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Dear Readers,

As you know, from the front of the magazine, we've had the huge pleasure of welcoming Jodie Fedorko into our design team.

As huge gardening fans like yourselves, we all look forward to watching RHS Chelsea flower show on the TV every year. I'm always amazed by the way each designer pushes the boundaries of design, creating unique pieces of art - a real tough ask for the judges to pick the winners.

You can imagine how nerve racking that is, can't you? Well, inside Jodie Fedorko tells us what it's really like to be the youngest ever medal winner at Chelsea Flower Show and how excited she is for the upcoming year.

You'll also find a feature on the latest garden trends, our favourite local garden centre, and what happened when we defended our 'title' at the Niche Business Awards last month.

Good luck with the competitions inside and I'll see you next month.

Regards

Barry Randall  
Editor

P.S Winter is fast approaching and for larger gardens it's a perfect opportunity to design and build your new garden, for two reasons; 1. it'll take several weeks to build, and 2. you're not using your garden. Both of which mean you'll be ready for the early spring sunshine when it arrives.

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THE SEEMAN CASE STUDY

Location: Leicester

How long did it take?  
24 days

When was it built?  
July 2017

Want to know how to add the WOW factor?  
Call us now on 0116 214 7076



The Seeman Family Can't Believe It..

Let's See Their New Sociable & Low Maintenance Garden With A Barbecue, Swimming Pool And Fire Pit

Every great garden starts somewhere

The owners of this large detached house on the border of Warwickshire wanted a beautiful, low maintenance garden. It had to be aesthetically pleasing and work with indoor swimming pool, as the pool directly overlooks the garden.

The garden was a large stone area with some older decking. Which was great! - A fairly blank canvas for our garden designer Jeff to get stuck into and start creating a design.

Usually by taking the old one away

First of all, all existing decking, gravel, rubble and rubbish was removed, within the footprint of the new garden design.

Preparation of groundwork and drainage for new hard standings then began. This included new perforated drainage pipes to carry away surface water from the new paving areas, out into the back fields.

Concrete foundations were created for Marshalite walling, stone seating, a fire pit, a bar and large barbecue area with two storage cupboards.

Marshall's grey multi sandstone paving was installed to create the patio space, pathways, and seating areas. With a section of Marshall's symphony planks laid directly outside the swimming pool doors this broke up the sandstone and highlighted the entrance into the pool area.

It's now extremely child friendly

A Tegula path way was laid to give a flat surface where the children could cycle round the whole garden. This also acted as an edging to the low maintenance artificial lawn area, which included clean stone and drainage in the foundation to prevent water sitting on the new lawn area.

All of the hard standings were complemented by top soil and compost filled planting areas and a really low

maintenance planting scheme which will now attract wildlife, create colour and add scent. To create a divide between the driveway and the new garden an evergreen Photinia hedge was planted which now adds privacy and a subtle dynamic to the outside space.

Another delighted client

As with all our landscape garden designs, we wanted to create an environment completely suited to our client's lifestyle. This garden was transformed into the perfect, low maintenance space for socialising.

We always start with the end in mind and every garden is built to stand the test of time. Thinking about it yourself?

Great! - To start the process of transforming your garden space just **call us now on 0116 210 0760**



Hey, it's Jeff here.

It's no wonder that fire pits are increasing in popularity. So many of us treat our gardens as additional entertainment spaces, and built-in fire pits are perfect for anyone who uses their garden for socialising. Nothing finishes off the day better than the warmth and cheeriness of a real fire.

The size of your built-in fire pit will depend on the space you have available and how many guests you generally entertain. The important thing is that you have unrestricted access around the fire pit, and it's positioned to give maximum warmth when people are seated next to it.

The materials used to construct your fire pit will need to blend in with your patio and the exterior of your home. A built-in fire pit should become a natural extension of your existing garden landscape.

I'd love to explain more so email us: [info@leicestershiregardendesign.co.uk](mailto:info@leicestershiregardendesign.co.uk) and we'll send you our info pack.

Regards

Jeff Randall



## LOOKING FOR SPOOKY IDEAS THIS HALLOWEEN?



### LOOK NO FURTHER, HERE ARE THE ONLY RESOURCES YOU'LL EVER NEED

Halloween is fast approaching and there are lots of crafty things you can do to your home and garden to get into the trick-or-treat spirit. Here at LGDCo we have selected a few simple but spook-inspiring decoration ideas you can try yourself.

#### Garden

- A spooky welcome: Fill your trees and front porch with flying ghosts, made inexpensively from balloons, gauze fabric & marker pens.
- The ravens' den: Use tree branches to make a small display either side of your front doorway. Add your plastic (or home made) raven for effect.
- Transform your garden into a giant spider web: Take a ball of string and start weaving in and out of objects in your garden. Finish by tying the string to a nearby tree or bench, and add some plastic spiders for effect!

#### Home

- Decorate your fire place with cobwebs, fake insects & carved pumpkins
- Put on a spooky spread of sweets and cakes, displayed in a skeleton
- Draw spooky faces with a marker pen on glass jar candles and display in front windows.



# Meet Jodie

RHS CHELSEA'S YOUNGEST EVER MEDAL WINNER



Hey! It's Jodie Fedorko here.

I'm the new Soft Landscape Designer for Leicestershire Garden Design Company.

I just wanted to say hello and tell you a little bit about who I am, what I do, and how I add value to the company and your gardens.

#### Where it all began

Well, for as long as I can remember I have always loved to design and create, carrying this right through to achieving an A level in Fine art. I didn't really know which direction this would take me, I did it because I loved it.

When I finally left school I began looking for a horticulture course, having always enjoyed gardening even as a small child. I saw a course and was completely attracted to the design element of it. To cut a long story short (until we meet) during the duration of my Diploma in horticulture, I fell in love with it and knew I'd found my life-long career.

#### First venture

I progressed quickly, and I started to work for clients. I developed this into a small-scale garden maintenance business which I continued for a couple of years to gain industry experience. I was approached by a community gardening charity to become their Project Support Officer, to which I grew into an Assistant Manager role.

#### Chelsea Flower Show

Early on in this position, I was contacted by the Motor Neurone Association's co-founder to design an Artisan Garden at Chelsea Flower Show 2015 for the charity. I won a silver medal. On my debut. My very first show garden. And that's not all, I'm officially Chelsea Flower Show's youngest designer EVER at the age of 21.

Having already fulfilled a dream of winning a medal at one of the most recognised garden shows in the world, I've focused my career on design. I especially enjoy the planting side and I'm now a certified RHS garden designer.

#### The future

My ambition is to be renowned nationally for my design work. I believe working alongside the team at Leicestershire Garden Design will set me well on my way to achieving my goal.

I look forward to meeting you soon,

Jodie



# A Warm Winters Night (In Your Garden)

## How to make the most of your outdoor space in the winter

One way of keeping warm in the winter is to wrap up in a duvet and sit by the open log burner in your lounge. But there's a better way...

One of the must have garden features this year has been our outdoor bespoke log burners. As you can see from the pictures they fit into any design, can be made in any style, and look incredible.

It might have seemed crazy to build a fire pit/log burner, or outdoor fireplace in June or July (which is a fair point) although the chillier evenings can now be something to look forward too, especially if you've got small children or grandchildren. They just love toasting marshmallows over an open fire and the garden fire pit is perfect for it.

As you know, there's lots of different styles so they fit into ANY garden, so lets give the family somewhere warm and cosy this winter and share memories you'll never forget.

For more information on bespoke fire pits and log burners **call us now on 0116 2100 760** or **email Ashley on enquiries@leicestershiregardendesign.co.uk**



Contemporary fireplace



Stone feature log burner



Open firepit



## THE VIEW from our window



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## WORD SEARCH

Can you spot 10 Autumn/Winter vegetables?

**WIN** a mystery box full of goodies worth £100

- Broad Beans
- Spinach
- Asparagus
- Peas
- Swede
- Onions
- Garlic
- Carrots
- Pak Choi
- Broccoli

### Submit your entry to:

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Leicester, Leicestershire LE7 3XA or email  
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## Did you know?

Snapdragon flowers resemble a dragon, and if you squeeze the sides, the dragon's mouth will appear to open and close.



# NICHE BUSINESS AWARDS

To find out how we defended our 'title' at the Niche Awards on Friday 8th September read our blog visit:  
<http://www.leicestershiregardendesign.co.uk/niche-business-awards-2017-results>



## Up and coming OCTOBER EVENTS

### **Screamfest**

Thursday 12th October 2017

7pm - 11pm

National Forest Adventure Farm, Tatenhill

Burton Upon Trent

Staffordshire

DE13 9SJ

£16 per person, over 18's only

### **Alton Towers Scarefest**

Tuesday 31st October 2017

10am-9pm

Farley Ln, Alton

Stoke-on-Trent

ST10 4DB

£32 per person

### **Belgrave Food & Garden Festival**

Sunday 1st October 2017

11am-4pm

Church Road

Leicester

LE4 5PE

£2.50 per person, children welcome

### **Jimmy Carr**

Wednesday 25th October 2017

8pm - late

De Montfort Hall

Granville Road Leicester

LE1 7RU

£27.50 per person

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## **GARDENS & LANDSCAPES**

- Bonfire night ideas
- Feature case study
- View from our window

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## Garden Centre SPOTLIGHT



Gates Garden Centre was founded in 1948 by Fred & Ivy Gates. The establishment is a family-run business, built within an 1818 Victorian walled garden that has been within the Gates family for more than half a century.

With its warming, traditional farmhouse feel, the centre has become a popular Leicestershire attraction. Gates Garden Centre offers an enormous range of plants and garden products ranging from tools and pots, to patio furniture and pet care, displayed throughout indoor and outdoor areas. For children, there are two activity areas to explore.

The centre boasts a wonderful restaurant with multiple tasty menus from breakfast through to dinner time. You can even enjoy a gluten free option sat by the log fire!

You can find a range of product trinkets and indoor plants inside the various gift stands dotted throughout the centre. Even

Santa comes to visit at Christmas time, when Gates turns into a magical grotto filled with all the decorations, snow and tinsel you could need.

No matter what time of the year, this garden centre is a great trip out for all of the family!

Somerby Road  
Cold Overton  
Oakham  
Leicestershire  
LE15 7QB

**The Tea Shop:**  
Saturday - Sunday:  
11.00am-4.00pm

**The Garden Centre:**  
Monday – Saturday (Jan – Mar):  
8.00am-5.00pm  
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