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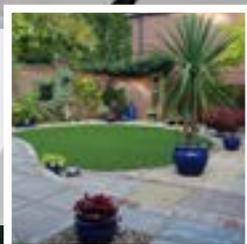
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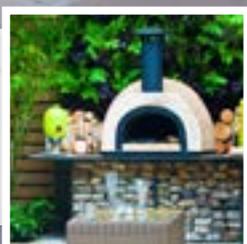
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Editor's Letter



Dear Readers,

There's no "I" in team... that's what we're told growing up, that's what the world would have you believe. But is it true? It's an interesting question, especially for a business like ours that is built on team work.

I recently spent a week in Atlanta, Georgia with Jeff on a training programme which gave me lots of time to reflect on successes within the business. We stayed at the Crowne Plaza in the airport region and watched as their people worked efficiently and effectively to ensure the guests had a comfortable stay, were always cared for, and got what they needed from their trip.

Funnily enough we didn't meet the owner, we met the systems, the people that run the systems, and the personalities that make the hotel 'tick'.

Anyway, the training programme ended with a very clear message: 'the whole is bigger than the sum of its parts'. And I concur.

Every garden we build has lots of elements to it, from Jeff and Ashley's enthusiasm to Ross' technical expertise through to Brendon's attention to detail; and if one of those isn't 100% the whole process isn't a success. So, it's crystal clear that this is a team game.

And thanks to my team we've got a fantastic edition of Gardens and Landscapes for you this month, in fact, I think it's our best one yet.

Enjoy the read and, as always, I'd love to hear your thoughts.

Committed to offering great garden advice.

Barry Randall

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THE LANGTON CASE STUDY

Location: Sheepy Magna, Leicestershire

How long did it take?
12 weeks

When was it built?
April 2017

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A highly hospitable garden with barbecue, bar and outdoor kitchen

The challenge

The owners of this large detached property in Sheepy Magna, Leicestershire wanted a complete redesign of their spacious rear garden.

The present garden was not being used to its full potential, but it certainly offered us plenty of space to design something new and exciting.

The concept

Our first task was to remove the existing pond, stream, rocks, pergola, and lawn and prepare the groundwork and drainage for new hard standings.

Contemporary sandstone paving was laid to create additional patio space and seating areas. We carefully selected new paving that would closely match the existing patio and jet washed and cleaned the old paving to refresh the stones and bring out their colour. A circular feature and edging strips were cut into the existing patio to enhance its shape and help it to blend in with the new paving pattern.

The spacious entertainment area was now ready for us to install a raised barbecue, bar and outdoor kitchen, complete with tier stone cladding and sawn stone



surfaces. To give this section protection from the weather, we built a waterproof cedar shingle structure to cover the outdoor kitchen and seating space.

As well as the barbecue, we also constructed a sunken fire pit and stone seating with underground drainage. This made a complete outdoor relaxation zone, with every element now in place for socialising with guests.

An original dimension was added to the design with the construction of three water features running on independent pumps and water chambers. We surrounded these sandstone sphere water features with gravel, cobbles and low-level planting.

Softwood pressure-treated trellises were erected to screen certain sections of the garden, along with a pergola that we built across the top of the circular paving underneath the trees.

Fresh top soil and Elliott's medallion turf was laid to replace the existing lawn and more top soil, compost and prep work was done so that new flowerbeds would be in the best possible condition for planting. The low maintenance planting scheme we introduced included the removal and

relocation of existing mature trees and plants.

Marshalls traditional Tegula paving was used to form softly winding pathways that linked all sections of the garden. We then installed ambient lighting including lighting units, sockets, cables and fixings so that our stunning landscape design would be perfectly illuminated.

The conclusion

As with all our landscape garden designs, we wanted to create an environment that was completely suited to our client's lifestyle. This garden is a classic example of that, as it incorporates all the elements that will facilitate fantastic garden parties as well as informal, relaxing evenings.

Our complimentary maintenance visit, 12 months after completion, will ensure 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 loved their innovative entertainment space and couldn't wait to show their hospitality by inviting family and friends round to admire and enjoy their stunning new garden.



Hey, it's Jeff here.

I want to talk about garden lighting and the impact it can have on your dream garden.

Most gardens have an entertainment aspect to it: you want people to see it and be impressed by it. Nothing is more impressive than turning lights on in the evening. You can have lighting that's straightforward with a single switch, dimming lighting that you can use to change the mood, or lighting controlled by iphone via a tailored app.

If you want to see some options contact me on info@leicestershiregardendesign.co.uk

Regards

Jeff Randall



Great garden lighting



Colourful scented sweet peas

A selection of easy-to-grow summer flowers

If you're looking for colourful blooms that don't require too much attention, here are some easy-to-grow favourites to brighten up your garden this summer.

Scented Sweet Pea

Sweet peas smell and look divine. They're a pretty, colourful, climbing flower that will enhance any garden.

You can buy your sweet peas from garden centres or easily grow them from seed. It's an unfussy plant – moist soil and some sunshine are all sweet peas need to thrive in any garden. To create a spectacular, fragrant display, train your sweet peas over an arch or trellis.

Classic Peony

A timeless classic, herbaceous peonies provide luxuriant, round blooms with abundant layers of petals.

Grow in a sunny, sheltered spot in well-drained soil and try not to move once established. Peonies will provide large white, pink or red long-lasting flowers from springtime right through to summer. They make excellent cut flowers and will keep your vases filled for many months.

Delicate Begonia

Begonias are attractive in borders, pots or hanging baskets with their plentiful flowers and delicate petals. If you grow them in containers, they can be easily moved in winter and protected from frost.

Begonias will grow in partial shade and are easy to maintain: they just need watering regularly during dry periods – and try to avoid getting their petals wet.

Versatile Lobelia

Pinks, blues, reds, whites and purples – lovely lobelias bring a haze of colour to a summer flowerbed. A versatile flower that comes in a variety of shapes and shades, lobelia can be used in patio

pots, hanging baskets or to fill gaps in borders. Just water in dry weather.

Sunny Marigolds

Marigolds are often the first flowers that children grow as the seeds are easy to handle and they don't have to wait too long for flowers to appear. You can grow English marigolds pretty much anywhere – just scatter the seeds around, and they will pop up.

African and French marigolds bought in trays from garden centres make great bedding plants that require little effort. Just give them regular watering, and deadhead spent blooms to prolong flowering time.

Golden Californian Poppy

Californian poppies like poor, dry soil and full sun – making them perfect for dull spots of the garden that could do with a splash of golden colour.

Simply scatter the seed where you want them to flower. Each year they set seed and produce further drifts of orange.

Resilient Fuchsia

Hardy fuchsias will survive the winter and continue to flower year after year. They're easy to grow from plug plants, and they bring wonderful arches of colour to hanging baskets and containers.

From trailing to upright plants, their attractive pendant-style flowers come in a variety of colours and shapes. Trailing fuchsias are ideal for hanging baskets and patio containers while bushy upright fuchsias are perfect for growing in borders. Climbing fuchsias can be tied to walls and fences to create an eye-catching vertical display.

Now all we need is a warm, dry summer so you can show off your colourful summer flowerbeds to their full advantage.



RHS Wisley

If you love the glory of an English country garden, here are a few of the best ones to visit on your summer holidays this year.

Eden Project, Cornwall

The Eden Project in Bodelva, Cornwall, is situated in a huge crater dominated by two massive domes that house thousands of plant species. The largest of the two domes simulates a rainforest ecosystem while the second recreates a Mediterranean environment.

There are also botanical gardens outside the UK – and exhibitions and stories act as a backdrop to the striking gardens. www.edenproject.com

National Botanic Garden of Wales, Carmarthenshire

Dubbed the Welsh equivalent of the Eden Project, the National Botanic Garden of Wales is a centre for botanical research and conservation, as well as being open to visitors all year round.

The Great Glasshouse is the centrepiece of this 568-acre park and home to plants from countries such as Chile, Western Australia, California and the Canary Islands. Inside the tilted glass dome is a six-metre deep ravine, rock terraces, streams and waterfalls while a lake provides a humid habitat at the foot of the chasm.

The National Botanic Garden offers historical and futuristic buildings, horticultural displays, flower meadows, lakes, walks and a café. www.botanicgarden.wales

Chatsworth House, Derbyshire

The 105-acre gardens of this stately home have evolved over more than 450 years and are a fine example of Capability Brown's influence.

There are a few features surviving from the estate's Elizabethan Gardens – notably The Cascade water feature and Seahorse Fountain, plus a Victorian rock garden and maze as well as historical and modern



Eden Project

waterworks and sculptures. It's worth exploring the surrounding park with its stunning scenery, woods and views of the house. www.chatsworth.org

The Royal Gardens at Highgrove, Gloucestershire

The Royal Gardens at Highgrove are opened annually for visitors to enjoy seasonal highlights between April and October, although all tours must be booked in advance.

The focus is on environmental sustainability throughout the Woodland Garden, Walled Garden and Cottage Garden. The Wildflower Meadow is a four-acre plot dotted with oaks, chestnuts, poplars and beech trees and originally planted with a 32-species seed mix in 1982. It's a constantly evolving landscape that's cultivated with each season in mind and is visited by different species of wildlife throughout the year.

The Sundial Garden comes to life in the summer months, with June and July-flowering delphiniums a particular highlight. The Sundial Garden is lined with yew hedges that have been clipped with 'windows' to reveal busts of HRH The Prince of Wales at various stages of his life. www.highgrovegardens.com

RHS Wisley, Surrey

Home to one of the largest plant collections anywhere in the world, Wisley is a vast and diverse garden covering 240 acres. In addition to numerous formal and informal decorative gardens, it contains several glasshouses and an extensive arboretum.



Chatsworth House



National Botanic Garden of Wales



The Royal Gardens at Highgrove

Planting varies enormously with herbaceous perennials and shrubs in the famous mixed borders, prairie-style planting in the glasshouse borders and a range of alpine display houses. Wisley also includes small scale 'model gardens', designed to show visitors what they can achieve in their own gardens. www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/wisley

Each of these gardens is unique and worth exploring if you're visiting that part of the country this summer.

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WORD SEARCH

Can you spot the 10 flowering trees

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| Plum Blossom | Wisteria |
| Camellia | Hydrangeas |
| Cherry Blossom | Water Lilies |
| Azaleas | Water Lotus |
| Iris | Cosmos |

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THE VIEW *from our window*



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microorganisms in one
teaspoon of soil than
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- goodhousekeeping.com



PIZZA OVENS – THE HOTTEST TREND

Mamma mia! It's bye-bye barbecue,
because there's a new grill in town. Turn
your garden into an Italian haven as the
pizza oven takes the UK by storm.

We can't quite believe we're saying this,
but it might be time to leave the old
barbie in the garage for a while. Yes, your
faithful friend has cooked burgers worthy
of a Michelin star and sausages even a
dachshund would envy, but there's a new
kid on the block, or should we say grill.

Say hello to the outdoor pizza oven.

Yes, pizzas have been reportedly been
satisfying taste buds since 997AD in
Gaeta, but in summer 2016 a revolution
is finally occurring. It wasn't long ago that
your grandmother fell for the 1957 BBC

Panorama prank claiming that spaghetti
grew on trees, so it's not really a surprise
that the DIY-dough-trend has taken so
long to reach the UK. However, with
celebrities such as chef Jamie Oliver and
actress Gwyneth Paltrow leading the way,
naturally we too need a slice of the action.

On May 5th ITV's This Morning were
treated to a yummy show-and-tell from
guest Steve Wilson, as 'television giants'
Holly Willoughby and Phillip Schofield
 marvelled at how quickly the pizzas were
cooked.

So, with your pepperoni at the ready, here
we have compiled a collection of the best
deals from ITV and online retailers. Buon
appetito!

1. La Hacienda Steel Multi-Function
Pizza Oven £129.99 argos.co.uk
2. The Bakerstone Pizza Oven
£99.99 amazon.co.uk
3. The Jamie Oliver Dome 80
£2,200 jamieoliverovens.com
4. The Rocbox
£499.00 rocbox.com
5. Fornetto Wood Fired Pizza Oven and
Smoker £940.00 amazon.co.uk

6. Outdoor Pizza Oven-Vitcas
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theglassroomcompany.com



Bakerstone pizza oven



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8th July

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Wild Walk for all the family

16th July 2:30 - 4:30pm

Anglian Water Birdwatching
Centre, Rutland Water Nature
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LE15 8BT

£5.00 per adult, £3.00 per child
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nature reserve so please leave furry
members of the family at home.

Plant Culture

22nd July - 25th September

Attenborough Arts Centre,
35 Lancaster Road, LE1 7HA
Free admission

Heather Scarecrow Festival

30th July - 6th August

Heather St John's Football Club
Ravenstone Road, Heather,
Leicestershire, LE67 2JQ

Admission is free and guides are
available for £2 to help visitors find
all the scarecrows and vote for
their favourite.

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- Feature case study
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