

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 Plan Heritage (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-May 2010

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

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

Name	Description	Height (cms)	Flowering period
Anastasia	Magenta pompom, a very old variety	70	Sept-Oct
Albert's Yellow	Mid-yellow, single	70	Sept-Oct
Aline	Peach flushed pink, semi double	60	Aug-Sept
Anne, Lady Bocket	Long soft apricot petals opening pale pink, lax growth	100	Sept-Oct
Aunt Millicent	Pale pink/apricot, single. Very slightly darker than Innocence	70	Oct-Nov
Belle	Bright red, single	56	Mid summer-early autumn
Breitner's Supreme	Sharp white with green centre, single	75	Oct-Nov
Brightness	Bright red, gold reverse, single	45	Aug-Sept
Capel Manor	Creamy yellow, quilled double	60	Oct-Nov
Chelsea Physic Garden	Red, slight incurve with coppery back, double	90	Nov
Cottage Apricot	Apricot with pale tipped petals	75	Oct
Cottage Lemon	Lemon flowers, semi-double, very strong stems	120	Oct
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Cottage Bronze	Bronze with yellow centre, single	75	Oct
Cousin Joan	Ruby red, single	75	Nov
Dixter Orange	Browny-orange double	80	Sept-Oct
Dixter Pink	Single pink, similar to Lady in Pink	60	Sept-Oct
Doctor Tom Parr (Tommy Trout)	Brown pompom flowers	40	Sept-Oct
Esther	Peach, double	80	Sept
Golden greenheart	Small golden, green centred flowers down the main stem, strong plant	90	Oct-Nov
Innocence	Pale icy pink, single	75	Oct-Nov

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Julia Peterson	Dusky deep purple pink, double	60	Sept-Oct
Julia Lagravere	Dark ruby red, pom-pom	65	Nov
Lady in Pink	Pale pink single, long flowering, forms a bush of twiggy stems	70	Sept-Oct
Lucy Simpson	Bronze buff, single	76	Sept-Oct
Mary Stoker	Creamy yellow apricot, single	120	Sept-Oct
Mrs Jessie Cooper No1	Strong carmine, single, vigorous, according to Bob Brown a Badsey plant	80	Oct-Nov
Mrs Jessie Cooper No2	Soft madder rose, single strong plant	60	Oct-Nov
Nantyderry Sunshine	Yellow	50	Oct-Nov
Old Cottage Yellow(Early Yellow)	Small lemon flowers, single, very free flowering, pays to dead head	70	Aug-Nov
Paul Boissier	Orange brown, double	75	Oct-Nov
Perry's Peach	Soft apricot, single, smells of honey	75	Sept-Oct
Richard's Yellow	Strong yellow flowers cascading down the stem, strong plant, late	80	Oct-Nov
Rose Madder	Soft rose, scented	60	Oct-Nov
Royal Command	Deep red, single	75	Nov
Sarah's Yellow	Mid yellow semi-double, strong plan	80	Oct-Nov
Stratford Pink	Pale pink, single, strong plant, very late	90	Oct-Nov
Tapestry Rose	Rose madder single flowers, bushy plant	75	Oct-Nov
Vanguard Prince	Cyclamen pink, single	65	Oct-Nov
Venus No1	Strong pink single flowers, strong bushy plant	80	Oct- Nov
Wedding Day	Apricot buds turning white, semi-double, strong plant not affected by weather	80	Nov-Dec
Wedding Sunshine	Pointed pale yellow single flowers, airy bush, not very robust, may need shelter in winter	80	Sept-Oct
White Tower	Cream buds, creamy white flowers, needs staking	120	Oct-Nov

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