



EDITOR'S LETTER

As I sit here writing my March letter there is snow on the ground (6th February) we have had a lovely weekend in our caravan at Clumber Park, it looked beautiful, we couldn't have picked a better weekend. But they just don't last long enough, its Monday already!

Lots of things are happening in our town, more shops have opened, Buds and Blooms have opened their 2nd shop on High Street, where the T-Shirt shop was, which has now moved onto Sherwood Street and is also doing fancy dress. Sew Dressed Up has moved a couple of doors down on Sherwood Street and Rebecca Ann Bridals has moved to bigger premises on Church Street, what used to be the Fireplace shop, looks like these businesses are doing really well, good luck to you all.

Tania x

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GARDENING MONTHLY...

TIPS FOR MARCH

Flower Garden

Herbaceous plants will start into growth this month. Fork a general purpose plant food around your plants as they emerge - choose Westland's Growmore, or Chicken Manure Pellets, Fish, Blood and Bone if you prefer an organic product. Then cover the soil with thick mulch using Westland's bark chips or composted bark. This will keep the moisture in and keep weeds down, making your life easier. Be careful you don't damage plants that are not yet showing.

Carry on pruning clematis. If warm weather means your late-flowering varieties have already made a lot of new growth don't worry about cutting them back - they will shoot again from buds lower down. Pruning will also have the effect of delaying flowering. You might choose to prune some clematis early and some late to give you continuity of flowering. Make sure you know which group your clematis falls into before you get out the secateurs. Feed your clematis after pruning and mulch them.

Lawn

The grass will be starting to grow this month so you can give your lawn its first cut of the season - make sure the blades are set high. Carry on aerating your lawn and rake it to get out debris and dead grass and moss. If moss is a problem you can use Sulphate of Iron. Many gardeners prefer to kill weeds at the same time - in this case choose the Feed, Weed and Mosskiller range.

In the Greenhouse

Sow seeds for summer bedding in your greenhouse. If you don't have a greenhouse you can raise many seeds successfully on a warm, bright windowsill in the house or conservatory. However you choose to grow your summer bedding, you'll find compost available from the Westland range to suit you.

You can also start begonia tubers and canna roots. Begonia is best started by laying the tubers in a tray of moist compost. Once the shoots show you can pot them individually.

Containers

Winter containers might be looking a bit the worse for wear by now. Clean out the containers ready for planting out summer bedding in May. To give a quick burst of colour until then look out for pots of Senetti in the garden centre, or plant some perennials that catch your eye. Once May comes, you can plant these into permanent positions in your garden.

Vegetable Garden

If conditions are suitable outside, you can start to sow seeds of broccoli, cabbage, kale, kohlrabi, parsnips, peas, radish and spinach. It's best to cover with cloches. Plant out onion sets and shallots. Buy seed potatoes and put them in a cool light position to sprout. You can start planting early varieties towards the end of the month.

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Cuckney Garden Club

A warm welcome is extended to all at the Cuckney Garden Club, we meet every 4th Thursday of the month in Cuckney Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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For more details please ring **Anne Stevenson, Secretary on 07790351161**

Connie's Column

Hi Everyone!!!

Busy, busy, busy! I had so many articles this month, I'm suprised I've have had time to think!



By Connie Smith
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I am so glad that we are getting longer nights again now, I'm hoping summer rolls around soon. This year is going really fast, I can't believe that it's March already! On that note, I hope you all had a lovely valentines day, and didn't get too cold!

As I couldn't put James Sims Waterhouse in my Meden School article I have decided to mention him in my column instead, hello, James!

I'm going to have to leave it here, because I have another article to write. Hope you all have a fantastic month, and I hope it gets warmer! I also hope you check out my Meden School Uniform article on page 13.

If you want any work, articles or stories or just want to ask me a question so I can publish it in the newspaper, just email me on connieWDN@hotmail.co.uk and send me your stuff and I will do my best to get it published.

Connie x



Friends of the Carrs

The Notts Wildlife Trust have received agreement from the Environmental Agency for the removal of silt from the Mill Pond and other works planned in the same project.

The application for funds can now be made and hopefully the work can be carried out at the end of the breeding season and after crops have been harvested so that the silt can be spread on the land.

The four picnic tables funded by Meden Valley Making Places have now been installed by Mansfield District Council. They are made of recycled material and so should have a longer life and be more resistant to vandalism. This is progress from purchases in the past that had to be wood to conform with MDC specifications in place at that time.

Monday 16th January was a very frosty but sunny morning and more than 10 of us gathered on the Carrs to litter pick. We started at the car park and worked our way up the hedge side towards the changing rooms and also along the path by the Mill Pond and the river towards the steps. The Mill Pond was frozen over so we could not remove litter from the edge of the water but we gathered several bags of litter and removed a child's scooter from the river. We continued to pick around the play area and then towards what is known as "Monkey Island". One advantage of a winter pick is that the vegetation has died back revealing items that are not usually easy to see or collect. A bicycle frame was one such item. A big thank you to all who participated.

Several years ago when we started the litter picks we sometimes found needles and associated drugs paraphernalia but it is pleasing to state that no such items have been found recently.

THE NEXT MEETING will be held on TUESDAY 13th March at 7.30 PM in the function room at the Hare and Hounds. The group are very grateful to the Hare and Hounds for the use of these facilities.

Best wishes - Stuart