

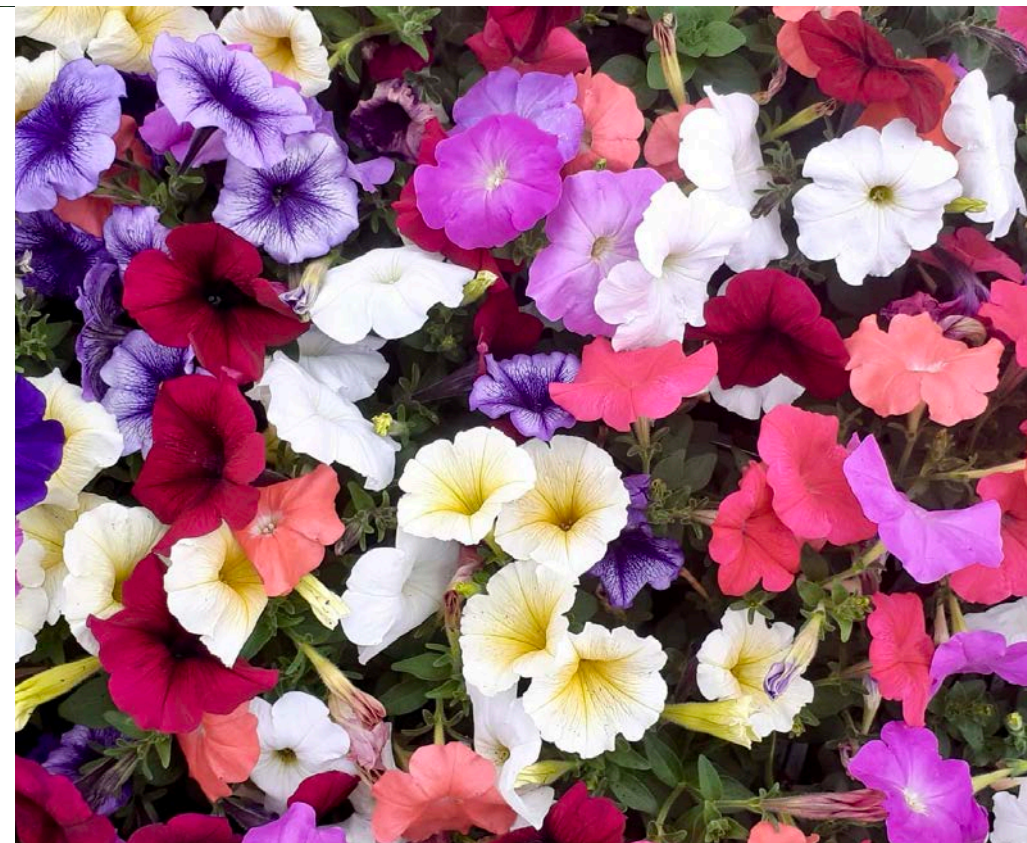


Meadow Grange
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Summer Newsletter 2021

A very warm welcome to our latest idea for bringing you updates of everything that is going on at Meadow Grange - our new Quarterly Newsletter. We'll be publishing a seasonal update four times a year on the Meadow Grange website with news, tips, special offers and a little bit of info about our wonderful team here at Meadow Grange.

If there is anything that you'd like us to cover in our autumn edition which is due in October then please do drop us a line on Facebook and we'll see what we can do. But in the meantime, grab yourself a cuppa, put your feet up and take a look at Meadow Grange life.



Part of the Furniture

At Meadow Grange we are fortunate to have an amazing team working with us - loyal, dedicated, hard working and happy, and of course those of you that are regular visitors will be familiar with someone that oozes all of those traits - Paul Mummery.

Incredibly, Paul started working at Meadow Grange over 20 years ago (we know - he looks too young), at a time when the centre was super busy and we needed some additional help. He came to us with a strong retail background and since he loved working with customers and had a real passion for plants he was a perfect fit.

At the time, Paul was working on the tills, stocking up and dealing with customer enquiries - some of you may remember him from back then.

Over the years the jobs have changed a little bit and under the new owners of Meadow Grange Paul was rewarded with promotion to Shop Manager at the Garden Centre which he is really enjoying.

In Paul's words "The new role still involves dealing with those everyday retail tasks and helping customers with their gardening needs which I still really enjoy but there is the added pleasure of leading a great team that works for me. At the moment the job is really exciting with lots of new changes happening each month continually improving the retail offer at Meadow Grange. I look forward to being part of the Meadow Grange team for years to come."

Next time you visit us be sure to say 'Hi' to Paul - and if you need any help then he's your man!



The 'Great Peat Debate'

Those of you that are avid followers of our Facebook page will remember that back in May we had a discussion thread with our followers talking about their views on 'peat free' options for potting compost.

Interestingly, although not surprisingly there were lots of very strong views. In a nut shell we think the general consensus was that people want more, better and less expensive peat free products and we are in the process of trying to source the best ones for you. Some of you will know that we mix our own compost too and we are looking at opportunities to mix our own 'Peat Free' - so keep an eye on Facebook and Instagram and in our autumn newsletter for further updates.

If there are other gardening 'dilemmas' out there then please do let us know and we can use our social media following of 'Gardening Gurus' to help come up with solutions for you.

Our New Meadow Grange Coffee Hut

Hopefully many of our regulars will now have had the chance to sample a delightful beverage from our new Coffee Hut at Meadow Grange. Serving only the finest, locally roasted beans from 'Lost Sheep Coffee' in Whitstable, our Coffee Hut is THE new place to meet up for your favourite brew and watch the world go by.

But the even better news is our NEW 'Loyalty Card Scheme' - Buy 6 cups of coffee and get the 7th FREE!

Just pick up your free loyalty card from the Coffee Hut next time you visit Meadow Grange and ask for a stamp each time you purchase a coffee - it's as simple as that.



Getting Ready for the Autumn

So What Are woodsure Logs?

assured quality woodfuel

Any of our customers that have purchased logs from us will probably have noticed that they are certified as being 'Woodsure' - Ready To Burn. But what does it actually mean and why is it important?

Wet wood creates smoke and particulates that are harmful to your health and the environment. It will also damage your stove and chimney and is an inefficient way to heat your home.

Woodsure is a non-profit organisation that is helping to raise the quality of woodfuel in the industry and has been appointed by Defra to run the 'Ready to Burn' certification scheme underpinning The Air Quality (Domestic Solid Fuels Standards) (England) Regulations 2020 that came into force in England from 1 May this year.

The point of the new regulations is to try and prevent harmful pollution from the domestic burning of all solid fuels by ensuring wood is certified as having a moisture content of 20% or less. This means wood or biomass can now be used as a sustainable fuel and is considered to be 'carbon lean' when it has been managed and effectively dried/seasoned.

Our logs at Meadow Grange are cut from a sustainably managed woodland close to the Garden Centre - this means that new tree growth in the woodland will be absorbing atmospheric carbon dioxide, offsetting that which is released by the wood fuel we produce - the overall contribution to atmospheric CO2 levels is minimal.

In our autumn newsletter we'll do a little case study on how we cut and manage our woodland and the process for drying our logs to ensure that it meets the Woodsure standard.



Meadow Grange News Round Up

As always, we have so much going on at Meadow Grange, sometimes it's hard to keep up! Do listen out for our latest advertising campaign on KMFM radio - we're also sponsoring the weather reports - Peter hopes it might give us some influence over the weather forecasts!

Peter's Top Tip

If your bedding plants and herbaceous perennial plants are looking a little bit scruffy this time of year and are a bit 'leggy', you can cut them back by 50% or so and they will rejuvenate themselves and grow a whole new set of flowers again this year, giving them a new, fresh look and prolonging their flowering season.



Follow us on the Socials

If you use Facebook or Instagram then do follow us to make sure you keep up to date on everything that is going on at Meadow Grange.



Top Google Review

We are so lucky that our customers leave us some fabulous reviews on Google every week. This was our favourite from July:

"It is always such a joy to visit Meadow Grange. The plants are beautiful and the staff are always happy to give advice to a novice gardener like myself. We love the little robins that fly about and sing!"

Thank you Anita Memmott, your review captures just how we want all of our customers to feel when they visit us.

Summer Newsletter Competition

Of course, at Meadow Grange we have always valued the feedback from all of our loyal customers and we are always looking for new ways to improve our offer at the Garden Centre, Coffee Hut and Farm Shop. So we have a **special competition** for all of our newsletter readers.

We want your best ideas for a chance to **win a £25 Meadow Grange Gift Voucher** - just pop an email headed 'New Idea' to sales@meadowgrangenursery.co.uk with a change or improvement that you'd like us to consider - It doesn't have to be elaborate. Peter will choose the best idea and we'll announce the winner on Facebook. Get your thinking caps on!

The Fabulous Yarrow Hotel in Broadstairs

Some of you may have seen on our social media pages some of the commercial work that we do for a variety of clients. We thought we'd showcase a couple here. First up is the beautiful Yarrow Hotel in Broadstairs - a stunning Jacobethan-style building that was built in 1894 by Sir Alfred Yarrow.

Originally the property was designed and constructed by the ship building magnate as a place for children to recuperate from illness. The building also played its part during the two World Wars, with soldiers able to convalesce there throughout both wars. The Yarrow building remained a children's convalescent home until the 1960s, when Thanet College took over the site to form its campus.

The Grade II Listed building was turned into a hotel after a massive refurbishment completed in July 2016. Now set within the grounds of the East Kent College Broadstairs Campus, it has training at the heart of its commercial activities. With 23 bedrooms and five suites, The Yarrow offers a luxurious stay and also has space for parties of up to 120 guests.

Our team at Meadow Grange has supplied and planted a wide range of plants in their beautiful garden and around the site for a number of years so if you're staying there or dining in their excellent restaurant and bar, do take a few moments to wander around the garden and admire our handiwork.



Canterbury in Bloom

So to round off our Summer newsletter, we thought we'd share some glorious pictures of Canterbury in bloom. Our team at Meadow Grange grow and supply all of the Canterbury City Council summer and winter bedding plants.

When you see these stunners in Canterbury, Whitstable and Herne Bay you know that our green-fingered team at the Meadow Grange Nursery has been hard at work to bring delightful colour and fragrance to the district.

Thanks for reading the newsletter - look out for the Autumn edition in October!

