



EDITOR'S LETTER

We have had some sunny days but it is still quite cool, roll on summer just hope we get one, I think we are all ready for some sun! I am keeping my fingers firmly crossed that we don't have rain leading up to the carnival, everything is booked and we are working on the programme now, so please join me and cross everything, we need it to go ahead this year!

I have had several people remark about how bad the Carrs looks, please read the letter from Mrs. Kimberley and the reply from Friends of the Carrs, please support them. They are like the carnival committee they do it for love and need every bit of help they can get.

Tania x

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GARDENING MONTHLY...



General Gardening Tips for June

Along with all the flourish and splendour this month, weeds are thriving too, so keep on top of the situation; hoe on warm days and leave them on the surface to wither and die in the sun.

Another constant task around the garden at this time of year is deadheading - remove spent flowers from containers, pots, hanging baskets, beds and borders and feed them all occasionally with liquid feed. Deadheading diverts energy from producing seed into producing new flowers.....so is a good thing all round.

Theoretically we should be home and dry now weather-wise, but be prepared Brownie-style in case of a late frost - keep vulnerable plants and new shoots protected at night if frost is forecast and don't be tempted to put out your really tender plants until the middle of the month unless the weather changes dramatically.

If it's dry, attack ground elder, lords and ladies and the like with systemic weed killer painted onto the leaves and trail tips of bindweed into jam jars full of the same. Remember systemic weed killers are indiscriminate and will kill anything they contact.

Water is a precious commodity - instigate good practices such as using kitchen and bath water (as long as it is neither too dirty, greasy nor full of detergent) for watering, collect rainwater and investigate ways to recycle water for your irrigation. Avoid using tap water, however, for lime-hating plants such as camellias - they will not thank you for it! Automatic watering systems are economical with water, as well as convenient, so consider installing one sooner rather than later.

Watering is essential once the weather is drier and warmer - water thoroughly once or twice a week rather than little and often (containers and hanging baskets need watering every day and sometimes even twice a day if it is hot and windy) - this encourages plants to put down roots in search of water rather than coming up to the surface. For large shrubs or trees, leave a hose trickling around the base for an hour - hedges are best watered with a trickle hose (a length of old hose punctured with little holes) left running for an hour or so.

The key to successful planting, whether it be a shrub, tree, perennial or bedding plant is to water in well. Beforehand, soak the rootball in a bucket until no air bubbles come to the surface, dig the planting hole, fill with water and allow to drain away. Place the plant in the hole, fill with soil, firm gently and water with a watering can - this will give the plant a huge advantage over one planted with a dry rootball in a dry hole and watered only on the surface.

Carry on removing moss and weeds from paths, terraces and drives and keep an eye out for pests around the garden. Try to keep the use of chemical controls to a minimum - they may kill off pests, but they also kill off the beneficial insects that prey on them such as ladybirds and hoverfly larvae.

Happy Gardening

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CONNIE'S COLUMN

**Hello everyone!
It's getting closer to the summer holidays and I'm getting so excited!**



By Connie Smith
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I hope everyone did well in their exams, I still have to do mine, I'm really nervous but I'm hoping I'll do well. If you still have to do exams then good luck.

It was my birthday on May 17th, I turned fifteen. I was really excited for about a month before and I was counting down the days, I had a lovely day and a really great party in the evening with friends. I'd like to thank everyone who wished me a happy birthday.

If you have any poems, short stories, questions or articles and you would like them to be printed in Warsop & District News email me at connieWDN@hotmail.co.uk. I'll do my best to get it in the paper for you.

See you next month!

Connie x

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August	NO MEETING	
Sept 26th	MEMBERS ONLY	Produce Competition
Oct 24th	Mr. Alan Wright	Allotments
Nov 28th	Mrs. Val Duke	Naughty Ladies
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