

Terry's Garden Diary

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How have you been getting on with your gardening this last month? As the Spring bulbs fade and the summer flowering shrubs are starting to briskly grow, it is clear that summer is fast approaching. I have been clearing weeds from my flower beds and vegetable plots in preparation for planting. The greenhouse has had a clear out and I have potted on my tomatoe plants into their final positions in the greenhouse. I have been starting to harden off my summer bedding plants in preparation for planting out into the garden beds, pots and hanging baskets as well. I hope you enjoy this issue and continue to get the most from your gardening.



Spring Flowers

Jobs to be doing in the garden

Prune spring flowering shrubs such as Forsythia, Choisya and Ribes after flowering.

Regularly hoe off weeds from flower beds and vegetable patches.

Start to mow lawns weekly now as the temperature warms up.

Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of Daffodils and other spring flowering bulbs.



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Terry will be discussing planting in containers and hanging baskets.

As summer is nearly upon us a lot of the vegetables and flowers I have been growing from seed will soon be ready to plant out.

Broad Bean varieties I have sown this year are "The Sutton" and "Crimson Flowered". These will hopefully not only give me a good crop of tasty beans, but the delicate flowers of the plants will also be a welcome addition to the garden.

Runner Bean varieties I have sown this year are "Scarlett Emperor" and "BenchMaster". I will be trying to grow some extra long pods with the "Benchmaster" variety, so will keep you updated through the summer months on how I get on with growing them.

I always like to grow a lot of French Marigolds as they give an abundance of yellow, orange and red coloured flowers throughout the summer and the Bees love them. Varieties I have grown this spring include "Bonita Mixed", "Red Cherry" and "Queen Sophia".