

STRAWBERRY SUCCESS!



A huge thank you to everyone, customers, stall holders and Holme staff, who came along to our Strawberry Fayre in June. Together we raised £220 for Marie Curie and had a lovely day. Our strawberry tasting stall was a great success with visitors, Carol Ann said that out of the 13 different varieties grown, our Alice, Delia and Rhapsody strawberries were the favourites for their flavour. Particular thanks to Jan and Carol Ann for their beautiful table displays and wonderful aprons and bunting!

PARTY TIME IN THE ORCHARD



With the Christmas Party season upon us in a few weeks time, let the Orchard help organise yours. Call us for details, we are taking bookings now.

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

FARMERS MARKET & CIDER AND SAUSAGES

Our monthly markets, on the fourth Saturday every month, are being invigorated with the launch of special themed events. September visitors to the market enjoyed the first of these events with our seasonal Cider and Sausage Festival.

Our October market has a spooky theme on everything orange and green! Pumpkins, Squash, and Gourds, not to mention a few wonderful face painting, candle making and apple bobbing extravaganzas. Come along and join in on Saturday 23rd.



There is no market in November but join us again on Saturday 4th December for our special Christmas Market.



Gardeners Question Time

The date is booked for November 4th and once again we are hosting our Gardeners Question Time in support of the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Dorset charity. A fun, interesting and informative evening where our panel will help answer all your gardening queries. Beginning at 6.30pm with a delicious supper and sale of raffle tickets, followed by

a short presentation from Caroline Nickinson, of the Trust. Gardeners Questions begin at 7pm. Tickets cost £10 including meal and are available from the Orchard and Weldmar ticket sales on: 01305 215315.

Reserve your tickets now by calling Sonia on 01929 554716 or email sonia@theorchard.co.uk.

COMPETITION

Win tickets to see Joe Hashman author of 'On the Plot' at the Poole Literary Festival on Saturday 30th October, 10.00am – 2.00pm. Joe will be just one of the 12 authors taking part in Dorset Delights at the Poole

Lighthouse, your ticket includes entry to this event plus Dorset Apple cake and Tea, live Art and music. We have a pair of tickets to give away – Good Luck!

Q: Joe Hashman is the writer of 'Dirty Nails' - for which Dorset based publication?

Answers please to: **Holme News Competition, Holme for Gardens, West Holme Farm, Wareham, BH20 6AQ**

or email: enquiries@holmeforgardens.co.uk with subject heading Holme News Competition.

OPENING TIMES - from October 31st

Seven days a week 9 am – 5 pm for the Garden Centre, 9 am – 5.30 pm for the Farm Shop. The Orchard Tea Room is open daily from 9 am – 4.00 pm. We are open until 3.30 pm on Christmas Eve, Closed 25th – 28th December. Re-open 9 am 29th December, Closed New Year's Day, and re-open from Sunday 2nd January 2011 onwards.

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Autumn 2010

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Great events schedule inside to keep you busy at Holme.



Purbeck Film Festival returns to the Orchard with some fairytale

snippings from Edward Scissorhands.

Brighten your Autumn garden with our expert's favourite shrubs.



CONTEMPORARY COURTYARD GARDEN SCOOPS TOP TROPHY AT DORSET SHOW



Entering the competition for the third year running with two gold awards behind them, the Holme team were determined to incorporate everything learned from previous shows into their 2010 exhibit.

Show organisers said that judging was particularly stringent this year, and all entries had to meet strict criteria in order to have a chance of winning.

The panel look for exceptional plant quality, innovative

design and imagination and were particularly impressed with these elements along with the contemporary theme incorporated into the Holme exhibit. The result was a large gold medal and the coveted Townsend Challenge Cup for best exhibit in the Floral Pavillion.

The Courtyard Garden design was exemplary in its ability to show what is achievable in a small 6m by 3m space, displaying a stunning colour combination of silver, plum,

purple and black shrub and perennial plant mix, raised beds surrounding a beautiful stone water feature, a small patio seating area and a selection of carefully positioned garden pots

Thrilled with winning this award, Jan, Kristin, Claire and the team said their garden attracted much interest from visitors to the show, and serves to recognise the expertise of everyone at Holme for Gardens.

www.dorsetcountyshow.co.uk

the Orchard tea room

CHRISTMAS PARTY BOOKINGS NOW BEING TAKEN

don't delay, book your table today! Call or email sonia@holmeforgardens.co.uk

ON THE MOVE? LET US HELP! FREE GARDEN CONSULTATION

Upsizing, downsizing or moving to a new home in 2010? Simon is keen to offer his help and advice to everyone who has moved or is moving home this year and is giving you the chance to claim a free personal garden

consultation for those who have moved in the last 18 months. An expert's review of your new garden is an invaluable service which we know from our customers experience can help save time and reduce unnecessary expense, and will



allow you to achieve the best from your new patch. Contact Simon on 01929 554716 and enjoy discovering your garden's promise together.



If you've visited us lately you could not have failed to notice the large silver cup on display in our garden shop – a sight to be seen and a cup which was won by the inspiration and determination of Jan, Kristin and Claire for their Contemporary Courtyard Garden at this year's Dorset County Show. Congratulations to our great team for achieving the top award in the Floral Pavilion.

Our Farm Shop will be celebrating its first anniversary this Autumn and we will be holding a birthday party in recognition of its success and we invite you all to come along and join us with fine food tastings and award winning products from our local producers. Read all about this and a host of enjoyable events happening at Holme over the coming months detailed in these pages.

Join me in welcoming two new faces to Holme, Sue Shilcock and Valerie Smith. Sue has been quietly working away streamlining our accounts and office systems and heading up our office team and is a wonderful addition, releasing me from these daunting tasks and enabling me to spend more time with you, my customers, and my plants. Valerie joins the team in the Orchard this September and will be helping them develop a new seasonal menu.

With the delightful September weather nearing its end as I write this, take a look at our experts' planting advice for the season – we've still plenty of time left in our gardens to prune, plant, and pamper before the cold sets in. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Simon

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLME

MONTH	EVENT	DATE	Whats Planned
OCT	PURBECK FILM FESTIVAL	Wed 20 th 6.00pm meal 7.30pm film	GROW YOUR OWN (PG) £5.00 film only £12.00 film & meal
OCT	PURBECK FILM FESTIVAL	Thurs 21 st 6.00pm meal 7.30pm film	EDWARD SCISSORHANDS £5.00 film only £12.00 film & meal
OCT	PUMPKIN, SQUASH & HALLOWEEN DAY <i>Plus Farmers Market</i>	Sat 23 rd 11.00 – 4.00pm	FREE FAMILY FUN Candle Making Face Painting Sensational Seasonal Soups Apple games Dorset Produce & tastings
NOV	GARDENERS QUESTIONS With Simon Goldsack, John Bickerton, Bob Hollister and Trish Lea	Thurs 4 th 6.30 – 8.30pm	CHARITY FUNDRAISER supporting Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Tickets: £10.00 to include supper
NOV	HOLME FARM SHOP BIRTHDAY PARTY & Fine Food Tasting Evening	Thurs 18 th 6.30 – 8.30pm	CELEBRATE WITH US Sample delicious Farm Shop products. To reserve your free tickets see below.
DEC	CHRISTMAS SPECIAL	Sat 4 th All Day	FARMERS MARKET Christmas Gifts, Special Offers
JAN	SNOWDROPS	Sat 22 nd All Day	SNOWDROPS AND HELLIBORES A celebration of Spring bulbs
JAN	SALE For Privilege Club Members	Throughout January Sale ends 31st	BARGAINS GALORE! Special promotion on Bird Care items* *supporting RSPB
FEB	PURBECK FILM NIGHT	Wed 2 nd 6.00pm meal 7.30pm film	Another chance to see a great film at the Orchard – details to come

One year on and GOING STRONG

Holme Farm Shop celebrates its first anniversary this November. The word is spreading, business is booming and its time to celebrate our success. We receive calls daily from potential new suppliers keen to showcase their products on our shelves, so much so that when invited to the recent Great Taste Awards winners event at Fortnum & Mason in London, we accepted in anticipation of new discoveries.

Widely known as the 'Oscars' for producers of Fine Foods, organised by the Guild of Fine Foods, this national competition is a celebration of the very best food

and drink. Many of our current suppliers including Purbeck Ice Cream, Lyme Bay Winery, Olives Et Al and Chococo are proud winners of Great Taste awards this year and can now carry special stickers to publicise the fact on their products. The stickers signify speciality food and drink you can trust to be of the very best quality, taste and provenance.

Holme Farm Shop continues to source great suppliers and is constantly adding new products and supporting our local producers.



This autumn we have some fabulous Purbeck Game Pies, Game and Venison sausages and are now stocking Samway sausages. We are pleased to invite you to join us at a special Birthday celebration and taster evening on **Thursday 18th November at 6.30pm.**

To reserve your free tickets to this event please ring: **01202 554716 (then option 6)**

AUTUMN GARDENING

Our enthusiastic experts Pete, Kristin and Claire have picked a wonderful selection of shrubs and bulbs for you to plant this Autumn, a combination of fantastic foliage and flowers for your visual pleasure.

Perovskia

A seaside favourite. A herbaceous border plant with beautiful grey/green aromatic foliage and lavender like flowers. Plant in a sunny position in any well-drained light soil from November - March. Flowers in August and September.

Caryopteris

Similar to Perovskia in colour but with sky blue flower clusters attracting bees and butterflies throughout late summer and autumn. Protect from cold by planting near walls or fences in a sunny position September/October or in March and April.

Ceratostigma

This little shrub is beautiful at this time of year with bright blue flowers and the bonus of fiery reddening leaves during late autumn. Particularly suitable for planting in mixed borders or sheltered shrubberies. Plant April/May in light loamy soil in full sun.



Abelia Grandiflora

If you have space in your garden for this plant it will reward you well. It has evergreen, ovate-pointed leaves, pink and white slightly scented tubular flowers borne abundantly from July to October. Height 6ft by 4ft spread. Plant Sept/Oct in any garden soil in a sunny position.

Euonymus

Spells autumn in the garden – and everyone should have one

says Kristin. Firey red foliage with beautiful shocking pink seed capsules containing orange-red seeds. We have both *E. alatus* and *E. planipes* varieties available and now is the perfect time to plant them in full sun or partial shade.

Take a look at Cotinus cogyria and Itea virginica two more stunning plants to come and see at Holme.

SEASONAL OFFERS

Weekdays throughout the season*

ROSES

Buy any 2 roses (4 lt) and receive one FREE bag of Horse Manure Compost



EARLY BIRD AT THE ORCHARD

FREE hot drink with any Holme made cake or slice purchased before 10.45am

OCTOBER MEAL DEAL

buy two meals and get cheapest FREE

NOVEMBER ONLY £2.95

Holme made Soup & Crusty Bread

DECEMBER MEAL DEAL

buy two meals and get cheapest FREE

(cash value 0.01p. Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer)

*Offers valid Monday to Friday throughout Oct, Nov until 31st December 2010

ROSE GROWERS DREAM



November is an exciting time for gardeners and heralds the arrival of our new roses at Holme. We have selected some wonderful varieties for you which will be arriving mid-November and we hope our autumn offer will make your choice that much sweeter and give your plants a great start.

NEW Woodland Bulb Collection

Joining our wide variety of spring bulbs this autumn is a new woodland collection specifically selected by Claire, available for you to pick and choose are English grown bluebells, snowdrops and miniature Narcissus lobularis. Claire has also ensured we have the new Las Vegas RHS Daffodil of the Year available.



FAIRYTALE and FUN in the Orchard



Our tea room is hosting two delightful films for the Purbeck

Film Festival, a Tim Burton fairytale starring Johnny Depp as *Edward Scissorhands* (12) – worth watching just for the wonderful topiary trimming scene and also a less well known British film from Richard Laxton, *Grow Your Own* (PG), a comedy about the goings-on in a community allotment. Enjoy a meal in the Orchard before the film starts at 6.00pm, or come along for



Johnny Depp as Edward Scissorhands (12)

the film at 7.30pm. Tickets can be booked through us on 01929 554716. Places are limited so book your tickets early to avoid disappointment.