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Guest Editor's Letter



Dear Readers,

Whilst Barry is away enjoying a well-earned holiday in Orlando, Florida with his family, this month's editors letter comes from me, a newly recruited marketing assistant at Leicestershire Garden Design Co.

Gandhi wrote that 'The future depends on what you do today' and he is classed as the driving force which helped shape the establishment of his country. Who am I to challenge that notion? So, the week before I finished my degree, I applied for a job as a marketing assistant and to my surprise... I GOT IT! I graduated last month and have entered the 'real world' of work and the start of my career. The adjustment has been somewhat harder than I anticipated, yet worth every second.

In 2016 LGDCo won the Niche Business Awards. This year I'm very proud to announce that we have again been nominated for the same award and we're currently in the semi-finals. The results will be revealed in September, so keep an eye on our social media platforms to find out if we can hold the winners spot for two years running.

Since my arrival, LGDCo have expanded even further, employing two more office members and are in the process of recruiting a new five-person on-site team.

Last note from me, not to ruin your summer vibe, but have you ever considered this...? Booking in now for a FREE winter consultation. This way, your innovative and beautiful garden can be built in the winter months (when you're less likely to use the garden) and be ready for summer 2018!

Enjoy this month's magazine.

Sian McGinnes
Marketing Assistant

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THE SHELTON CASE STUDY

Location: Quorn, Leicestershire

How long did it take?
12 days

When was it built?
June 2017

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A highly sociable garden with barbecue, barked play area and two seating areas

The challenge

The owners of this large semi-detached house in Quorn, Leicester, wanted a completed redesign of their current garden space.

The garden was full of weeds and it hadn't been used to its full potential. The owners wanted a child-friendly garden and were looking for some inspiration from Jeff Randall.

The concept

Our first task was to remove all the weeds and to turn the soil over. Next came the groundwork and installation of drainage for the new hard standings.

New feather edge fencing was installed, using concrete posts and gravel boards to fill in the back sections of the garden between the back fence and the hedges



running along both sides of the garden. A new larch lap panel was also installed, with a concrete gravel board by the side of the house to replace the existing broken panel.

New pressure-treated trellis screening was installed and a small sleeper retaining wall built up across the back of the garden to create a small flower bed, needed to add a bit of colour and scent into the garden and hide the existing concrete wall. This bed was lined with a damp-proof membrane and back-filled with new top soil to protect the timber sleepers from water sitting against them.

Grey multi sandstone paving was installed to create the new circular feature area and seating areas. A new winding pathway was installed using pennant grey setts, connecting all areas of the garden and making a perfect place for the children to ride their bikes. In addition, a new shed was installed.

The level of the garden was built up to create a more usable lawn area, flatter and easier to maintain.

A geo-textile membrane was installed and

new play bark laid for the play house, swing set and toys in the children's play area to stand on. A second patio here gives the adults peace of mind as they can sit and relax whilst keeping an eye on the children.

Lastly, a new lighting scheme was introduced, adding subtle lighting around the garden and making it practical to use on summer evenings.

The conclusion

As with all our landscape garden designs, we wanted to create an environment completely suited to our client's lifestyle. This garden is a classic example of that, as it incorporates all the elements that are required for enjoying summer BBQs and children's play.

Our complimentary maintenance visit, 12 months after completion, ensures that all aspects of the garden are still working as they should and that it's looking as stunning as ever.

Needless to say, our clients love their contemporary garden space.



Hey, it's Jeff here.

Once you've got a garden that's conceptually right, has space, looks stunning, and is easier to maintain you'll need to match that with the correct furniture and planters.

You can then take up all the space you've created and make the garden feel more 'cluttered' again.

Creating raised beds, seats, fire pits, and kitchen areas that are built into the design (by that I mean they don't need packing down when you've finished with them) should give you that complete garden you're looking for.

I'd love to explain more so email us:

info@leicestershiregardendesign.co.uk
and we'll send you our info pack.

Regards

Creating amazing outdoor spaces

Jeff Randall



Seemann's Garden

What to do this Bank Holiday

GET OUT IN YOUR GARDEN



With this Bank Holiday's average temperatures forecast to be around 22° C, you've got the perfect opportunity to get outside and start planting. Plan ahead and get prepared for warming wintery vegetables in a few months.

What to plant:

Name: Broccoli
Botanical name: Brassica oleracea var. italica
Plant type: vegetable
Time to grow: 60 days
Ready: end October - beginning November
Fun fact: The word broccoli comes from the Latin word brachium and the Italian word braccio, meaning 'arm'.

Name: Cabbage
Botanical name: Brassica oleracea var. capitata
Plant type: vegetable
Time to grow: 60 days
Ready: end October - beginning November
Fun fact: The largest cabbage dish ever made was on 19 December 2008 in the Macedonian city of Prilep: 80,191 sarmas (cabbage rolls) weighing 544kg (1,221 lbs).

Name: Cauliflower
Botanical name: Brassica oleracea var. botrytis
Plant type: vegetable
Time to grow: 60 days
Ready: end October - beginning November
Fun fact: cauliflowers come in white, orange, green and purple.

Name: Spinach
Botanical name: Spinacia oleracea
Plant type: vegetable
Time to grow: 45 days
Ready: mid - end October
Fun fact: China produces 85% of all spinach in the world.

Name: Squash
Botanical name: Cucurbita
Plant type: vegetable
Time to grow: 50 days
Ready: mid - end October
Fun fact: squash comes from the Narragansett Indian word 'askutasquash', roughly translating as 'eaten raw or uncooked'.

Name: Pea
Botanical name: Pisum sativum
Plant type: vegetable
Time to grow: 90 days
Ready: end November
Fun fact: It is estimated that over 9,000 peas are eaten per person, per year in Britain.

Name: Radish
Botanical name: Raphanus raphanistrum subsp. sativus
Plant type: vegetable
Time to grow: 30 days
Ready: beginning September
Fun fact: One cup of sliced radishes has only 19 calories.

Get Creative This Summer Holiday

RE-USING PLANT POTS

It's always a good idea to do our bit for the environment, so instead of buying more utensil holders for summer barbecues or forking out for bird baths, why not reuse your old plant pots? With the kids off school for the summer, this is a great way to keep them entertained for hours as they help you in the garden.

BBQ cutlery holders

As soon as the weather is hot, we all want a BBQ. Instead of having to run in and out to the kitchen, be prepared this time! All you'll need is some extra cutlery, decorative materials and chalk to create beautiful, home-made cutlery holders.



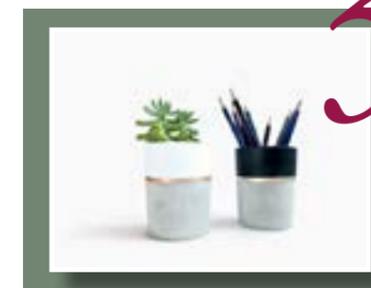
Outdoor candle holders

When you're relaxing in the garden at night it's nice to have a bit of light, so save hassle by having some candles for outdoor use only. Pop a few tea lights in edgy plant pots you no longer use.



Creative pen pots

It's a fact of life that crayons always get lost outside. Create a pot for pens and pencils and leave it in the shed. Grab a pot, paint and decorative materials and you're away.



Bird Baths

Bird baths can be pricey but this way is virtually free. If you have any old large plant pot lying around glue and stack them, all you'll need to do is decorate it to fit your garden.



Food Containers

When throwing a barbecue for your friends and family, do you often find that you run out of plates and bowls? Not any more!



THE HOTTEST TREND

HOT TUBS

We'll tell you why hot tubs are a must-have this summer.

If you've been thinking about purchasing a hot tub this summer, but for some reason the devil on your left shoulder tells you it's a bad idea and too much effort ... then we can tell you otherwise.

A hot tub is a beautiful asset to your garden. They come in all shapes and sizes, however big or small your garden. There's a hot tub that suits you and your garden perfectly.

At the end of a long day at work you need some 'me time' and what better way than to sit outside admiring your garden in a relaxing hot tub with a glass of wine? Sounds pretty perfect. You could even call your friends and get them round. I'm sure they won't be able to resist when they know you have a spectacular hot tub awaiting.

Maintenance

Hot tubs are very easy to maintain. As long as you also purchase a cover and the chemicals to keep the water clean, you'll only need to empty it four times a year. That's it – four times per year! Drain it, spray it with a hose pipe and refill. Simple.

Fun for All

It can be fun for the whole family in the evening, instead of watching the TV and being engrossed on social media. Turn the TV off, disconnect from the digital world, take 30 minutes to go outside and enjoy the fresh air and the warming sensation of a hot tub whilst catching up what's happened during the day.

Beneficial to your health

- Improves sleep
- Helps with stress and anxiety
- Reduces joint pain
- Lowers cholesterol and blood pressure
- Healthier, younger-looking skin
- Relieves tension



Hot Tub Stockists

Miami Airjet
www.lay-z-spa.co.uk
£499.00

Canadian Spa Niagara (7 person)
www.diy.com
£8,990.00

Intex Pure Spa Bubble Octagonal
www.argos.co.uk
£549.99

Pure Spa Jet Massage Set
www.therange.co.uk
£599.99

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WORD SEARCH

Can you spot 10 yellow flowers?

- | | |
|---------------|------------------|
| Sunflower | Ligularia |
| Blanketflower | Thunbergia alata |
| Daffodil | Snapdragon |
| Goldenrod | Tickseed |
| Rose | Coneflower |

Submit your entry to:

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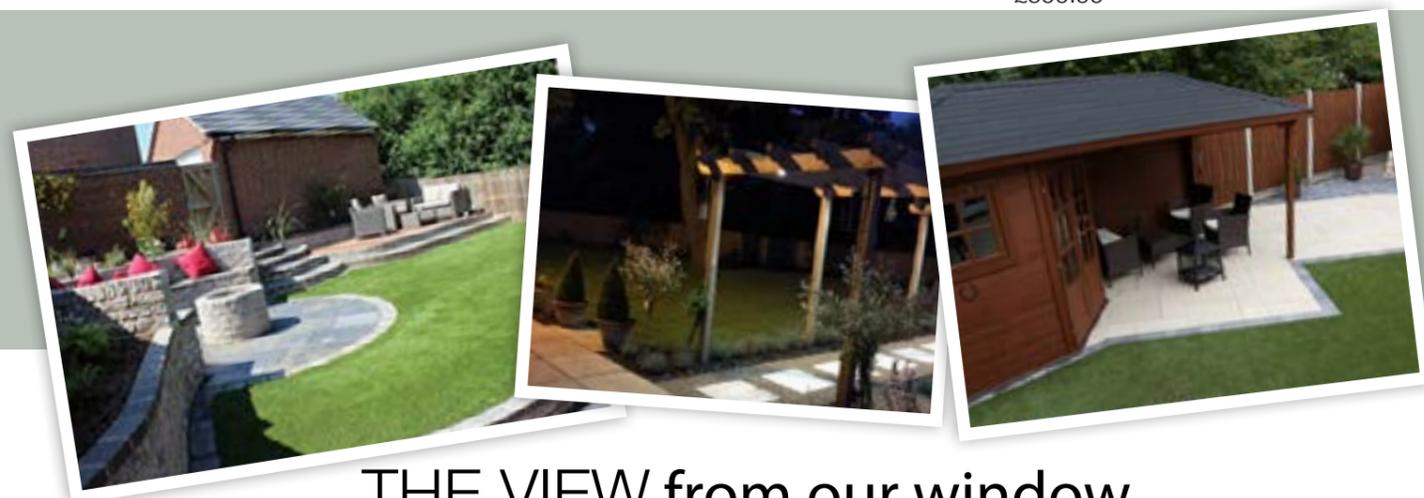
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Did you know?

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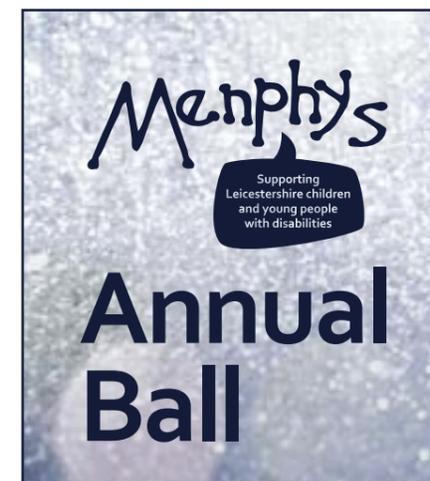
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Classic Car Day Hyde Hall

Sunday 20th August 2017

10am – 4pm

RHS Hyde Hall, Creep hedge Lane,
Rettendon Common, CHELMSFORD,
CM3 8ET

£9:90 per adult, £4:95 per child

Rosemoor Flower Show

Friday 18th – Sunday 20th August 2017

10am-6pm

RHS Garden Rosemoor, Great Torrington,
Devon, EX38 8PH

£9:90 per adult, £4:95 per child

Leicester Caribbean Carnival

Saturday 5th August 2017

11am-8pm

Victoria Park, Leicester, LE2

Free Entry

Packington Open Gardens

Bank Holiday Monday 28th August 2017

2pm – 7pm

Measham Road, Packington, Leicester,
LE65 1WP

£3.50 per adult, accompanied children
free

Market Harborough Farmers Market

Thursday 3rd August 2017

8am – 2pm

On the square, Harborough Market,
Market Harborough, Leicestershire,
LE16 9HB

Free Entry, Children welcome

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Garden Centre SPOTLIGHT



Coles Plant Centre is a family-owned business, created in 1913 when James Coles first purchased the 8-acre plot of land in Evington. Since then the company has been passed down through the family and now occupies 500 acres of land.

Coles stock a wide range of plants and is now the UK's largest grower of trees and shrubs for amenity and landscape planting.

As part of Coles Nurseries, Coles Plant Centre offers an unparalleled range of trees, shrubs, climbers, herbs, conifers and grasses, all available to view at the Centre. A plant ordering service is also available, allowing customers to order plants not stocked at the Plant Centre. This service generally has a very rapid turnaround time, as most plants are grown in the nursery within a 20-mile radius.

Coles Plant Centre offers a range of advice on the website and also top tips about gardening. There's also a standard offer of 5% off all products when you join the Garden Club.



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