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Dear Readers,

September is an odd month for landscaping, it has a 'not quite summer but not yet winter' feel to it.

And, that possibly makes no sense unless you're in our office and discussing winter plans.

Anyway, for one reason or another 2017 has been a super year from a development and productivity perspective so we're already looking ahead to 2018 and what that brings us all.

That doesn't mean your garden can't be built in 2017, it means we're looking at what comes next and what the latest trends will be.

Luckily for you, the homeowner, the landscape and design industry is no longer the seasonal industry it once was, possibly due to milder winters, possibly a change in acceptance. Whatever it is, we're always open for business 12 months of the year. You'll be amazed at how many people still ask the question.

As you go through this month's magazine you'll see we've taken care to highlight water features, garden lighting & 2017 trends because they're all interesting possibilities, whatever your garden looks like now.

I hope you have a wonderful September and enjoy the magazine.

Kind regards

Barry Randall

P.S Get in touch directly with me on info@leicestershiregardendesign.co.uk if you want to know more about building gardens in the winter.

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THE FATANIA CASE STUDY

Location: Leicester, Leicestershire

How long did it take?
21 days

When was it built?
June 2017

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A very relaxing & sociable garden with a barbecue, water feature and fire pit

Concept

The owners of this large detached house in Leicestershire wanted a garden with purpose, somewhere they could relax and enjoy the soothing sounds of a water feature.

The garden started initially as a good-sized grass area, a completely blank canvas for our garden designer Jeff to get stuck into and start creating a design.

Challenge

Firstly, all existing paving, walling, rubble and lawn had to be removed. The ground work was undertaken and drainage completed in order to start with new hard standings.

Concrete foundations to an approximate depth of 300mm were put in to give maximum strength to the walling, and new sleeper walling was installed across the back of the garden. This helped to create a flat lawn area and to provide a more usable space.

The walls were built up with concrete block work and then edged with a white beading and rendered with a monocouche render that's already coloured and doesn't need painting.

A new ACO channel drainage system was installed around the house to capture any surface water running from the new patio and pathway paving. All paving areas were dug out to a depth of 150mm and lined with a geo-textile weed membrane. New Marshall sandstone paving was laid onto a 50mm full mortar bed, a solid foundation which prevents movement. All paving was grouted with an eco-fill resin compound, a product that is resistant to frost damage and helps to prevent weeds growing.

New edging strips flow around the shape of the artificial lawn to make maintenance easy.

A stainless steel water feature blade was installed with up-lighting, providing

a focal point at the back of the garden and creating a calming, relaxing atmosphere. Top soil and compost was also introduced in preparation for the planting scheme which will attract wildlife and create colour, scent and all-year-round interest.

Lastly, a subtle lighting scheme was introduced, including spike lights to allow the garden to be used deep into the night.

Conclusion

As with all our landscape garden designs, we wanted to create an environment completely suited to our clients' lifestyle. This garden has been transformed into the perfect space for relaxing and socialising.

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.

Low maintenance design

3D Design

Raised water feature



Hey, it's Jeff here.

The thought of tackling DIY jobs around the home on a weekend sends shivers down my spine.

You know it.

I know it.

No matter how many jobs you tick off. The lists keep getting bigger and B-I-G-G-E-R!

After a busy week...

I just want to play a round of golf and catch up with friends in the clubhouse!

But when should you call in the experts? Garden transformations is one example.

Here's why:

- they take meticulous planning
- they require fresh ideas
- they require project management
- they're not cheap (labour, materials and equipment) and you want to get it right.

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

Regards

Jeff Randall

The Beauty Of Garden Lighting

LIGHT UP YOUR GARDEN



You invest a lot of time and money in your garden but as soon as the nights draw in, you can no longer use this space in the evening because you simply can't see. This just isn't enjoyable.

Picture sitting outside in the evening with some blankets and a bottle of wine, in atmospheric lighting. Read on to see how you can do this.

Good facts to know

Lighting your garden doesn't have to use electricity. You could use hassle-free solar-powered lights that only come on in the evening/night. After the initial purchase they're completely free to use.

There is something magical about outdoor lighting. It can transform your garden into a holiday environment or make you feel like you're at a fancy bar.

Lighting the path at night narrows the risks of accidents.

Garden lighting, including motion-sensing lighting, provides additional security.

Have a look at a 3D plan of your garden, including lighting. Our 3D CAD designs here at Leicestershire Garden Design can show you how your garden and new lighting would look. Worth thinking about?



Garden Trends

FORECAST FOR 2017

All sectors have trend forecasting experts and gardens are no exception. Here we bring you some of the garden trends that have already emerged this year ...



Natural dye gardens

This is the latest addition to the urban 'grow it yourself' movement. Use natural colourings produced by plants to dye textiles, yarn and clothes.



Natural material

Geometric style has been at the forefront of gardening designing for many years, and now an interest in natural materials has emerged. Designer Julie Blakeslee of Texas, USA, says: 'Rather than clean and modern, clients are asking for a more old-fashioned, more DIY look in their gardens.'



House plants

The 1970s fascination with house plants is officially back. It's appearing daily on social media platforms and especially with bloggers. Four of the most popular house plants in the UK are the little succulent Haworthia, the Swiss cheese plant, maidenhair fern and air plants.



Hyper-localism

Hyper-localism, otherwise known as 'locally sourced', appears to have become a buzzword for gardens designers lately. The welfare of the environment is a big concern these days and sourcing materials locally helps to reduce carbon emission, so this is a win-win trend.



Contemporary mash-up

Picking one style and sticking solely to that is a thing of the past according to today's garden designers. 'Mixing old and new, a trend in interiors and architecture, is about to arrive in our gardens,' says Richard Hartlage of Seattle. It offers a bold contrast between modern and traditional and is now seen as the 'in' thing.

THE HOTTEST TREND

WATER FEATURES

Considering a water feature?

Here are some reasons why you should.

For starters, water features produce a soothing sound that helps to drown out the noises of the town and city, traffic and any other noises that can be alarming. It's a refreshing sound that masks the outside world. It can also be a tranquil sound that will bring serenity into the garden. There are many therapies out there that suggest relaxing by a river, ocean or sea but you can bring this into the comfort of your own garden, a place for recreation and relaxation

It doesn't matter whether your garden is large or small or thin, there's such a variety of water features now that you'll be sure to find one that suits the feel of your garden. Water features used to have a very standard look that didn't appeal to everyone but today you can

choose from modern or traditional. Some are so small that you needn't worry about space being an issue.

Some water features are suitable for fish without the need for an additional pond. Almost all will welcome wildlife such as hedgehogs, frogs and dragonflies into the garden.

Situating new plants and flowers near the water feature will help them to become established more quickly, without drying out and frazzling in the sun.

Water features are also very easy to clean and maintain – an added bonus! You simply drain the water when it starts to look murky, scrub off any marks and refill.



Water feature stockists

Outsunny Ball Water Fountain Outdoor Indoor Cascade Sphere Round Stone LED

www.tesco.com
£104.99

Double sided curved wall
www.primrose.co.uk
£439.99

Stack Slate Effect Water Cascade
www.outdoorliving.co.uk
£199.95

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WORD SEARCH

Can you spot 10 herbs you can grow?

- | | |
|----------------|---------------|
| Basil | Lemon Balm |
| Chamomile | St Johns Wort |
| Feverfew | Sage |
| Echinacea | Thyme |
| Johnny Jump Up | Marigold |

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Did you know?

A sunflower looks like one large flower, but each head is composed of hundreds of tiny flowers called florets, which ripen to become the seeds. This is the case for all plants in the sunflower family, including daisies, yarrow, goldenrod, asters, coreopsis, and bachelor's buttons.

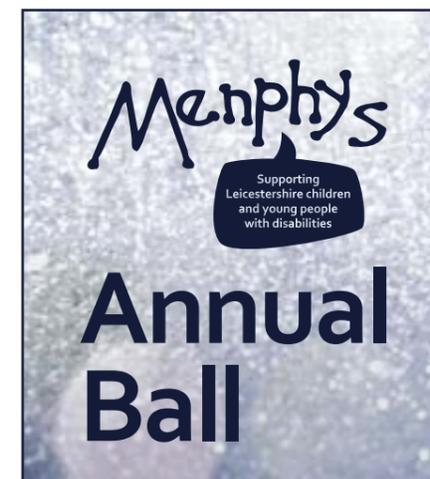
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Arts Fresco

Sunday 10th September 2017

All day

Market Harborough, Town Centre

LE16

Free entry, children welcome

Family Forest Food Adventure

Saturday 16th September 2017

10am-4pm

Edible Forest Festival, Charnwood Forest,

Loughborough, Leicestershire

LE12

£5 per person, children welcome

Market Harborough Plant Fair

Saturday 23rd September 2017

All day

Harborough Market, Market Harborough,

Leicestershire

LE17 9HB

Free entry

Double Bubble Fun Run

Saturday 23rd September 2017

All day

Abbey Park, Abbey Park Road, Leicester

LE4 5AQ

£16 per adult, £5 per child, Under 3 free

entry

Market Harborough Farmers' Market

Thursday 5th October 2017

8am – 2pm

On the square, Harborough Market,

Market Harborough, Leicestershire,

LE16 9HB

Free entry, children welcome

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Garden Centre SPOTLIGHT



J&L is a family-run, award-winning business in the heart of Leicestershire. They have been growing their own perennials, shrubs and roses for over 23 years, and are one of the largest stockists of David Austin roses.

As well as being a successful garden centre and caravan park, J&L have a wonderful gift shop that offers a diverse selection of clothing, accessories and gifts. There is an exquisite restaurant which is lovely all year round, but with its warming feel and vibe, patchwork cushions, wooden-clad walls and a log fireplace it's the perfect place for dining and relaxing in autumn and winter. The gigantic slices of cakes are also not to miss! Another great thing is that all food is freshly prepared on the day from local ingredients. What more could you want from a garden centre? It oozes festivity and is one of the most inviting places you will visit.



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