

Visiting the Gardens in early autumn



Early autumn is one of the best times in the gardens and visitors are surprised by the colour and variety of plants and by the harvest of pears and apples.

The formal bedding outside the Victorian style glass house reflects the Victorians love of carpet bedding of annuals and half hardy annuals and will be replaced by different planting schemes each year.

These are followed by *Aster amellus*, *A. sedifolius* and *A. frikartii* which started to flower in August and carry on until mid-October. Others such as *A.n.a.* 'Crimson Queen' are complemented by the pale yellow *Helianthus* 'Lemon Queen'. There are many other asters such as the *A.n.a.* 'John Davies' bred by a member of the local NCCPG group. *Aster* 'White Climax', a vigorous, tall and very elegant plant, brings the season to an end in November.



Cottage chrysanthemums, like dahlias, are coming back in fashion and Hill Close Gardens is an excellent place to see them in their glory as there are more than twenty different cultivars in the gardens. You will find 'Perry's Peach', 'Cottage lemon', 'Wedding Day' as well as 'Mrs Jessie Cooper No1' which is reputed to have been handed over the fence in many gardens in Badsey.



Chrysanthemum
'Perry's Peach'



Chrysanthemum
'Cottage Lemon'



Chrysanthemum
'Mrs Jessie Cooper No1'



Chrysanthemum
'Wedding Day'

The last burst of colour comes with the salmon Schizostylis and pink Nerines, some hardy, and others which need the shelter of the glasshouse.

Many of these plants, some uncommon, are available for sale from the nursery as well as seed from some of the flowers in the Gardens.

The apples are a wonderful feature of the Gardens and are now

fruiting well after being brought back to fruit bearing after years of neglect. August saw the 'Beauty of Bath' and the 'King of the Pippens' and many of the 63 different varieties in the Gardens ripening in September. The russet 'Golden Knob' is one of the last to be gathered and needs to be kept for a few weeks before it is ready to eat.



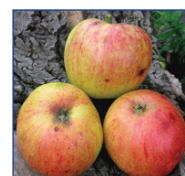
Newton Wonder
Red

Apple Day in October is the highlight of the fruit season and a time to taste and buy some of the more unusual varieties. It is also an opportunity to bring apples in for identification by an expert from Pershore College.



Arthur Turner

Vegetables and herbs are still being grown especially the old variety of runner bean 'Painted Lady' with its beautiful pink and white flowers and good cropping of long beans. Leeks and onions are soon to be harvested.



James Grieve

Chrysanthemum Collection-July 2009

Many of these chrysanthemums have been donated by Judy Baker, the National Collection Holder or obtained through the NCCPG Plant Exchange scheme.

There will be a range of these plants for sale in the nursery.

Name	Height (cms)	Flowering period	Description
Anastasia	70	Sept-Oct	Magenta pompom, a very old variety
Albert's Yellow	70	Sept-Oct	Mid-yellow, single
Anne, Lady Bocket	100	Sept-Oct	Long soft apricot petals opening pale pink, lax growth
Aunt Millicent	70	Oct-Nov	Pale pink/apricot, single
Breitner's Supreme	75	Oct-Nov	Sharp white with green centre, single
Capel Manor	60	Oct-Nov	Creamy yellow, quilled double
Chelsea Physic Garden	90	Nov	Red, slight incurve with coppery back, double
Cottage Apricot	75	Oct	Apricot with pale tipped petals
Cottage Lemon	120	Oct	Lemon flowers, semi-double, very strong stems
Cottage Bronze	75	Oct	Bronze with yellow centre, single
Cousin Joan	75	Nov	Ruby red, single
Old Cottage Yellow (Early Yellow)	70	Aug-Oct	Small lemon flowers, single, very free flowering, pays to dead head
Dixter Pink	60	Sept-Oct	Single pink, similar to Lady in Pink
Dixter Orange	150	Sept-Oct	Brownly-orange double
Goldengreenheart	90	Oct-Nov	Small golden, green centred flowers down the main stem, strong plant
Innocence	75	Oct-Nov	Pale icy pink, single
Lady in Pink	70	Sept-Oct	Pale pink single, long flowering, forms a bush of twiggy stems
Mrs Jessie Cooper No1	80	Oct-Nov	Strong carmine, single, vigorous, according to Bob Brown it is a Badsey plant
Mrs Jessie Cooper No2	60	Oct	Soft madder rose, single strong plant

Name	Height (cms)	Flowering period	Description
Paul Boissier	75	Oct-Nov	Orange brown, double
Perry's Peach	75	Sept-Oct	Soft apricot, single, smells of honey
Richard's Yellow	80	Oct-Nov	Strong yellow flowers cascading down the stem, strong plant, late
Rose Madder	60	Oct-Nov	Soft rose, scented
Royal Command	75	Nov	Deep red, single
Sarah's Yellow	80	Oct-Nov	Mid yellow semi-double, strong plan
Stratford Pink	90	Oct-Nov	Pale pink, single, strong plant, very late
Tall Copper	100	Sept-Oct	Bronze, single
Tapestry Rose	75	Oct-Nov	Rose madder single flowers, bushy plant
Tommy Trout	70	Sept-Oct	Brown pompom flowers
Venus No1	80	Oct- Nov	Strong pink single flowers, strong bushy plant
Wedding Day	80	Nov-Dec	Apricot buds turning white, semi-double, strong plant not affected by weather
Wedding Sunshine	80	Sept-Oct	Pointed pale yellow single flowers, airy bush, not very robust, may need shelter in winter
White Tower	120	Sept-Oct	Cream buds, creamy white flowers, needs staking
Winning's Red	75	Nov	Red, single, strong plant

Aster Collection-July 2009

Aster Amellus 'Sonora'
Aster Amellus 'King George'
Aster Amellus 'Louise'
Aster Cordifolius 'Elegans'
Aster Cordifolius 'Chieftain'
Aster Cordifolius 'Silver Queen'
Aster divaricartus
Aster Ericoides 'Kylie'
Aster Ericoides 'Schneegitter'
Aster frickartii
Aster Laevis 'Arcturus'
Aster laevis var. geyeri
Aster laevis 'Nightshade'
Aster 'Little Carlow'
Aster macrophyllus 'Twilight'
Aster novae angliae 'Andenken an Paul Gerber'
Aster novae angliae 'Crimson Beauty'
Aster novae angliae 'Foxy Emily'
Aster novae angliae 'Rosa Sieger'
Aster novae angliae 'John Davies'
Aster novae angliae 'Lou Williams'
Aster novae angliae 'Rose Williams'
Aster novae angliae 'W Bowman'
Aster novi-belgii 'Beechwood Challenge'
Aster novi-belgii 'Beechwood Rival'
Aster novi-belgii 'Boningale White'
Aster novi-belgii 'Climax'
Aster novi-belgii 'Coombe Delight'
Aster novi-belgii 'Coombe Margaret'
Aster novi-belgii 'Fellowship'
Aster novi-belgii Little Pink Beauty
Aster novi-belgii 'The Archbishop'
Aster novi-belgii 'Sam Banham'
Aster novi-belgii 'White Climax'
Aster novi-belgii 'Noreen'
Aster novi-belgii 'Blue Boy'
Aster novi-belgii 'Lucida'

Aster pyrenaicus 'Lutetia'

Aster 'Rose Queen'

Aster sedifolius