welcome to our 2013 Catalogue

Opening times.

Nursery. March to June Wednesday to Sunday 10am-5pm and Bank Holiday Mondays July to September Wednesday to Saturday 10am-5pm

Garden. June to September on the same days as nursery. Admission £2.50. Garden open for NGS every Friday from 7th June.

By appointment October to February for order collections.

This years season ends on **Saturday 28th September** we then re open March 2014. Remember we are **closed on Mons and Tues. Also on Sundays from end of June.**

Highlights of 2012. In September Garden photographer Marianne Majerus took an amazing set of photographs. Which hopefully will be published in a gardening magazine. A selection of these can be viewed on our web site and many more at HYPERLINK "http://www.mariannemajerus.com" www.mariannemajerus.com look in Garden Stories then select County Gardens.

In the same month we enjoyed a trip to Holland, Germany and Belgium. Bringing back plants, vintage garden chairs and happy memories.

Our lovely new granddaughter Grace arrived in December and our grandson Joseph celebrated his first birthday.

Last summer was very wet but our garden stood up to the rain very well. Like many of you we abandoned staking and gardening. But are 'fired up' for this year. We have plenty of good stock on the nursery and last spring's new garden plantings will have matured. Take a look at the replanted nursery stock beds they are full of really good plants.

We are proud of our nursery and plant list. Hope you enjoy all your visits to us.

The plants you buy should establish well due to our mix of compost, this is peat reduced, contains a yellow feed granule and vine weevil protection. We try to grow the best varieties, including our core plants and new cultivars and our own introductions including Astrantia 'Dark Desire', Dianthus 'Kim', Eryngium 'Dove Cottage Hybrids' and Geranium 'White Doves'. The majority of our plants are tough and easy to grow. Plants are grown as cool as possible, with adequate water and we don't skimp on the compost.

Our Garden is situated alongside the nursery, surrounded by an undulating yew hedge to mimic the shape of the old Hawthorn hedges and hilltops surrounding our north facing, $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ acre sloping site. We plant grasses and hardy perennials. Plants are selected to create an overall picture in any given bed. This image is of course influenced by time of the day and year, and by the weather conditions We grow lots of nectar rich plants. Our garden is alive with wildlife and there is always a buzz on a sunny, dry day. The peak month for perennials flowering is August and for grasses September. But inspiring anytime.

Garden Shop.

Over the years we have tried several makes of tools, gloves and twine. We sell what we prefer to use every day. Please try them you will not be disappointed. They all offer good value as they are made from quality materials, of exceptional design and are hard wearing.

Sneeboer. We have the biggest choice of **Sneeboer** handmade garden tools in the UK. 'Gardening Tools hand-made in Holland - each Sneeboer garden tool has been hand-forged in the finest stainless steel it is individually shaped, polished and sharpened by hand before being fitted with a fine quality ash handle - or cherry wood handle'. **Sneeboer tools add** to the pleasure of gardening.

Jacoti hand shears. Made in Greece and feel just right. Clean and oil after use, they stay sharp but can be sharpened. Red leather holster available. We use these for cutting back grasses and perennials, trimming our box balls and hedging, dead heading and for cutting flowers.

Secateurs. Designed and manufactured in Japan. Again they have the feel good factor.

Nutscene. This long established Scottish company supplies us with jute biodegradable twines in various colours and we also stock various twine dispensers.

Floreo gloves are comfortable, hard wearing, machine washable and have breathable backs. We stock the full range from light weight ideal for weeding and potting to the thermals.

Yorkshire Flowerpots. Made at Cawthorne near Barnsley from local clay and fired to high temperatures. With a frost proof lifetime guarantee.

Vintage items including wire baskets, tools, sieves, clay plant pots, jugs, and vases.

We also stock nesting boxes, twiggy hearts, greetings cards, plant labels, marker pens ...

Bagged Compost etc. We offer a range of bagged composts; John Innes No 1,2 and 3. Good quality multipurpose, Fine bark and Horticultural grit.

Vegetable plants available between late April and June. Please ring to check availability.

We have a car park, toilet and a Rijo hot drinks machine.

The nursery and part of the garden is wheelchair friendly.

Please supervise your **children** at all times in the nursery, garden and car park.

Accept debit and credit cards.

Dove Cottage Nursery **Gift Vouchers** £5, £10 and £20. These can be posted out any time of year, just phone 01422203553 with your address and card details.

Groups are welcome to visit by prior arrangement.

Photographs may not be taken for commercial use.

You can check that we have a certain plant by phone or email also plants can be ordered.

Take a look at our new website HYPERLINK "http://www.dovecottagenursery.co.uk" www.dovecottagenursery.co.uk

it has up to date information and photographs. We are on Facebook.

Please bring something to carry your purchases home in.

Please read

Numbers inside brackets represent approximate months of flowering.

e.g. (4-6) April to June.

** Denotes The plant produces flowers suitable for cutting. Much of what we grow!

Zzz Attractive to bees. Plants often have a square stem and are members of the lamiacae family, which means 'lipped' and refers to the lip shaped flower petals.

AGM. Award of Garden Merit. Given by the Royal Horticultural Society.

New. Means new to our catalogue this year, but not necessarily new to cultivation.

Prices can vary depending on the size of plants available at the time and the genus. As a general rule prices start at 9cm £4.60, 1 litre £5, 1.5 litre £5.50, 2 litre £6.50 and 3 litre £8.50.

We offer **mail order** between 1St November and 31St March. Just phone or email your selections for availability and price.

Vegetable plants. Between late March and June we have a wide range of vegetable and salad plants. These are good quality and come in strips containing several plants.

Acaena

inermis 'Purpurea'. Forms an evergreen carpet of metallic purple foliage. Roots as it goes. A feature in our garden where it carpets beneath Panicum 'Red Metal' and Sporobolus heterolepsis. Really useful groundcover plant and trailer. 3".

Acanthus spinosus. ** Bears breeches. Glossy dark green, deeply cut, spiny leaves. Spires of funnel-shaped white and purple flowers. (7-9) Sun. 4ft. AGM.

ACHILLEA. **Yarrow. Suit a sunny well drained site. But can be grown on heavier soils if sharp grit and sand are mixed with the soil when planting. If clumps become too dense divide and replant in spring. A cut back in September stimulates basal growth for better winter survival. Early spring protect from slugs and snails. The flat heads look very striking when combined with the spires of Salvia, Veronica or Veronicastrum.

Aphillog 'Appleblate' (Appleblacem). Strang stems clothed in formy foliage, topped with slightly mounded.

Achillea 'Apfelblute'. (Appleblossom). Strong stems clothed in ferny foliage, topped with slightly mounded pink and white flower heads. (6-8) 2ft.

A. 'Coronation Gold'. Bright yellow flowers. Grey-green foliage. (6-8) 3ft. AGM.

A. 'Feuerland'. Good orange-red flat flower heads lasting for weeks and gradually fading to bronze shades. Nice in front of Helenium 'Sahin's Early Flowerer'. (6-9) 2½ft.

A. filipendulina 'Gold Plate'. Good structure before, during and after flowering. Good sized yellow flower heads, may need support. 4-5ft. AGM.

A. 'Fleur van Zonnerveld'. Lovely salmon pink flowers. (6-9) Strong grower. 30".

A. 'Hella Glashoff'. Pale yellow flowers (7-10) The last achillea to come into flower in our garden. Strong growing and upright. Planted here alongside Echinacea 'White Swan' with Miscanthus 'Yakushima Dwarf'. 30". AGM.

A. 'Lachsschonheit'. (Salmon Beauty). Salmon pink flowers slowly fading to cream, repeat flowers well to give a lovely mix of aged and new. Planted in our garden along side Nepeta 'Walkers Low' and Molinia 'Poul Petersen'. AGM.

A. 'Martina'. Long lasting pale yellow flower heads. 1St to flower. (6-10). 2ft. AGM.

A. millefolium 'Lansdorferglut'. Rich salmon red, fades slowly. 3ft. AGM.

A. m. 'Lilac Beauty'. Mauve pink flowers, fading paler. Spreading habit. H. 2ft.

- A. m. 'Red Velvet'. Rich dark red flowers. 2ft.
- **A. nobilis neilreichii.** Grey spreading aromatic foliage, cream flowers. (7-8) 15".
- A. 'Marmalade'. Shades of orange, a bit lax but nice, cut back for repeat flowering. 12".
- A. 'Moonshine'. Silver foliage good flat citrus yellow flower heads. (6-8). AGM. 2ft.
- **A.** ptarmica 'Ballerina'. Small double white flowers on a bushy plant. I like to cut small pieces for my little glass vases or add a spray to a jug of home grown flowers. $(6-9) \frac{1}{2}$ ft.
- **A.** 'Summerwine'. Burgundy red wine, small flat flower heads in succession. (6-9) 18"-2ft. Needs support in a wet summer! AGM.
- A. 'Terracotta'. Orange fading to apricot, greyish foliage. 80cm.
- A. 'Walther Funcke'. Flat heads of fiery orange-red flowers lasting for weeks, fading to ochre. 30".
- **A. 'W. B. Childs'.** Sprays of white green eyed daisies on arching stems. Dead-head. Lovely in a jug with frothy lime Lady's mantle, both last well too. (5-10) 1-2ft.

ACONITUM. **Zz. Monkshood. This genus provides good spring foliage and of course excellent upright flower spires. Much simpler to grow than Delphiniums, but all parts are poisonous if eaten. Sun or partial shade. Divide in Autumn or Spring. Can self seed.

Aconitum 'Bressingham Spire'. Violet blue hooded flowers. (7-8) 2-3ft. AGM.

- A. carmichaelii 'Arendsii'. New. Deep blue hooded flowers (8-9) 4-5ft. AGM.
- A. c. Wilsonii Group. Large blue flowers. (8-9 or 9-10). 6ft.
- A. carm. Wilsonii Group 'Spatlese'. Pearly mid blue excellent plant. (7-9) 5ft.
- **A. 'Grandiflorum Album'.** Greenish white hooded flowers. (7-8) 4ft.
- A. napellus 'Berfurst'. Dark inky blue helmets. (6-7) 4-5ft.
- A. 'Pink Sensation'. Pearly pink flowers mid summer. Slower to clump up. 4-5ft.
- A. 'Stainless Steel'. Subtle, silver-grey with a hint of blue. (7-8) 4-5ft.

ACTAEA syn. Cimicifuga. Bugbane. **Zz. Grow best on rich retentive ground. They provide very attractive dark purple foliage from it's emergence in spring, sweetly scented flowers in late summer and autumn, good seed heads. Taller on rich moist soil.

Actaea simplex atro. 'Brunette'. Dark foliage, white flowers turning pink. 6ft. AGM.

- A. s. a. 'James Compton'. Dark maroon-black foliage. Long flower spikes. 5-6ft.
- A. s. a 'Pink Spike'. Black foliage. Scented white- touch of pink flower spikes. 5ft.

AGASTACHE. **Zzz. Require sun and good drainage. Protect from slugs early season. Aromatic foliage. The seed heads look good through our long winters. Bee and butterfly plant. Although these plants normally grow in much warmer climates, they overwinter ok in our garden.

Agastache 'After Eight'. Dark, mint scented foliage, spikes of mauve/blue flowers. (8-9) Self seeds but not always true to type. 12".

- A. 'Black Adder'. Attractive violet blue flowers in dark calvees. Sterile. 3-4ft.
- A. 'Blue Fortune'. Strong growing and forms a denser bush. Pale blue flower spikes. H. 4-5ft. Sp. 2ft. AGM.
- **A. 'Blue Sangria'.** Excellent new introduction with large dark blue flower heads. (7-9) 3-4ft. From Coen Jansen
- A. 'Heatwave'. New. Fabulous showy and deep pink. 3-4ft.
- **A.** 'Kolibri'. Coral flowers (6-9) More open heads than some. 80cm.
- A. 'Linda'. Slim mauve flower spikes. Makes a big airy plant second year. 21/2ft.
- A. nepetioides. New. Tall and sturdy, seed from Oudolf's garden. Fantastic seed heads. 5-6ft.
- A. 'Purple Haze'. Mauve flowers. A finer plant with darker foliage. 2ft.
- A. 'Raspberry Summer'. Large pink hooded flowers. (7-10). 32".
- A. 'Serpentine'. Soft blue flowers atop tall arching stems. 4ft.
- **A. 'Summer Fiesta'.** New. Long flower spikes of orangey red flowers. 18"-2ft.
- A. 'Summer Glow'. New. Pale apricot flowers held in a dark lavender calyces. 2ft.
- A. 'Summer Sky'. Blue flowers held in nice dark calyces. Good drainage. 20".
- A. rugosa 'Alabaster'. White flowers, (7-10) Superb winter structure. 2-3ft

ALLIUM. **Zzz. Peter Nyssen 01617474000 or HYPERLINK "http://www.peternyssen.com" www.peternyssen.com is a good mail order supplier of bulbs. Missed the boat for this year? Don't despair Katie has potted a lovely selection of easy onions. Mark my words 'Only the foolish allow alliums to self seed. Off with heads before the seed sheds!'

Allium carinatum pulchellum. New. Mauve flower heads like dangly earrings. 15". AGM.

- **A. c. Album.** New. White dangling flowers. For border or gravel.
- **A. christophii.** 6-8 inch head of mauve stars. H 20". Will dry well.
- **A. 'Purple Sensation'.** Dramatic purple tennis ball heads. Don't allow seeding. 3ft.
- **A. 'Summer Beauty'.** New. Superb mauve flowers mid to late summer, neat low dark green strappy leaves. 15". Sun and average soil.
- A. schubertii. New. Large mauve heads these can be 12" across. The individual flower stems vary in length so

it looks like a firework going off. Will dry for Christmas decoration. H. 18". Leaves wither at flowering time.

A. schonoprasum. Chives and fine leaved chives. I break up the flower heads and sprinkle onto salads snipped young stems are good in omelettes and salads.

A. s. 'Pink Perfection'. New. Pink flowered chives for border or vegetable plot. 12".

A. senescens subsp. glaucum. Perfect for edging a path especially in a potager or herb garden. Mauve flower heads and rosettes of twisted prostrate greyish leaves. It was love at first sight when we visited the potage at 'De Boschhoeve' late summer 2011.

A. sphaerocephalon. Small flowered form. Burgundy and green oval flower heads. Clumps up well.(7-8) 2ft. **A. tuberosum.** Garlic or Chinese chives. Late summer white flowers. Edible leaves. 2ft.

Amsonia orientalis. **Pale blue small starry flowers. Longest flowering variety. (6-10) Spreads gently underground providing lots of stems for cutting. 12-15".

Anchusa 'Lodden Royalist'. Large true blue flowers on sturdy stems in June and July. 2ft.

Anemone x hybrida. Japanese anemones. Easy late summer flowering perennials.

Anemone x hybrida. 'Honorine Jobert'. Tall, large white flowers. (8-10) 3-4ft. AGM.

A. x hyb. 'Margarete'. Double deep pink flowers. (8-10) Sun or p. shade. 3ft. AGM.

A. x hyb. 'Whirlwind'. Lovely semi double white yellow stamens. 2-3ft.

Angelica gigas. Biennial. Dark plum stems carry rounded plum flower heads in July and August. Excellent late summer seed heads. Collect and sow seed in autumn. 5-6ft.

A. pubescens. New. Perennial. Beautiful lacy white flowers in August and September. 5-6ft. Plants available later in the season.

ANTHEMIS. ** Hardy if grown in sun and well drained soil as not always tolerant of Winter wet. Dead head regularly but not in an evening! When the petals droop. Best to tidy the plant in Spring rather than Autumn. Propagation is easy by cuttings. Cut flower.

Anthemis 'Susanna Mitchell'. Grey foliage, delightful creamy-yellow daisies early and mid summer. Good cut flower. 15". Spread 2ft.

A. tinctoria 'E.C.Buxton'. Fresh lemon daisies all summer long. (6-11) 20".

A. t. 'Eva'. Golden yellow daisies all summer with deadheading. Low growing. 12".

Artemesia lactiflora Guizhou Group. Plumes of white flowers, dark stems.(8-10). 5-6ft.

A. ludoviciana 'Silver Queen'. Grown for its aromatic silver-white foliage. Small yellowish flowers late summer. Sun. Spreading habit. Can be cut back late summer to produce fresh growth. Drought tolerant. 18".

Aruncus 'Horatio'. An excellent shorter growing selection of goats beard. Grown here in our calm yellow and white border, along side Thalictrum pubescens. Good cut foliage and plumes of white small flowers. Early Autumn colour and good seed heads. 5ft.

ASTER. **Zzz and Butterfly. For the daisy lovers amongst you we offer a varied choice to suit any garden from romantic cottage style to naturalistic or smart minimal modern. Listed varieties are usually mildew free and make excellent cut flowers. Recommended reading is Paul Picton's 'The Gardeners Guide to Growing Asters'. Or visit his National Collection as we did September 2008. An impressive stunning collection.

Aster ageratoides 'Ezo Murasaki'. Sprays of small purple flowers, (9&10). 2ft.

A. a. 'Harry Smith'. Sprays of small blue-mauve flowers on upright stems. (8, 9) 15".

A. amellus 'Framfeildii'. Violet blue daisies. (9-11) Sun. 18". AGM.

A. a. 'Violet Queen'. Rich coloured aster back on our list. (8/9-10/11) 12". AGM.

A. 'Coombe Fishacre'. New. Many small lilac pink daisies in autumn. 80cm. AGM.

A. cordifolius 'Alderbaran'. A constellation of tiny pale blue flowers. (9-10) 3ft.

A. divaricatus. White wood-aster. Starry white flowers on dark stems. (7-10) Nice glossy foliage. Thrives in dry shade but happy in sun or shade. 1-2ft.

A. x f. 'Monch'. Large lavender-blue flowers **Japanese anemones.** **Lovely for late summer and autumn. Mixing well with Asters and Actaea.

A. laevis 'Blauhugel'. New. Many small blue flowers. 4-5ft.

A. lateriflorus 'Buck's Fizz'. New. Stiffly upright with horizontal arching flower stems, small white turning pink with a pink centre flowers in late summer and autumn. Pretty.

Aster novae-angliae. 'Andenken an Alma Potschke'. Eye catching vibrant, salmon-red- pink. (8-10) H. 3ft. Butterfly plant.

A. n-a. 'Mabelle'. Dark purple flowers. 4-5ft.

A. n-a. 'Primrose Upward'. Dark rich pink flowers.

A. n-a. 'Purple Dome'. Smothered in violet purple flowers (9-10). 30". Butterfly plant.

Aster novae- belgii. Michaelmas daisies. Flowering either side of Michaelmas Day 29th September. Sturdy

and rich flower colours. Attractive to bees anf butterflies.

A. n-b. 'Boningdale White'. Double white flowers aging nicely with a flush of pink. (9-10) on a strong growing plant for border and the cutting bed. 4ft.

A. n-b. Lederstrumpf. Superb plant. Strong upright dark stems and good healthy green foliage. A cloud of pale blue flowers, (9-10) Stake. 5ft.

A. n-b. 'Mittelmeer'. Sturdy upright and bushy with fine foliage, double blue daisies (8-10) Sun. 18". Spread 18"

A. n-b. 'Neron'. Small deep pink double flowers. (9-10) 16".

A. 'Ochtendgloren'. New. Small pink daisies. Similar to Pink Star. 3ft.

A. peduncularis. From Mexico. Dies fully back in winter. Good blue flower. (8-9) 18".

A. 'Pink Star'. Open sprays of pink daisies, sweet for cutting in Oct-Nov. 4ft.

A. umbellatus. Tall upright stems carry large flat heads of gentle white daisies. (9-10) Nice fluffy seed heads too. Sun or p. shade. Can make 6½ft.

A. 'Vasterival'. Still my favourite. Sprays of small soft lilac pink daisies asking to be cut, spreads well to give plenty of stems for cutting. (9-10) Can support but a good mingler. 5-6ft. Nice to grow with Actaea 'Pink Spike' and Calamagrostis brachytricha 'Mona'. Vigorous.

A. x herveyi. Syn 'Twilight'. A good and easy aster for sun or some shade. Usefully spreads gently. Great for cutting in months 8 and 9 making a good centre for a hand tied bunch. Just over 2ft. Spread 2ft. Nice shade of violet-purple.

ASTILBE. Tough, easy, not eaten by slugs or rabbits. Winter seed heads. Preferring a moist soil, sun or partial shade.

Astilbe 'Elizabeth Bloom'. Full pink flower spikes. (6-8) 2ft.

A. 'Gloria Weisse'. Large clear white plumes. (6-8) 2ft.

A. 'Granat'. Deep rose pink plumes. (6-8) 3ft.

A. chinensis var. taquetii 'Purpurlanze'. Brings vertical softness to a planting and the bonus of a good autumn and winter shape. Not for dryer soils. (8-9) 3ft.

ASTRANTIA. **Zzz. One of the most important plants in our garden having a very long flowering period from mid May to October and being easy to grow on our improved clay soil. They grow well in rich, moisture retentive soil. We offer the better varieties in dark reds, pinks and white. Remove spent flower stems to encourage repeat flowering and to prevent seed shedding as plants grown from seed are variable. Water if dry. Sun or partial shade. You can see them in our nursery stock beds. Slug proof. Cut flower.

Astrantia 'Buckland'. This subtle plant flowers continuously May to October. Large soft pink centres surrounded by pale pink bracts. Forms seed so we dead stem. 2-3ft.

A. 'Bury Court'. Distinct form with large dark red flowers. 3-4ft.

A. 'Dark Desire'. New. Our superb dark selection from Gill Richardson Group. Very dark ruby flowers held well above the foliage. Reflowers well after dead heading. Limited availability. 2ft.

A. 'Florence'. Good soft pink selection. Flowers continuously. (5-10) Vigorous 3-4ft.

A. 'Hadspen Blood'. Dark red bracted flowers (5-6 again 8-11) 18"

A. m. 'Gill Richardson Group'. Large dark, ruby flowers. (5-7) with a cut back and water if a dry summer repeats (8-11) Vigorous and highly recommended. 2ft. Sp 2ft.

A. m. 'Ruby Star'. Excellent plant which repeat flowers all summer. 2ft.

A. m. subsp involucrata 'Jumble Hole'. Large fresh white and green flowers (5-10). Superb plant. Very long flowering season with dead heading, still looks good in November (5-11) Excellent selection from Richard Easton. 3ft.

A. 'Roma'. Excellent Piet Oudolf selection. Sterile rich pink flowers (5-6 and 8-11).

A favourite of ours; if you haven't noticed. Builds to 2-3ft. Divide every 3rd or 4th year.

A. 'Sheila's Red'. This selection from Howard Nurseries just glows with the sun on it. Repeat flowers late summer after a cut back. May take longer to establish. 2ft.

A. 'Star of Billion'. New. Small white flowers. Lovely for cutting. 2ft x 2ft.

A. 'Super Star'. Large white flowers (5-11). Vigorous. 30".

A. 'Washfield'. Later into flower and a distinct colour; red with an iridescent mauve cast. Repeat flowers (5-11) so tidy throughout summer to keep looking fresh. Cut flower. 2ft.

Boltonia asteroids var. 'Snowbank'. **Willowy foliage topped with sprays of white daisies (9-11). 5-6ft. Forms a substantial plant. Support. Sun, any soil.

BRUNNERA. **Sprays of forget-me-not type flowers above good bold foliage. Will thrive in p. shade or shade, even dry shade but seems to flower longer in moister soils. Work really well beneath north facing walls or fences, especially house walls. Superb in full flower. Dead head after flowering. Combine with Polemonium, Ger. sylvaticum, or Primulas.

Brunnera macrophylla. 'Jack Frost'. Silvered leaves, blue flowers. Position in the shade if kept in containers. H. 18". Spread 2-3ft. AGM.

- **B. m. 'Looking Glass'.** Silvered foliage. Blue flowers (2 or 3-6+)
- **B. m. 'Mr Morse'.** White flowers and silvered green foliage. (3-6+) Breeder Chris Ghyselen.

Bupleurum falcatum. **Sprays of tiny yellow flowers on wiry stems, similar to fennel. (6-9) A useful self seeder for dry stony areas. Nice in mixed containers. 12".

Calamintha nepeta 'Blue Cloud'. **Zz. Haze of pale blue tiny flowers on wiry stems above a mat of aromatic foliage. (8-10). Has self sow in gravel. Needs good drainage and a trim back in spring or autumn. 6-10". All are drought tolerant.

C. n. 'Harrogate'. Zzz. Larger flowers and foliage. 12".

C. nepeta nepeta. **Zzz. The cloud of tiny mauve flowers are a magnet to bees in Aug and Sept. Aromatic minty shiny foliage. H 12". Width 15".

CAMPANULA. Zzz. Typical cottage garden plants.

C. garganica 'Dickson's Gold'. Blue cups above a mat of golden foliage. (7-8) 4".

C. lactiflora. Glorious in full flower, once faded cut back by two thirds for a repeat flowering. Pale blue bells. (6-9) with a gap. May need staking. 4-5ft.

C. l. 'Loddon Anna'. Pale pink- aging to mauve flower spikes. (6-9) 5ft. AGM.

C. l. 'Prichard's Variety'. Spires of violet-blue bell flowers. (6-9). 3ft. AGM.

C. portenschlagiana. Dalmatian bellflower. Small evergreen ivy-like leaves covered in mauve cup shaped flowers (7-8) Low tumbling habit. Sun or partial shade. 6". Sp 18".

C. poscharskyana 'Blue Waterfall'. Trailing and long flowering so nice in wall tops, window boxes, rockeries or border edges. (6-12!) H. 4" Spread 2ft. Indispensable.

C. p. 'Stella'. Darker flower than above and neater habit. Buns of foliage to edge a path, with blue-mauve bell flowers all summer. H. 4". Spread 12". AGM.

C. 'Royal Wave'. Scented. Showy upward facing, bright blue, white centred large flowers over a mound of green strong foliage. (4-5) H 5". Sp. 15".

Cenolophium denudatum. Was listed as Seseli libanotis. Zzz. Moon Carrot. Finely cut glossy green leaves. Pink flushed stems. White umbellifer flowers May to September. Green seed heads. Sun or p. shade. Self sows. 2½ft.

CENTAUREA. **Zzz. Cottage garden favourites, tough and flower well, coming back year after year. We all know the popular blue flowered C. montana, we have a few new ones for you to try. Easy to grow in any soil, need some sun and are long flowering and also important to me with my vintage jugs in mind are good for cutting.

Centaurea jacea. Lovely native dry meadow knapweed producing pink insect friendly flowers June to September. H. 80cm.

C. montana 'Black Sprite'. ** Typical ragged cornflowers. Blackberry coloured flowers. (7-8) 15".

C. pulcherrima. Silver cut foliage. Pink flowers from papery buds in summer. 15".

C. ruthenica. Soft pale yellow corn flowers in July and August. 3ft.

C. triumfettii 'Hoar Frost'. **Grey foliage. White fringed cornflowers notice the pretty pink cente. (7-8) Sun 15". Easy and long flowering so lends itself to cutting.

Centranthus ruber 'Albus'. Zzz. This wild plant has always been in our garden. It's the white form of the self seeding pink wild flower. (6-8) Up to 2ft-shorter on dry ground.

Ceratostigma plumbaginoides. Clusters of sky blue flowers (7-9) crimson red autumn foliage. H. 12". S. 2ft. Provides late colour in a sheltered sunny border. AGM.

Cirsium 'Mount Etna'. Zzz. Butterfly. White shaving brush like subtle flowers tipped with magenta. (7-9) Amazing seed heads. Planted very effectively here with Calamagrostis b. 'Mona', Echinacea 'Pink Glow', Veronicastrum 'Erika' and Monarda 'Beauty of Cobham'. H. 2-3ft.

C. rivulare 'Atropurpureum'. Zzz. Magenta-purple thistle flowers on tall strong stems. Divide every 3 or 4 years. (5-10). Rivulare suggests a moisture lover. 5 ft.

C. tuberosum. Zzz. Butterfly. A tall mauve flowered thistle with grey green foliage. Can self seed. 6ft.

Coreopsis lanceolata 'Walter'. Short form producing a long succession of golden yellow flowers with a winered centre. (6-8) 6". Border front or container.

CROCOSMIA. **Require sun and well drained soil- add grit to a clay soil. Also won't winter in pots left outside

Crocosmia 'Solfatare'. Apricot-yellow flowers. Bronze foliage. (8) 18". AGM.

Cynara cardunculus Scolymus Group. The cardoon. Architectural plant. Large grey leaves followed by tall sturdy stems carrying large purple thistle heads. (7-9). 6-7ft.

DIANTHUS. **Pinks. We offer both traditional scented garden pinks and some more unusual species. Require well drained soil or gravel and sun. Perfect for cutting.

Dianthus carthusianorum. Rich pink flowers on 2 ft glaucous stems. Superb black winter skeleton. Planted here in gravel with eryngiums, agastache, calamintha and grasses.

- **D. 'Devon Wizard'.** Cyclamen pink with a red centre. (6-9) Highly scented. 12" AGM.
- **D.** 'Kim'. Clusters of small deep pink flowers on arching stems. (6-11) Pot or border.
- D. 'Moulin Rouge'. Clove perfume. Magenta lacing over soft pink. (6-9) 12". AGM.
- D. species. Grassy evergreen foliage studded with dainty bright pink flowers on wiry stems all summer. Self sowing biennial. Could naturalize in dry thin soils. 8".

DIASCIA. **We are offering some lovely varieties for pots or borders. Just don't cut back too hard before winter and plant in well drained soil and sun. Tidy in spring. (6-11)

Diascia barberae 'Blackthorn Apricot'. Masses of apricot flowers. 10". AGM.

- D. 'Emma'. Vigorous, strong growing pink form. For pots or border. 15".
 D. 'Iceberg'. Pure white flowers. Fairly lax habit.
- **D. integerrima 'Blush'.** White flushed with soft pink flowers. Lax habit.
- D. personata. A really good plant. Tall, upright and sturdy producing pink flowers all summer. Good in the borders or in a pot. Nice with Agastache 'Black Adder'. 3ft.
- **D. 'Peter'.** Rich pink flowers, larger than those on Rupert Lambert. H. 12".
- D. 'Rupert Lambert'. Pink flowers all summer. Will soften border edges and hard landscaping. Cut flower and cottage garden plant. 12". AGM.

Dierama pulcherrimum. Lovely species, varying shades of deep purple pink. (6-8) 4ft.

D. p. Dark Cerise. Fabulous coloured Angel's Fishing rod. H. 4ft. Sp. 3ft.

DIGITALIS. Zzz. Foxgloves are very important for bees and other insects. We have foxgloves in flower from May until October. Also grown for their spires. Sun or p. shade.

Digitalis ferruginea. Tall spires of bronze flowers. (6-9 or 10) Dry to brown-black for winter interest. Self sows and easily transplanted. Grown here with grasses. 4ft+. AGM.

- **D. lutea.** Smaller pale yellow flowers. Self seeds. 2ft.
- D. 'Spice Island'. Long heads of green budded, flowers opening a coppery yellow with cinnamon tracings inside. (5-10). Sterile. 3ft.

Dipsacus fullonum. Fullers teasel. Native teasel. Tall and self sows. Good seed heads.

D. pilosus. Small teasel. Self seeds prolifically. The late Henk Gerritsen kindly dug us up a few seedlings from his garden and we are so glad he did. Also we nearly missed our dinner that day as they eat early in Holland! This wild plant is our favourite for its hairy stems and seed heads. The magic happens when back light with sun in late summer and autumn. Tall sturdy 6-7ft. Seed and plants.

ECHINACEA. **Zzz. The word Echinacea comes from the Greek word Echinos meaning Hedgehog. A favourite of ours. They grow well if given; good soil, no competition, protection from slugs early and sun. All are honey scented at a certain stage of flowering and adored by bees and butterflies. The large flowers stand out beautifully in August. Good seed heads, until eaten by the birds.

Echinacea 'Green Jewel'. Green petals and cone. From Piet Oudolf. 2ft.

- E. 'Hot Lava'. Very new. Fabulous deep orange red broad petals surround an orange cone. Strong stems. 4ft.
- E. 'Hot Summer'. New. The flowers change colour as they mature; open yellow, turning to orange and becoming red. 3ft.
- E. pallida. Pink drooping ethereal petals. Long flowering even though it looks so fragile. Self sows given chance. The best one for seed heads. I love this plant. 3ft.
- **E. purpurea 'Augustkonigin'.** Large paler pink-mauve flowers. 3ft x 2ft.

- E. p. 'Fatal Attraction'. Intense purple-pink. Dark stems. 2-3ft.

 E. p. 'Magnus Superior'. Strong growing cone flowers with good dark carmine-pink red flowers. (7-9) 3ft.

 E. p. 'Pink Glow'. Our vigorous selection from a batch of Rubinglow seedlings. The first variety into flower and hold well. (7-10) 3ft.
- E. p. 'Prairie Splendor'. Shorter variety, seed grown. Pink flowers (7-9) 2ft.
- E. p. 'Virgin'. Horizontal white rays surround a green turning to bronze cone. 2-2½ft.
- E. p. 'White Swan'. Selected white form with a golden cone. Grown in our garden to contrast with Persicaria amp. 'Alba' and Miscanthus foliage. Strong plants for sale. 28".
- E. 'Summer Breeze'. Bright yellow. 28".
- E. 'Tomato Soup'. Deep red orange flowers. 32".

ECHINOPS. **Zzz. From the Greek word Echinos meaning hedgehog. Echinops are easy to grow and are drought tolerant, possessing spherical flower and seed heads. Bees adore them. Form sturdy plants after a couple of years.

Echinops bannaticus 'Blue Globe'. New. Grey green spiny foliage. Blue ball flowers (7-9) Sun or partial shade.

- E. ritro 'Veitch's Blue'. Bright blue spherical heads. (7-8) 3ft.
- E. sphaerocephalus 'Arctic Glow'. White flowers, grey-green foliage. (6-9) 80cm.

Erigeron annuus. **Self seeding. Any soil even crushed stone. Sun or part shade. Masses of small white daisies. (6-10 and longer) Height dependent on soil quality. 4-5ft.

- E. glauca 'Sea Breeze'. Pink daisies on a compact plant. (5-9) Sun and w.drained soil. A cheerful easy to grow plant, just tidy in spring. H. 8". Sp. 12".
- E. karvinskianus. White-tinged pink, small daisies, all summer. Try one in a clay pot, basket, hanging basket or window box. Pretty lining a path. Seeds around. 8". AGM.
- E. 'Sommerneuschnee'. **White daisies tinged with lilac above an evergreen mat of foliage. Flowers all summer with dead heading, nice to cut too. H. 18". Sp. 18".

ERYNGIUM. Zzz. Eryngo, sea holly. Develop a long tap root to search out water. Prefer full sun and sharp drainage. Winter skeletons.

Eryngium bourgatii 'Picos Blue'. Has self sown here in gravel to produce stunning plants. (7-9 or 10) 18"-2ft.

- E. 'Dove Cottage Hybrids'. Sky blue and deeper blue shades. (6-7 and repeats 9) 2ft.
- E. giganteum. Well known as Miss Willmott's Ghost. Biennial but self seeds.
- E. g. 'Silver Ghost'. Similar to Miss Willmott's Ghost but shorter. Spiny silver heads. Self seeds in our gravel bed and paths. Take care, you may get pricked. AGM.

 E. x zabelii 'Jos Eiking'. Intense lavender blue flower heads and foliage. (6-8) 2½ft.

EUPATORIUM. **Zzz. Joe Pyeweed. Big bold late summer flowering perennials. Very attractive to butterflies and bees. Several are planted in our garden.

- E. m. 'Atropurpureum'. Large purplish flower heads on tall dark stems. Powder-puff seed heads and a good winter silhouette. (8-11) Builds to 6-8ft depending on the soil. 6ft in our garden. A magnet to butterflies. AGM.
- **E. p. m. 'Riesenschirm'.** Larger heads and slightly arching dark stems. 6-7ft. AGM.

EUPHORBIA. Caution; the white sap can burn skin and eyes.

E. cornigera 'Goldener Turm'. Choice. Herbaceous. Red stems and leaf edges. Green leaves with a golden central vein. Yellow flowers. (7-8) 3ft.

E. palustris. Sulphur yellow heads (6-7) 3ft. AGM.

E. polychroma. Bright yellow bracts (4-6) then fade, can be cut back to encourage new fresh growth. AGM. 18".

Ferula microloba. New. Perennial. Yellow flowers in umbels. Dissected foliage. 2ft.

Filipendula rubra 'Venusta'. Queen of the prairie. Dark stems produce pink beaded trusses and by midsummer fluffy pink cloud like heads. A wet prairie plant but will do well on average soil. Sun or p. shade. H. 6ft. AGM.

Foeniculum vulgare 'Purpureum'. **Bronze fennel. Associates well in numerous schemes. Self seeds. Wonderful soft feathery foliage early season followers by umbels of yellow flowers, then good seed heads. Brings an aromatic scent to the garden in late summer and autumn. 5ft.

Fragaria 'Samba'. Red flowers and fruits for months.

Galium odoratum. **Sweet woodruff. Pretty tiny white flowers (5-7) Spreading ground cover. Sun or shade. 6" Taller if amongst other plants. Lovely in a little vase.

GERANIUM. **Hardy geraniums are very popular and we offer just a small selection; avoiding those which are too generous at self seeding or having a short flowering period.

Geranium 'Anne Thomson'. Magenta-purple with a dark centre above an attractive mound of foliage. (6-11) Easy. Sun or p. shade. H. 15". Sp. 2ft. AGM.

- G. 'Blue Cloud'. Pale blue flowers. (6-10) Sun or p. shade. H. 1-2ft. Spread 3ft. AGM.
- **G.** 'Brookside'. Large blue flowers. (6-9) Forms big clumps. Good border filler plant. 2-3ft.
- G. 'Dilys'. Forms a green carpet studded with magenta pink flowers, (6-11) We plant this geranium to form low ground cover between Molinias and Sedums. S. 3ft. AGM.
- G. 'Foundling'. A fairly new introduction from a generous fellow plant enthusiast. Rich pink flowers with

veining all summer. Evergreen, glossy foliage. Sun or p. shade. 15".

- G. himalayense 'Gravetye'. New. Large blue flowers in abundance. (6-8) 18". AGM.
- G. h. 'Plenum'or 'Birch's Double'. Lavender blue flowers. (6-8). H.12"
- G. 'Jean Armour'. New. Pale pink white centred flowers, trailing habit. (6-9) Sun. 12".
- G. 'Light Dilys'. Paler flower than on Dilys. Same habit.
- G. macrorrhizum 'Whiteness'. Clean white flowers (4-8) and evergreen aromatic foliage. Tough and gently spreading. Any soil and aspect. 12'
- G. 'Mavis Simpson'. Cupped shell pink flowers all summer. Grey-green foliage trails or carpets. Border plant but also good in our long tom pots or as a single plant for a hanging basket. Sun or some shade. H 9". Sp 2-3ft lax flowering stems. AGM.
- G. 'Melinda'. New in 2012 good pale pink cranesbill with a long flowering time and tidy habit. Perfect for the border front. (5-9) Sun or p. shade. H & Sp. 18".
- G. nodosum Svelte Lilac'. Glossy evergreen foliage, lilac, heavily veined flowers (6-8). Sun or shade. 12-18".
- G. 'Orion'. Large dark blue flowers. (5-8) Autumn leaf colour. 2ft. AGM.
- **G. 'Orkney Cherry'.** Low growing bronze foliage, bright pink white centred flowers. (6-9) Cut back to 4" in spring if untidy. Sun. H. 12". Sp. 24".
- G. 'Patricia'. Large vibrant pink flowers for a very long period. Height and spread 3ft if supported. Sun or part shade. Sterile. AGM.
- **G.** 'Pink Carpet'. Forms a fresh green carpet with pink flowers. (5-11) 4".
- G. pyrenaicum 'Bill Wallis'. Early sprays of violet small flowers, then continually until frosts. Self sows. 15". Sun or p. shade will tolerate poor ground if seeded. Few.
- **G. richardsonii.** Large white flowers. (5-9) Sun or p. shade. 12-24".
- G. 'Rozanne'. Exceptional. Large violet-blue with paler centre and dark anthers.

Long flowering (6-11). Sun or part shade. H. 2ft. spread 3ft. For pot or border. AGM.

- G. 'Rozette'. Pink flowers over low wide ground covering foliage, summer. 12". Sp 3ft.
- G. 'Sandrine'. Magenta-purple, dark centred flowers (6-10) Yellow spring foliage. Bred in France. Similar to G. 'Ann Folkard'. Vigorous. H.& Sp. 2ft.
- G. sanguineum 'Album'. White flowers above dark green cut foliage. (6-8) 12". AGM.
- G. s. 'Ankum's Pride'. Large bright pink flowers over cut foliage. (5-10) 10". AGM.
- **G. s. 'Glenluce'.** Large clear pink-mauve flowers. (5-10) 12".
- G. s. 'Max Frei'. Dark magenta flowers. (6-10) 10". Sun or p. shade.
- G. s. var. striatum. Shell pink flowers with darker veining. (6-10) 12". AGM.
- G. 'Sirak'. Striking mauve-pink flowers. (5-7) Rounded sage green foliage. Sun. 18"-2ft. AGM.
- G. 'Stephanie'. New. Clusters of soft lavender blue flowers in early summer above rounded grey green good foliage. Sun or partial shade. 12".
- G. s. 'Mayflower'. Large lavender blue flowers. (5-6) and (8) 2ft. AGM.
 G. 'Tanya Randall'. Shiny brown foliage covered in small bright pink flowers (5-12) Sun. Could team this foliage with coloured containers. H. 5" Sp. 18".
- G. 'Tiny Monster'. Large magenta purple flowers (6-11). Ground cover foliage. 15"
- G. wlassovianum. Excellent cultivar. Magenta-purple, heavily veined flowers. (7-9) Brilliant autumn colour. Sun or partial shade. 12". Sp. 2ft.
- G. 'White Doves'. Our new hardy geranium. A chance seedling found in a nursery stock bed. Good sized white flowers June to November. Attractive glossy evergreen foliage. Sun or partial shade. H 15". Sp. 2ft.
- G. x oxonianum 'Wageningen'. New. Evergreen glossy foliage. Rich salmon pink flowers all summer. (5-9)
- Sun or partial shade. 18". AGM. **G. x ox. 'Walter's Gift'.** Evergreen foliage with a brown blotch, soft pink flowers with a darker veining. (5-9). Sun or partial shade. 15-18".

GEUM. Dependable front of border perennials. Regular division encourages flowering; don't let them get too comfortable. Will grow in most soils, in sun or partial shade.

Geum 'Bell Bank'. Reintroduced into cultivation by us. Bred by the late Geoffrey Smith. The flowers are double opening from fat dark nodding buds. As the flowers develop the veined petals change colour fading to paler pink and becoming upward facing. Fluffy seed heads. Prefers a cool spot and retentive soil. 12".

- **G.** 'Georgenberg. New. Deep yellow flowers (5-9) 12".
- **G. 'Lemon Drops'.** Back on the list. Pale lemon nodding flowers. (5-6 repeats 9-10) 10".
- G. 'Lisanne'. Large yellow flowers early summer. Sun or part shade. H. 12".
- G. 'Mango'. New. Small flowers in spring and Autumn. 12-15".
- **G. 'Prinses Juliana'.** Semi-double orange flowers. (5-11) 15". Divide regularly.
- G. 'Rubin'. Double tomato red flowers all summer. Sun. 18".

Gypsophila repens 'Rosa Schonheit'. Low mat of foliage studded with pink flowers (7-9) 6". Lovely cascading a pot. Tough and evergreen.

- **G. 'Rosenschleier'.** (Rosy Veil) A cloud of tiny double pale pink flowers. (6-8). H. 10" Sp 18". Sun and well drained soil or pot. AGM.

HELENIUM. Sneezewort. Dense foliage and rich autumnal colours. Grow in sun. Divide in late winter-spring, this reduces height and plants then stand up better if it is a wet, windy summer!

Helenium 'Fiesta'. New. Eye catching red flowers with a gold band at the tips of petals and another surrounding the dark brown central button. (8-9) A sturdy 5ft.

- H. 'Flammendes Kathchen'. (flaming little Katy) Smaller flowers of coppery orange-brown, the tips fade to yellow. (8-9) 5ft.
- **H.** 'Indianersommer'. Brick red flowers quilled initially. (8-9) 3ft.
- H. 'Kanaria'. Green/yellow boss centre with yellow petals. (7-9) Sturdy. H. 4-5ft.
- H. 'Kupferzwerg'. (copper dwarf) Coppery red flowers with yellow tips. A shorter sturdy variety forming dense clumps. (8-9) 2-2½ ft. **H. 'Rauchtopas'.** Yellow with brown flecks and brown velvet centre. Longest in flower in our garden last year.
- Free standing. Builds to 4ft.
- H. 'Red Jewel'. Small pinkish-red flowers maroon centre. (7-9) 32".
- H. 'Rubinzwerg'. Red-brown flowers. (8-9) 32". AGM.
- H. 'Sahin's Early Flowerer'. A vigorous plant and excellent flowerer (6-11) Large flowers yellow streaked brown-orange. Dead head for repeat flowering. 3-4ft. AGM.
- H. 'Septemberfusch'. Glowing smaller flowers-dusky red with like a salmon sheen. The last to flower. Good with the dark blue flowers of Aconitum Wilson group. 5ft.
- H. 'Waldtraut'. Orange, red streaks, Dead head for repeat flowering, (6-8) 3-4ft. AGM.
- **H.** 'Wesergold'. Lovely combination of a brown boss and yellow petals. (6-9) Planted here with Persicaria a. Alba behind and Hakonachloa macra in front. 30". AGM.

Helianthus giganteus 'Sheila's Sunshine'. Pale yellow daisies atop willowy tall stems. (8-11) 7-8ft. Less tall on poor ground. Cut flower if you can reach, use a pole saw or a very tall vase! No staking as sturdy.

- H. 'Lemon Queen'. Vigorous and floriferous, lemon daisies. (8-11) 5-6 feet. Sun. Cut for a vase. Good late summer perennial sunflower. Forms a tight clump. Support. AGM.
- H. microcephalus. US native and our favourite; masses of smaller yellow flowers (8-11) H. 6ft Sp 4-5ft.
- H. 'Triomphe de Gand'. Large yellow anemone centred sunflowers, (8-9) 4-5ft.

HERBS. We offer the herbs we grow and cook with or just really like to have around the place for the wild life. Common name listed first for ease. Herbs are often known by several names so please bare with me.

Chives. We grow the fine leaved chives in our veg patch for repeat cutting all summer.

Garden mint. A good mint I use all the time.

Greek oregano or Pot marjoram or Marjoram onites. Flowers (8-9) 18" x 2ft.

Oregano or Wild marjoram or Origanum vulgare 'Compactum' or Marjoram Compact. Pink flowers (8-9) 12" x 18". Good edging plant.

Rosemary officinalis. Upright woody foliage and blue flowers. (4-6) 3ft x 2ft.

Common thyme or Thymus vulgaris. Pink flowers (6-8) 12 x 12"

Lemon thyme- citrus leaves and very pretty in flower and goes on for weeks. 8".

We may also have seed grown herbs. Coriander, flat leaved parsley, dill, borage etc

HEUCHERA. ** Foliage plants for sun or shade. Temperature and light influence the leaf colour. Container or

Heuchera Americana 'Harry Hay'. Large chocolate-green glossy leaves. More light gives a browner leaf. Pink underside. Tall hairy stems topped with greenish white flowers. 2ft. Sp. 2-3ft. Fabulous in pots or the border. A buxom plant.

- H. 'Crème Brulee'. Ruffled peach-toffee foliage with red underside. White flowers.
- H. 'Fire Chief'. New. Lovely pink foliage and white flowers.
- H. 'Green Spice'. Red veins through khaki silver foliage and a green edge.
- H. 'Lipstick'. Red flowers above neat marbled red, green and silver foliage.
- H. 'Paris'. Intense pink flowers above neat dark green, silvered foliage. 14"
- H. 'Plum Pudding'. Deep plum-red evergreen, glossy foliage. Medium sized.
- H. 'Shanghai'. New. Plum, silvered leaves. Cream flowers. (7-9) H. 18".
- H. sanguinea 'White Cloud'. New. Green evergreen foliage and a cloud of creamy-white flowers (6-7) Sun or shade. 18"-2ft.

HEUCHERELLA. Zzz. Heuchera x Tiarella. For sun or shade. Good foliage.

Heucherella 'Sweet Tea'. New. Fabulous large orange leaves with cinnamon veining, burgundy during cool months. Tallish white flowers. H.10". Sp.15".

H. 'Tapestry'. New. Green foliage with a dark centre, pink flowers. H. 10". Sp. 15".

Inula hookeri. Bright yellow large spidery daisies. (7-8) Vigorous. 18". Spreads. Drought tolerant. Competes well with our Yew hedge roots.

Kalimeris 'Antonia'. Blue rounded daisies. Discovered on a German nursery, has a deeper blue flower than Charlotte. 18". All varieties are easy and long flowering.

K. incisa 'Charlotte'. Blue-mauve daisies. (6-10) Sun or p. shade. 4ft.

K. i. 'Madiva'. Palest blue-mauve almost white daisies in sprays. (7-11) 2-3ft.

K, i. 'Nana Blue'. Pale blue daisies (6-9) Short variety with running habit. 12".

Laser trilobum. New. Horse caraway. Perennial. Loose umbels of white flowers. (5-6) 1m.

Laserpitium siler. White cow parsley type flowers. (6-7) Sun, p. shade. Associates well in our gravel bed with Stipa gigantea 'Gold Fontaene', and Nectaroscordum siculum. 2ft.

Lavender. **Zzz. All listed are hardy. Cut back after flowering sometime in Sept.

Lavandula angustifolia'Blue Ice'. Very nice colour and grey foliage. We grow it in a peggy tub with a pink Diascia to great affect. '18". March.

L. a. 'Hidcote'. Fragrant deep purple flowers. (7-9) 20". AGM.

L. a. 'Munstead'. Neat growth and paler blu-ish purple flowers. (7-9) 18".

Liatris spicata 'Floristan Weiss'. **White bottle brushes. (7-9) 3ft.

Liatris pycnostachya. New. Produces dense heads of light purple flowers. (7-9) 5ft.

Lobelia hybrid (Elizabeth Strangman) Tubular red smaller flowers. (7-9) 28".

L. 'Red Beauty'. Showy pinkish red flowers. (7/8-9) 3ft. All varieties Zzzzz. plants

L x speciosa. Violet blue flowers. Up to 3ft. All of our lobelias are usually hardy.

L. x sp. 'Hadspen Purple'. Rich purple flowers. (7-9) 3ft.

L. x sp. 'Russian Princess'. Deep magenta-red flowers. (8-9) 3ft.

L. x sp. 'Tania'. Crimson-purple flowers. (7-10) Dark shiny leaves. Hardy. 3ft.

Lychnis flos-cuculi 'White Robin'. White ragged flowers atop pink stems. Upright habit. (5-6) 18".

LYTHRUM. **Zzz. Purple loosestrife. Easy to grow and place as combines so well with many summer flowering plants and grasses, especially Echinacea, Monarda, Persicaria and Phlox. Their rich coloured spires create impact. Nice dry dead stems in winter. Sun or p. shade. Moisture retentive soil but will grow on wetter and drier sites.

Lythrum alatum. Wilder looking lilac flowers. (7-9) 2ft.

L. salicaria 'Blush'. Spires of blush pink flowers. (7-10) 2-3ft. AGM.

L. s. 'Firecandle'. Intense rose red flower spikes. (6-9) 3ft.

L. species. From Oudolf nursery, pale mauve flowers quite lovely. (7-10) 28".

L. v. 'Dropmore Purple'. Purple flowers. Perfect plant! (7-9) 3ft.

L. v. 'The Rocket'. A vivid deep pink form. Denser flower spikes-showy. (7-9) 30-36".

Melittis melissophyllum 'Royal Velvet Distinction'. Zzz. Orchid like flowers 3 white upper petals and a crimson-purple, white edged lower petal. (5 or 6-7 or 8). 18".

MONARDA. **Zz. Bee balm. Aromatic. Whorls of shaggy flowers, the date and duration of flowering depends on the variety. (7-8 or 9). Grow in good, moisture retentive soil, in sun or p. shade. Mildew; all are pretty resistant and we don't worry as the flowers contribute so much to our garden in July and August. Persistent winter silhouettes.

Monarda 'Balance'. Rich pink whorls of flowers. 3-4ft.

M. 'Beauty of Cobham'. Pale pink with plum bracts. Less mildew resistant. 3-4ft.

M. bradburiana. New. Flowers are pink with darker blotches on the petals. (6-7) 2ft.

M. 'Earl Grey'. Dusky red flowers-has a faded beauty appeal. 3-4ft.

M. 'Fishes'. Green bracted pale pink flowers. 3-4ft.

M. fistilosa var menthifolia 'Mohikaner'. New. Mauve flowers on thin dark stems. 3ft.

M. f. var. 'Wahpe Washtemna'. Translates fragrant leaves. New. Pinkish-purple flowers. (7-9) 4ft. Don't ask us to pronounce this North American Indian name! Smells so good.

M. 'Garden View Scarlet'. Show stopping, large red flowers. Vigorous. 4ft. AGM.

M. 'Gewitterwolke'. 'Thundercloud'. Dark foliage, deep red-purple flowers. 4ft.

M. 'Kardinal'. Magenta flowers. 4ft.

M. 'Mohawk'. Mauve-pink. Its been in our big border for years just nice and easy. 4ft.

M. 'Neon'. A Piet Oudolf selection with lilac-purple flowers and dark bracts. 3-4ft.

M. 'On Parade'. Magenta crimson flowers. See inside back cover. 30".

- M. 'Othello'. The darkest flowered bee balm we grow, a sultry burgundy. 4ft.
- M. 'Pawnee'. Pale lilac. Distinct and has something about it. 5ft 6".
- M. 'Pink Tourmaline'. Vivid raspberry pink flowers again dark bracts. 3-4ft.
- M. 'Saxon Purple'. Dark rich plumy purple flowers. Strong growing. 3ft.
- M. 'Squaw'. Bright scarlet flowers. Evergreen spreading foliage. (7-10) 3-4ft. AGM.
- M. 'Talud'. Unusual and fabulous glowing pink. 3ft. AGM.
- M. 'Vintage Wine'. Rich red-purple. 3ft.

NEPETA. **Zzz and butterfly. Catmint. Rose prunings prevent a cats enjoyment. But not all catmints attract cats. They all have different aromas. Filler and edging plants.

Nepeta 'Blue Dragon'. Large flowers on a robust plant. 3ft. Sp. 3ft.

N. govaniana. Pale lemon yellow flowers. Aromatic foliage. Dies right back in winter and is late into growth. (8-10) Up to 6ft, but 4ft in our garden.

N. 'Lamendi'. Bigger blue flowers. Forms a good upright bushy plant. 2ft.

N. 'Maurice'. Really useful pretty white form. 18". Sp. 2ft. Well drained, may be less hardy.

N. racemosa 'Snow Flake'. Good low growing catmint, white flowers (6-9) 12".

N. r. 'Walkers Low'. Mauve-blue flowers spaced in spires. (5-9) Attracts insects and cats. Lovely edging plant and such a long flowering. 12-15". Sp 2ft. Why no AGM?

N. x faassennii. 'Blauknirps'. New. Mauve –blue flowers. (5-9) 8". Sp. 2ft. AGM.

Omphalodes cappadocica. 'Starry Eyes'. Clusters of blue, mauve edged flowers. (4-6) Sun or partial shade. 6-8". AGM.

ORIGANUM. Zzz and butterfly. Hardy, Mediterranean plants with evergreen aromatic foliage and summer flowers. These are not edible varieties-please see herbs.

Origanum laevigatum 'Herrenhausen'. Pink flowers with dark bracts on wiry stems. 12". AGM. All varieties are drought tolerant and attract butterflies and bees. Sun.

O. 'Rosenkuppel'. Strong growing, producing arching stems of larger flower heads. 12" x 2ft. We use it front of border along side Geranium 'Dilys' and Saponaria 'Max Frei'.

Osteospermum jucundum compactum. Hardy.Mauve-pink aging to purple. (5-10) Great if placed in a dry sunny border or wall and allowed to creep and trail. 12" x 12".

PENSTEMON. **Zzz. Typical cottage garden plant requiring a good sunny summer to flower well and well drained soil. The recent colder winters can prove fatal, but leaving the cutting back until spring and having a back up of cutting is wise.

Penstemon 'Blackbird'. Deep purple tubular flowers on tall stems. (7-10) Don't cut back until April. Sun. Take cuttings as a back up. 2½ft. Sp. 2ft.

- P. 'Garnet'. Ruby-pinkish red flowers. Hardier than most. (7-10) Sun. 2-3ft.
- P. 'Sour Grapes'. Purple and mauve flowers. 2ft.

Perovskia 'Blue Spire'. Late summer flowering, grey green foliage. H. 3-4ft. Sp. 3ft.

P. 'Little Blue Spire'. Shorter variety. 2ft.

PERSICARIA. ** Zz. Easy to grow, not fussy about soil and provide welcome verticals. Good with grasses both in the garden and vase. Look wild but have no vices. Attractive to butterflies and bees. Generally slug and snail proof. Last year we had an interesting visited to breeder Chris Ghyselen (CG) at his garden and home in Belgium.

Persicaria amplexicaulis 'Alba'. Unassumingly beautiful. 4ft. Sp. 3ft. (6-10)

- P. a. 'Blackfield'. (CG) Fabulous smouldering deep red. A later flowering variety. 4ft.
- P. a. 'Fat Domino'. (CG) Fabulous fatter purple-red flowers. Builds to 4-5ft.
- P. a. 'Firedance'. Vibrant carmine-red selection from Piet Oudolf. 3-4ft.
- P. a. 'Orangefield'. (CG) Coral-orange flower spikes. From Chris Ghyselen. 3-4ft.
- P. a. 'Pink Elephant'. (CG) Smaller variety with pretty elephant trunk flowers. (6-11) 18".
- **P. a. 'Rosea'.** A favourite plant. Slim spires of biscuit and pink, lovely with pale blue Aconitum 'Spatlese' and Sedum 'Matrona'. 3-4ft. (Flowers June-frosts).
- P. a. 'Rosea'. A different form with deeper pink and fatter flowers. 3-4ft.
- P. a. 'September Spires'. Pink with a hint of mauve, late to flower. (8-11) 3-4ft.
- P. 'Hohe Tatre'. Pink with a mauve cast, long flowering. 2ft. May-June
- **P. polymorpha.** Syn P. alpine. Large plant. Allow 6 feet air space all ways. White flowers open in July and turn pink in autumn. Forms a tight non invasive clump. Sun or p. shade. Planted at the back of our big border. 6-7ft

PHLOX. **Phlox paniculata are a must for a late summer colour and scent. Our selection of Phlox are scented, grow in sun or partial shade, best in rich soil which does not dry out.

- P. divaricata 'Clouds of Perfume'. Icy blue fragrant flowers have a darker eye. (4-6) Moist meadow species in the wild. Protect from slugs. 18"
- P. maculata 'Reine du Jour'. Sweetly scented, maroon-eyed, white flowers, (6-10) Compact and easy to grow in sun or shade. 2ft. Excellent plant.
- P. paniculata. Smaller mauve flowers. (7-9) 5ft.
- P. p. 'Blue Paradise'. Best colour in evening light or shade. (7-8) Support. 3-4ft.
- P. p. 'David'. Large heads of white flowers, masses of scent. (6-9) 3ft.
- **P. p. 'Dusterlohe'.** Rich glowing magenta flowers. (8-9) 3ft.
- P. p. 'Lichtspel'. Robust stems hold heads of lilac, pink-eyed flowers. 4-5ft.
- P. p. 'Little Sara'. Dark green foliage, palest pink with a pink eye. 3-4ft.
- P. p. 'Reddish Hesperis'. Not red but a deeper pink than P. 'Hesperis'. 4-5ft.
- P. p. 'Starfire'. Vibrant, non fading crimson red and dark foliage. 3ft. AGM.
- P. p. 'Windsor'. Vibrant carmine rose with magenta eye. (7-9) 30". AGM.
- P. x arendsii. 'Casablanca'. Small, spaced, white petals. Fresh green foliage. 2-3ft.
- P. x. a. 'Hesperis'. Kim's favourite phlox, sweet little lilac-mauve flowers. 4-5ft.
- P. x a. Luc's Lilac'. Always good in our big border 4ft.

Pimpinella major 'Rosea'. Tiny soft pink flowers in umbels, self sows. (6-7) 18".

P. minor 'Rosea'. Lovely little umbellifer. Self sows. Pink flowers. 5".

POLEMONIUM. **Zzz. Jacob's ladder. Good early summer flowering perennials for sun or partial shade. Can be divided to increase stock. Prefer a moisture retentive soil.

Polemonium 'Bressingham Purple'. Violet blue flowers with prominent yellow anthers, purple foliage. (6-7 & 9) Cut back for second flowering. Shelter from wind. 2ft.

- P. 'Heaven Scent'. Purple spring foliage and blue flowers. 18".
- P. 'Lambrook Mauve'. Masses of mauve flowers. (5-6) 15". Sp. 18".
- P. 'Northern Lights'. Larger blue bells and long flowering. (6-9) 15-18".
- P. 'Sonia's Bluebell'. Pale blue flowers held in dark calyces. 18".

POTENTILLA. These herbaceous potentillas make good long flowering filler plants, they can be supported to lift flowering stems and propagated by division. Sun.

- Potentilla 'Maynard's'. syn 'Majland'. Orange flowers. (7-9) Trailing. Sun. 12" S. 2ft.

 P. thurberi 'Monarch's Velvet'. Sprays of dark red flowers. Summer. Sun. 12".

 P. x hopwoodiana. Pale peach flowers with a deep pink centre. (7-9) Trailing habit. Combine with any shade of blue. We use icy blue violas, catmints, Geranium Blue Cloud and Campanula Blue Waterfall.
- P. x tonguei. Apricot crimson centred flowers. (7-11) For front of border, rockery or will trail a pot or wall. Sun or north facing. We love it in a wall pot hung on a north facing wall where it flowers all summer. H. 6". Trailing spread 3ft. AGM.

Pratia pedunculata 'Country Park'. Starry blue flowers on a nice fine ground cover plant, could plant to creep between paving or where ever an evergreen carpet is needed.

PRIMULA. **Prefer rich, moist soil, spring sunshine and partial shade in summer. Spring flowering and most varieties flower again in autumn.

Primula auricula 'Late Romantic'. Double peach flowers (5-6).

- P. a. 'Old Mustard'. Exquisite double scented flowers.
- P. a. 'Osbourne Green'. Farina coated; white centre, purple ring and a green edge masses of scent. Rather quaint.
- **P. a. 'Shaun'.** Golden yellow double flowers. (3-5).
- P. 'Dark Rosaleen'. Poly. Bronze foliage, crimson flowers (2-5) and autumn. 5".
- P. 'Dawn Ansell'. Jack-in-green. Double white flowers. (4-7 and 9-11) Vigorous.
- P. 'Francisca'. Poly. Jack-in-green. Green flowers with pale yellow eyes. (3-11)
 P. 'Gold Lace'. Poly. Reddish-brown flowers edged with gold. 4".
- P. 'Guinevere'. Bronze foliage, lilac-pink primrose flowers.
- P. 'Snow White'. New. Basic good white vulgaris type prim. Tough and easy.
- P. 'Wanda'. Strong growing, vibrant magenta flowers. Tough old variety. 4". AGM.
- P. 'White Petticoats'. New. Double white flowers, spring and autumn.

Pulsatilla v. Heiler hybrids. Pasque Flower. ** Fury buds and stems. (3-6) Well drained soil and sun. Fluffy seed heads in summer. 12".

Rudbeckia fulgida var. deamii. Yellow, black- bossed daisy. (8-10) 3ft. AGM.

- **R. f. 'Early Bird Gold'.** Early flowering. Golden yellow daisies. (6-11) H.2ft.
- R. filgida var. sullivantii 'Goldsturm'. Much admired, golden-yellow daisy with a brown velvet cone centre. This cone holds into winter. (7-9) 2½-3ft. S. 2ft. AGM.
- R. laciniata. Yellow drooping petals around a green centre. We grow a good upright form. Very long flowering and good seed heads. Loved it last year with Heleniums. 5ft.
- R. 'Little Gold Star'. A compact new variety. (7-9) 15" x 15".
- **R. subtomentosa.** Lots of golden yellow smaller daisies. 3-4ft.

Rudbeckia triloba 'Prairie Glow'. New. Small rusty flowers (7-9) 4ft.

SALVIA. **Zzz. All need sun, good drainage and flower for at least 2 months. Very attractive to bees. Two distinct groups; hardy and tender. The first listed are all hardy, but may need slug protection. Most varieties can be seen in our garden.

Salvia 'Dear Anja'. Excellent Oudolf selection. Mid blue, white lipped flowers on 3 ft spikes. (6-11) Lights up at dusk. Do not over crowd, superb once established.

- S. 'Miss Elly'. From Coen Jansen. Little pink-mauve flowers (6-11) 2ft.
- S. nemorosa 'Amethyst'. Mauve flower spikes (6-10) 3ft. Sp 2ft. Support established plants, some of ours are on their 10th year. A well deserved AGM.
- S. n. 'Caradonna'. Dark stems and dark violet flowers. (6-10) Compact. 18". Sp 15".
- S. n. 'Lubecca'. Violet purple flower spikes. (6-9) 2ft. Sp. 2ft. AGM.
- S. n. 'Marcus'. Compact plant with blue purple flower spikes. (6-8) 10". Sp. 1ft.
- S. n. 'Ostfriesland'. (East Friesland) Purple-blue flowers. (6-9) 15-20". Sp 18". AGM..
- S. 'Serenade'. From Piet Oudolf, a rich mauve flower in a purple calyx on dark stems. Long flowering and robust, but can be late into growth. (5-11) 30". Sp. 24". **S. x superba.** Spikes of violet-purple flowers. (6-9) 30". Sp. 18". AGM.
- S. x sylvestris 'Blauhugel'. (Bluehill) Shorter light blue variety. (7-9) Long flowering but could be more upright. 15". Sp. 18". AGM.
- S. x s. 'Mainacht'. (May night) Early violet flowers. (5-7) 18"-2ft. AGM.
- S. x s. 'Rose Queen'. Pink flowers. (6-9) 2ft.
- S. x s. 'Tanzerin'. (The Dancer) Upright spikes of mid blue fls. 3 ft. Sp. 18". AGM.
- S. x s. 'Viola Klose'. Dark violet blue. (5-9) 18"-2ft.
- S. verticillata 'Endless Love'. Whorls of dusky purple flowers. (7-10) 18". Sp 2ft.
- S. v. 'Purple Rain'. Similar to above, little deeper in flower colour. 2ft x 2ft.

Tender savias: We grow this group in pots and give protection from frost and biting winds. Easy to grow from cuttings. All have aromatic foliage and flower summer and autumn. Enjoy sun and well drained soil or container. If planted in a sheltered position they come through most winters and need a spring pruning. See our plants on display in flower from June.

Salvia 'Amistad'. New and stunning. Large deep purple flowers are held in nearly black calyces. Can flower May to October if pot grown with protection. 3ft.

- S. forreri. Has proved to be totally hardy. The woody top dies back but new growth from underground in late spring. Mid blue flowers with touches of white on a trailing stems. 10"
- S. 'Dorset Wonder'. Deep pink larder flowers. 15"
- S. 'Great Comp'. New. Rich red flowers with purple calyces, (5-11) 80cm.
- S. greggii 'Blue Note'. New. Rich blue-purple flowers. 2ft.
- S. g. 'Icing Sugar'. Two shades of pink. 28".
- S. g. 'Stormy Pink'. Pale pink flowers held in dark calvees. 28"
- S. g. x serpyllifolia. Smaller purple flowers in black calyces. 20".
- S. 'Indigo Spires'. Fabulous larger blue flowers in long spires. (7-11) 4-5ft. AGM.
- S. 'Lalarsha'. New. Rose purple flowers, dark calyces. (5-10) 32".
- S. micrrophylla 'San Carlos Festival'. New. Bluey-red flowers. (6-11) 2ft x 3ft.
- **S. muelleri ambig.** New. Nice blue flowers. 2-4ft.
- S. 'Mystic Spires Blue'. New. A short Indigo Spires. 2½ft.
- S. 'Phyllis Fancy'. Lavender two tones flowers on arching stems. (8-10) 3ft.
- S. 'Royal Bumble'. Glowing red flowers. 2ft.
- S. 'Shame'. Lovely soft pink. 2ft.
- S. 'Sylas Dyson'. Pinky-red held in purple calyces. Very attractive plant. 32".
- S. x jamensis 'Devantville'. Pinky-peachy-red.
- S. x j. 'Dysons' Orangy Pink'. As named. 24".
 S. x j. 'La Luna'. Soft yellow with a peach tip. 18".
 S. x j. 'Mauve'. Pinky-mauve. 18-24".

- S. x j. 'Nachtvlinder'. Dark maroon-purple. 2½ft.
 S. x j. 'Senorita Leah'. New. Salmon pink lower and cream with a pink flush upper. Dusky red calyces. 2ft.
- S. x j. 'Sierra San Antonio'. New. Peach and creamy yellow. 2ft.

SANGUISORBA. **Burnet. Wild looking, so suit our plantings. Sun or part shade. Any soil but suited to wet ground. Divisions. Autumn seed heads. Very easy.

S. 'Blackthorn'. Raspberry pink upright flowers about 2" long. (8-11). Upright 6-7ft.

S. 'Cangshan Cranberry'. Good one for late summer. Red. 5ft.

S. menziesii. 'Wake Up'. Upright reddish flowers. (5-6) 2ft x 2ft.
S. officinalis. 'Arnhem'. Redder than species-glows in certain light. (6-7) Support. 5ft.

S. off. 'Red Thunder'. Ruby thimble flowers in late summer. (8-11) 4-5ft.

S. 'Red buttons'. Plum thimble flowers. Our introduction selected for its compact habit and long flowering time. (7-10) 2ft x 2ft.

S. 'Pink Brushes'. Pink fringed flowers, larger than most. (8-10) Substantial plant. 5ft.

Saponaria 'Max Frei'. Zzz. A must for any late summer planting. Lots and lots of mid pink flowers. (8-10) Burnt sugar scent. Dies right back in winter. 15" x 2ft.

S. x lempergii 'Fritz Lemperg'. New. Slightly deeper pink flowers than above. (8-10) 12" x 2ft.

Saxifraga 'Clarence Elliott'. Zzz. A neat evergreen plant. Clarence looks at home in our clay basket, also nice for nooks and crannies, pots and window boxes. Sun or shade. 4".

S. geum 'Dixter Form'. New. Serrated foliage and frothy white flowers in early summer perfect edging a path.

SCABIOSA. Pincushion flower. Zzz & butterfly. Cut flower. Sun and reasonable drainage. Cut or dead head regularly to encourage long flowering.

Scabiosa caucasica 'Blausiegel'.**Zzz. Large mid blue flowers all summer. (5-9) Lasts well in a vase. Scented. 2ft. x 2ft.

S. c. 'Clive Greaves'. Soft lavender blue flowers again all summer. 2ft. AGM.

SEDUM. **Zzz. The flowers attract insects, have autumn seed heads and will grow in sun or some shade. Any soil or container and are also drought tolerant. We grow a nice range to give choice in habit and flower colour. All are so easy to grow.

Sedum 'Bertram Anderson'. Purple prostrate foliage, reddish-pink flowers. 4". AGM.

S. cauticola 'Coca-Cola'. Small stone crop, grey foliage and pink flowers. 2".

S. 'Herbstfreude'. Autumn Joy. So good with Molinia grasses late summer. Enormous heads, nice shade of redpink. The best for seed heads. 18-24". AGM.

S. 'Matrona'. Large leaves are flushed with maroon. Good two toned pink-plum flower heads. (7-9) 18-24". Winter shape. Possibly divide on third year. AGM.

S. 'Mr Goodbud'. Rich pink large flower heads. (8-10) Upright 18". AGM.

S. 'Red Cauli'. Small glowing red flowers. 12". AGM.

S. 'Ruby Glow'. Grey flushed pink prostrate foliage, ruby flowers. 4" Sp. 18". AGM.

S. rupestre 'Angelina'. A must have plant, well I love it! Pine like foliage, low and trailing. Golden-orange in sun, greener in shade and winter. Roots easily.

S. sieboldii. Grey pink edged leaves and pink flower heads. Alpine. 3" x 12".

S. s. 'Neon'. Oh so large luminous, bright pink flower heads. (8-10) 20".
S. telephium 'Karfunkelstein'. Tempting blue grey - purple foliage. Upright 12". A best seller! Planted here with salmon flowered Achillea and blue Salvia. AGM.

S. t. ruprechtii. Creamy yellow flower heads. (8-9) on slightly arching stems. 15".

S. 'Vera Jameson'. New. Spreading purple foliage and purple-pink flowers. 10".

S. 'Xenox'. Dark dusky foliage and small reddish pink flowers. 12" x 12".

Selinum wallichianum. Slightly mounded, white flower heads, held on pink stems. (8-10). Could plant with Echinacea, Veronicastrum and grasses. 2-3ft. Can self sow.

SEMPERVIVUM. House leek. Names varieties to choose from with varying foliage. Some in clay pots. All are hardy, but will not stand to be water logged.

Senecio polyodon 'Harmony'. Sprays of magenta pink flowers in summer. (6-8) 12".

Serratula bulgarica. New. Tall perennial with thistle like flowers in summer, looks like a cirsium. 7ft.

Seseli montanum. Neat umbellifer for a sunny position, pinkish white flowers all summer. 12". Spread 12".

SIDALCEA. Zzz. Mallow type flowers in shades of pink. Flower for longer if grown in a moist soil, enjoy wet summers! I don't.

Sidalcea 'Elsie Heugh'. Back on our list with its lovely pink fringed flowers. 2-3ft.

S. 'Little Princess'. Mid-pink flowers on upright stems. (7-8) 2½ft.

S. 'My Love'. From Oudolf's nursery. Pale pink flowers for weeks. (7-9) 3-4ft.

Silene dioica 'Rollie's Favorite'. One of our best perennials. Clumps of foliage, upright stems carry loose heads of bright pink Campion type flowers. (4-7) Trim for a repeat. 15".

S. schafta 'Ralph Haywood'. New. Pale pink flowers. (6-8) 4".

Silphium perfoliatum. **Good form of Prairie cup plant. Sunny yellow daisies on tall sturdy stems. 6ft. Sp 4ft. Never needs staking and long flowering (7-10). AGM.

Sisyrinchium 'Californian Skies'. Intense blue flower (5-8) Sun. Neat 4".

S. convolutum. Starry pale yellow flowers with purple markings. (5-6) 12".

S. idoensi pale form. Greyish blue flowers. Subtle and sweet.

Sium sisarum. New. We very much like this perennial parsnip. White umbels on branching stems all summer. It can self seed close to the plant. 5ft.

Solidago rugosa 'Loydser Crown'. ** Lime in bud, arching yellow sprays late summer. 4ft.

Stachys monieri 'Rosea'. **Zz. Pink flowers and good seed heads. (6-7) 2ft.

Strobilanthes attenuata 'Blue Carpet'. Given space only 12", but will scramble into neighbours.

Tellima grandiflora 'Forest Frost'. Zzz. **Green and silver foliage with increasing red as the temperature drops. Tiny green edged with pink flowers. (4-6). Ground cover for difficult places. Sun or shade. 2ft. Cut flower.

THALICTRUM. **Give airy height to a planting. Delicate looking foliage which is good during the whole growing time. Sun or part shade. Grow well on rich moisture retentive soils, but are tolerant. Autumn and winter structure, cut back in late winter.

Thalictrum 'Black Stockings'. Sprays of fluffy lavender flowers (6-7). Shiny dark stems and bright green foliage. Beautiful seed heads. Sun, p. shade. This plant is perfect for dotting into borders to provide early summer dabs of colour and the mauve teams so well with our hardy Salvias and Geraniums like 'Sirak'. We have it planted with Actaea 'Pink Spike' in front. Lovely combo. 3-4ft.

T. delavayi. 'Hewitt's Double'. Late to emerge in spring. Attractive foliage produces a wonderful cloud of tiny double mauve flowers, like Gypsophila. (8-9) Gradually builds to a see through 5ft. A well deserved AGM. T. 'Elin'. A towering robust 8 feet. Red spring foliage gives way to glaucous doily-like foliage. Thick strong surging flower stems, produce airy sprays of mauve and cream flowers. Good winter structure. No staking after the first year in our garden.

T. pubescens. (syn.polygamum) Large sprays of white flowers on dark 6-8ft stems, depending on the soil. Attractive grey-green cut foliage.

T. 'Splendide'. Provides a large cloud of mauve flowers. (7-9). 4ft. Late into growth.

Tiarella cordifolia. Zzz. White foam flowers with a pink flush. H. 12". Sp. 18". AGM.

T. 'Pink Bouquet'. Zzz. Pink foam flowers over a low spreading carpet. 12".

T. 'Sugar and Spice'. Zzz. Palmate red centred green leaves. Pink scented flowers April to July. Sun or partial shade, not very dry soils. 12".

Trifolium repens 'Wheatfen'. Zzz. Brown-maroon clover leaves on rooting stems. Pink flowers. Front of border, rockery or cascading from a container. Not too dry. 9".

T. r. 'William'. Zzz. Green and red foliage. Pink globular flowers. (5-8) 9".

T. rubens. 'Red Feather'. Zzz. Dark pink clover flowers. Seed heads. (7-8) 11/2ft.

Thymus 'Bressingham Pink'. Zzz. Prostrate & evergreen. Mid pink flowers. (6-8) 4"

T. x citriodorus. Lemon thyme. Edible. Light pink flowers (6-8).

T. vulgaris. Zzz. Culinary variety. Pink flowers. 12". Grow one plant to flower and one to eat! Mine is in a trough at the back door and is used all year round.

T. serphyllum 'Russetings'. Zzz. Creeping thyme, forms a dense mat of dark green evergreen foliage, dark pink flowers (6-8). Sun and well drained. 4".

Verbascum blattaria albiflora. Zzz. Can self seed rather a lot but worth the thinning out. Tall whippy spire of

white pink eyed flowers all summer. Lovely with Verbena bonariensis. An absolute delight. Totally drought tolerant. 4-5ft.

V. chaixii 'Album'. Spires of white, purple eyed flowers. (6-8) 3-4ft. AGM.

Verbena bonariensis. **Zzz. Tall airy branching ridged stems topped with many heads of mauve and purple flowers. Cut back hard in April if new shoots have grown at the crown or wait. Often looks dead in Winter! And often is! Therefore allow to self seed; to assist this avoid hoeing and mulching. We grow in gravel and only hand weed. AGM.

- V. elegans. Lovely pink flowers. 12".
- V. hastata. **Spikes of purple flowers on branching upright stems. Hardy. 4-5ft.
- V. hastata 'Rosea'. Many small pink flowers from dark buds and stems. All self sow.
- V. 'Homestead Purple'. Purple flowers on arching stems. Good for summer bedding.
- V. macdougalii 'Lavender Spires'. New. Hardy, similar to hastate. 180cm.
- V. rigida. Many violet-purple flower spikes. (7-10) Disappears in winter, to emerge in April having spread under ground. Can self sow. Useful for summer pots. 1-2ft. AGM.

VERONICA. **Zzz. Easy genus providing summer spires, shorter than Veronicastrums.

Veronica 'Anna'. Slim pink flowers spikes. (7-9) 50cm.

- V. 'Eveline'. Exceptionally long flowering time; purple spikes (6-11) Support. 2ft.
- V. 'Fantasy'. Pale lavender, a match for Aconitum 'Stainless Steel'. 18".
- V. longifolia 'Pink Eveline'. Pink spires. (7-9) 18".

VERONICASTRUM. **Zzz. Whorls of leaves cloth sturdy stems, each variety is distinct all have tiny flowers in slim spires. Easy and no slug damage. Good autumn seed heads. If unsure take a look at them in our garden. "You can never have too many spires". Christopher Lloyd. How right he was. One of best group of plants we

Veronicastrum 'Cupid'. New. Long lavender blue flowers, (7-9) 3ft.

- V. sibiricum 'Red Arrows'. Red early rising foliage. Mauve-blue fl. 4ft.
- V. virginicum 'Adoration'. Pink-mauve flowers. (8-9) 4-5ft.
- V. v. 'Diane'. Slim longer white spires. Slower to clump up. 4½ft. Sp. 2ft.
- V. v. 'Erika'. A favourite with us. We got it from the late Ernst Pagels and were the first nursery to offer it for sale in the UK. Dark flower stems and a touch darker flowers than V. 'Roseum'. (8-9) Slim column. 4-5ft. Sp.
- V. v. 'Fascination'. Mauve spires from dark stems. Robust. (7-9) 6 ft. Sp 4ft.
- V. v. 'Lavendelturm'. (Lavender tower) Pale lavender spikes. (7-9) Builds to 6-7ft.
- V. v. 'Pink Glow'. Very similar to 'Roseum'. 5ft.
- V. v. 'Roseum'. Spires of pale pink tiny flowers. Slim clumps. (8-9) 5ft. Sp. 2ft.

VIOLA. **Long, long flowering late spring til autumn, mostly scented front of border perennials not to be confused with bedding violas and pansies. Easy to grow in moist soil in sun or partial shade. But most are pretty drought tolerant. Suitable for containers too. Lovely to pick and display in little glass or paste vases. The smaller flowers are edible in salads or ice cubes. Tidy rather than cut back hard. Some varieties can self seed. Low growing evergreen mats of foliage. It is worth checking for aphids at soil level.

We have several varieties new to our nursery this year all marked with 'New'.

Viola 'Anette Ross'. Pretty ruffled, deep blue mauve flowers.

- V. 'Columbine'. White heavily veined with purple. Compact foliage.
- V. cornuta Alba Group. Pure white spurred flowers. Vigorous and seeds. AGM.
- V. c. 'Belmont Blue'. Pale sky blue flowers. Strong growth making a large clump.
- V. c. 'Butterpat'. Golden cornuta type yellow scented flowers on long stems. March.
- V. c. 'Icy But Spicy'. Pale blue with black veining. Superb viola we grow it on a dry wall top with Geranium 'Blue Cloud' and Geranium 'Dilys'. Tolerant and vigorous.
- V. c. Minor. A neat and compact form with pale blue horned flowers.
- V. c. 'Victoria's Blush'. Pale pink scented cornuta flowers. Strong growing. V. c 'Winona Cawthorne'. Creamy yellow with blue flushed upper petals.
- V. 'Delicia'. Neat violetta. Dainty pale yellow flowers with the top petals suffused with mauve. Lovely for a pot on an outside table.
- V. 'Desdemona'. Dainty iridescent blue flowers, Vigorous. Really sweet!
- V. 'Elaine Quin'. A more rounded flower, rosy mauve streaked with white.
- V. 'Etain'. Purple edged yellow highly scented large blooms.
- V. 'Helen Dillon'. Creamy white, edged with blue. Strongly scented large flowers.
- V. 'Irish Molly'. Khaki and yellow with a dark centre, quite large scented flowers.
- V. 'Isabel'. Rounded, buttery-cream flowers with a purple-mauve flush on the upper petals. Neat habit. Scented.
- V. 'Little David'. Violetta. Neat. Smaller scented cream-yellow flowers, blue horn and flush to the backs of

petals. AGM.

- V. 'Magic'. Marbled pale blue flowers with a navy blue cente.
- V. 'Martin'. Scented purple velvety flowers with a tiny yellow eye, neat growth. AGM.
- V. 'Mercury'. Velvety rich deep burgundy flowers over a wide clump.
- V. 'Morwena'. New. Excellent white form. Neat and floriferous. Scented.
- V. 'Myfanwy'. Neat habit. Pale mauve, scented, flowers with veins of deeper mauve.
- V. 'Nora'. Charming, neat round flowers, yellow centre edges flushed with pinkish-purple Scented Lovely old fashioned plant. Nice in a china tureen but better in your soil.
- V. 'Patience'. Lovely small pale blue and cream flowers. March.
- V. 'Pat Creasy'. Circular scented blue flowers with a white centre. Neat habit.
- V. 'Perry's Pride'. Marbled pinkish purple flowers. Compact grower.
- V. 'Rebecca'. Creamy white scented flowers, splashed with lavender blue. Neat.
- V. 'Roscastle Black'. Almost black flowers with tiny yellow eye. Stronger growing than Molly Sanderson forming big clumps, can divide in spring.

- V. 'Sybil'. Bright purple flowers, heavily veined with white. Compact.
 V. 'Zara'. Similar to V. 'Helen Dillon' cream and yellow with a blue ruffled edge. Scented.
 V. riviniana Purpurea Group. Dark lavender-blue flowers. (4-6). Purple-green foliage. Self sows, but useful ground cover in sun or shade, not fussy about soil. 6".

Cut flowers.

We usually have a jug of flowers in the sales shed. Here I have listed the genus of plants which give plenty of cutting material once established;

Achillea, Alchemilla, Amsonia, Anthemis, Aster, Astrantia, Dianthus, Diascia, Dicentra, Erigeron, Eryngium, Erysimum, Euphorbia, Fennel, Geranium-some varieties, Helenium, Helianthus, Heuchera, Heucherella, Kalimeris, Knautia, Lavandula, Lychnis, Lythrum, Monarda, Nepeta, Origanum, Penstemon, Persicaria, Phlox, Polemonium, Rudbeckia, Sanguisorba, Scabiosa, Solidago, Verbena, Veronica and Violas. All grass flowers are good to mix in and can be dried too.

GRASSES

Grasses are an essential part of our garden. Grasses give us that Dove Cottage 'look' and atmosphere. They can combine beautifully with flowering plants and foliage. Grasses add texture and form to a garden and most importantly movement in the slightest breeze. Indispensable during winter. Virtually all these ornamental grasses can be found well established in our Garden or nursery stock beds and this is a great aid when choosing. We are also happy to help and advise. We also recommend The Colour Encyclopaedia of Ornamental Grasses written by Rick Darke.

Our garden is getting more 'Grassy' each year! Grasses are so very easy and beautiful. Also they don't get eaten by slugs or snails.

Briza media 'Golden Bee'. Selected form of our native Quaking grass. The flowers are more golden. Sun or part shade. Semi evergreen so cut back in spring. H. 40-60cm.

Calamagrostis brachytricha. Diamond grass. So called because it sparkles when wet. In August and September it produces a succession of upright fox tail plumes, green soon turning purplish-pink-grey. Amazing after a heavy dew in September. See web pictures. 4ft.

- C. b. 'Mona'. Formerly listed as Korean form. Fabulous new grass. More substantial flowers, foliage and vigour than the straight species. Pink tinted large flower plumes on arching stems. Magical after rain or wetted by a
- C. x acutiflora 'Karl Foerster'. Upright habit. Purple narrow plumes open in June these age to tan. Gradually thinning to leave upright needles all winter. A feature for much of the year. 5-6 ft. Cut back to about 2" in March.
- C. x a. 'Overdam. Fresh clump of arching foliage to 3ft. due to the white stripe running down the blades, otherwise as above.
- C. splendens. Slender arching flower plumes. (6-8) Low clump of leaves. Forms a beautiful specimen grass.

Carex divulsa. Evergreen native. Graceful arching flower stems, any soil, sun or shade. Rake out old leaves or cut back in April. 18".

C. secta. Evergreen arching narrow foliage with a mustard tint. Not too dry. 3ft.

Deschampsia cespitosa 'Goldtau'. Silver-purple flowers (5-7). These dry to a gold haze in autumn and bleach white in winter. Sun or p. shade, not dry. 3ft.

D. c. 'Schottland'. New. Superb tall selection. Sun or part shade. 3½ft.

Elymus hispidus. Looks at it's best in hot dry summers. Steely blue blades and flowers. Can self seed lightly. Not invasive. Can be cut back in spring to 4". Height 18".

Hakonechloa macra. Smart green form of the well liked variegated form. The little black dress of the grass world. Provides a billowy edge to both sides of one of our garden paths. Gradually clumps to 18" with a 2-3ft spread. Good in winter. Cascades a pot.

H. macra 'Aureola'. Yellow variegation appears as this beautiful grass unfurls in spring. Arching habit. Pink autumn tints. Dies back in winter. Slow to increase but worth some patience. Good choice for a pot or the garden. Height increases as the clump builds up. Cut back during winter or early spring. Sun or shade. 12".

Hordeum jubatum 'Early Pink' (Pink Twisted Barley grass) More upright than H.jubatum and whiskered seed heads turn pinky-purple as they ripen. 15". Flowers a month earlier than H. jubatum and much pinker. Self seeds, but not a nuisance has done so in the garden gravel path. Also grown in our gravel bed with sea holly, nepeta etc.

Melica ciliata. A low clump of foliage produces a succession of flowers (5-11) Good when dry. Arching habit. Might self seed. 18-24". S. 2ft.

M. uniflora 'Albida'. Lush green foliage topped and mingled with white beadlike flowers. Grown to great effect in the late Mrs Rakusen's woodland garden at Ling Beeches. Sun or shade. May self seed. Long flowering. For a pot or garden. 12".

Milium effusum 'Aureum'. Wood millet. Bright yellow foliage in spring and early summer. Sprays of tiny bead like flowers. (6-7) Self seeds. 18". Lights up a shady area.

MISCANTHUS. **A bold group of warm season grasses. Late into growth usually May in our garden, so we cut back in March. Time of flowering and onset of Autumn colour depends on the variety and location. All are exceptional during the four winter months. Can be placed as a specimen, used as screening or grown as we do with summer flowering perennials. Cut or dried flower. Sun.

Miscanthus nepalensis. Golden hanging silky flower plumes which glistens in sunlight. For a sunny border or container. Height 4-5ft. Cut flower. Hardy to -10. Protect with a cloche.

M. 'Kaskade'. Arching medium leaves. Pink turning silver plumes. 6ft.

M. s. 'Malapartus'. The flower plumes unfold ribbed and brown becoming red and are held high above the quite broad foliage. Strong growing. 7ft.

M. s. 'Yakushima Dwarf'. Pink-brown flower plumes aging to silver, above a rounded tussock of fine arching foliage. (8-10) 4ft. The palest heads of all in winter.

M. transmorrisonensis. The non running form. Arching pink-brown flower plumes aging to silver, above a rounded airy clump of fine arching foliage. (8-11) 6ft. 9cm.

MOLINIA. Purple Moor Grass. Native to moist places, including heaths, moors, bogs, fens, mountain grasslands and lake shores in the British Isles and elsewhere. So the perfect choice for our garden in the wet cloudy Pennines. Foliage emerges in spring to form bold clumps. Flowers start their climb in June and are at there best July to October, turning brilliant straw-orange colour during Autumn. All grow well in average garden soil, in sun or partial shade. They can be grown with flowers to give a meadow effect or placed to make the most of a particular variety. Sway in the breeze. Can be dried.

Molinia caerulea subsp. arundinacea 'Cordoba'. Beautiful arching overall shape. Sways in the breeze. Good specimen plant. 5ft

Mol. c. a. 'Fontane'. The tall stiff flower stems arch over and produce dark flower panicles. These turn brown as age. 5-6ft.

Mol. c. a. 'Transparent'. True stock. Long, long distinct flower heads. Arching habit. Builds to 6-8ft but slowly. Superb inspired circular planting at Scampston Walled Garden. Makes a good specimen grass surrounded by a low planting or lawn.

Mol. c. a. 'Windsaule'. New. Upright stems of fine flowers. 8ft.

Mol. c. a. 'Windspiel'. (Wind play) The more substantial flower heads on this form catch the wind and sway giving welcomed movement in the garden. Grown as a hedge at the top of our garden. Superb in autumn. 8ft. **Medium height variety;**

M. 'Black Arrows'. Our selection. Arching dark flowers and stems. 4ft.

Mol. c. c. 'Heidebraut'. Or 'Heather Bride'. Upright straw coloured flowers. Orange autumn colour. 4-5ft. S. 2-3ft

Shorter varieties:

Mol. caerulea 'Dauerstrahl'. (Translates 'faithful ray'). Dark turning brown inflorescence. Slightly arching habit. 2-3ft.

Mol. c. c. 'Edith Dudszus'. Dark very fine flower panicles. Upright. 3ft.

Mol. c. c. 'Moorhexe'. Or 'Moor witch'. Vertical stems. 2ft.

Mol. c. c. 'Overdam'. Upright. Fat green flowers. 3ft.

Mol. c. c. 'Poul Petersen'. Upright and slightly arching. Mass planted to great affect at Scampston Walled Garden. The first to flower and so early autumn straw colour. 3ft.

Mol. c. c. 'Strahlenquelle'. Strongly arching –pendant inflorescence. H. 3ft. Width 5ft.

Ophiopogon planiscapus 'Nigrescens'. Black grass, so useful in containers and path edges etc. Black evergreen strap like foliage. Mauve flowers followed by black berries.

PENNISETUM. Fountain Grass. Our selection are hardy and flower reliably in our north facing garden all having very appealing flowers from August. Best grown in sun.

P. 'Fairy Tails'. Arching pinkish flowers. 3-4ft.

P. macrourum. Long, slim, fawn flower heads. (7-12) Just hardy so plant in a sunny, well drained spot. Good to cut and arrange or will dry. Easy from seed. 4-5ft.

P. orientale 'Karley Rose'. Pink fluffy flowers. Forms a dense arching clump. 3-4ft.

Sesleria autumnalis. Yellow-green foliage and good beige flowers for much of the year. Tidy in spring or leave alone. Evergreen. 2ft x 3ft.

S. 'Greenlee's Hybrid'. A nice compact moor grass that appears to be a cross of S. caerulea and S. autumnalis. Bright green mounds 6-8" In flower 12". Semi-evergreen. Really good during winter.

Sporobolus heterolepsis. Prairie dropseed. Slow to clump up but worth the wait. Any soil but will do better on rich moist ones. Producing a haze of scented delicate looking flowers (7-9) and bronze autumn foliage. Dies back in winter. Grown to perfection in Piet Oudolf's garden where the coriander scent fills the air. **S. h. 'Blue Dust'.** Bluish grey flowers. 2ft.

Stipa calamagrostis. An arching mound of narrow leaves. Succession of arching feathery plumes which open green and gradually dry to buff. (6-10) 15".

S. gigantea 'Gold Fontaene'. Larger more upright flower panicles and a smaller clump of foliage than the species, also produces more flowers, sooner. 6ft.

Stipa pennata. Feather grass. Long silver grey flower heads in summer. Sun and well drained soil or gravel. 2ft. 9cm

S. tenuissima. Fine wispy tactile foliage. Comb through in spring to remove dead material. Seedlings are welcome as plants need replacing after 2 or 3 years. 12". Sp. 15".

S. turkestanica. Twinkling flower panicles in summer. Sun, well drained soil, or gravel. 18".

S. ucrainica. Airy flowers in June and July. 2ft.

HOW TO FIND US

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From M62 (both directions). Leave the motorway at Junction 26. You will need to get over into the left hand lane as you go round this large roundabout. Turn left following the white sign for A58 Halifax. Continue for 4 miles until you reach Hipperholme and the 3rd set of lights, at the junction with the A644. Go straight across at

lights. After 100yds, at the 2^{nd} turning on the left you will see a blue road sign which says "unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles", turn left down Tan House Hill. Continue on this road for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. Our display board will be visible on the right hand pavement. During opening times. Turn sharp left to the car park.

From Halifax follow the signs for the A58 Leeds and Bradford. As the road climbs out of Halifax you will see a white road sign for Horley Green and Claremount. Follow the sign by taking a left fork. At the top of the hill turn right and go over the bridge and follow the road round to the left. Continue on this road past Shibden Hall Car Park for ½ mile until you see our display board on the left during opening times. Turn right to the car park. If lost please phone! Telephone 01422 203553.

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