



Hello and welcome to *our July newsletter*

Welcome to The Natters July newsletter. We feel as though we can't be the only ones wondering if summer is actually going to happen this year! The weather hasn't been ideal for BBQs or paddling pools but the extra rain has certainly had our gardens bursting into life.

In this month's newsletter, we will be helping you find the perfect gift for World Thank You day on July 7th, sharing our tips on how to dead head your roses as well as jobs you can be doing in the garden now.

The joys of light nights...

In the UK the light evenings are a short but cherished part of summer. There is something about sitting outside on a warm evening that gives a sense of tranquility with endless possibilities, whether it's sitting alone reading a book, pottering in the greenhouse until it's too dark to see or chatting the night away with a loved one or friends. The balmy evenings remind us to slow down, savour the moment and embrace the beauty of the outdoors.

Deadhead roses...

It is really important to keep deadheading your roses to maintain that spectacular display for as long as possible. It is common practice to simply snap off the dead flower, however this will not promote new stems. Use a pair of sharp secateurs to cut the stem at an outward facing leaf as this will keep the shape as open as possible. Ensure to feed your rose after deadheading as this will help for stronger growth and flowering into the late summer. Using a fertilizer rich in potash or specifically for roses, will keep your blumes looking beautiful.





It's feeding time....

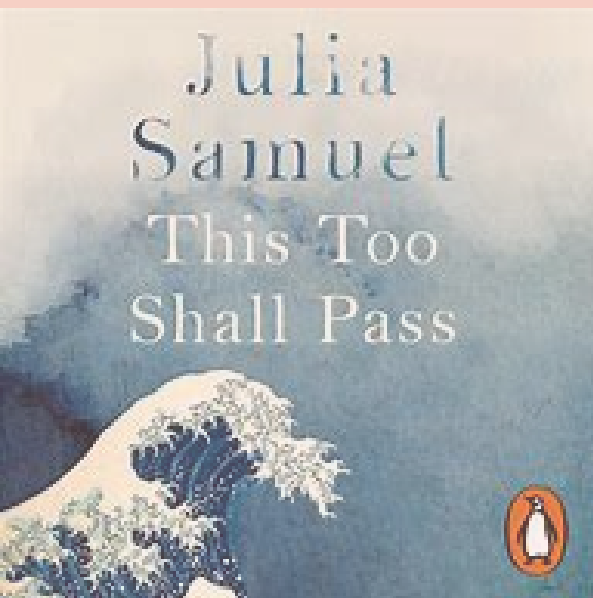
July is the time to think about feeding your container plants. You may have started to notice that the leaves have started to go a lighter shade of green and some plants have started to go a bit leggy. This is because the compost that we use for containers will only contain enough extra feed to keep nourishing plants for about four weeks after planting. Young plants use up the nutrients very quickly and as we start to water more, the nutrients get washed out of the soil.

To keep your containers and baskets looking great for as long as possible, make sure you continue to dead head any fading flowers. Don't be frightened to snip a good third off the stem, as they will regrow and you will get more flowers.

I use a good quality organic feed such as Maxicrop once a week to give the plants all the nutrients they need. Osmocote blocks are also a really easy way to release feed into your plants slowly.

If change is the natural order of things, why do so many people struggle with the milestones of life – from first jobs and first loves to children leaving home and retirement?

This Too Shall Pass is a book by Julia Samuel, it is a heartfelt and insightful book that offers valuable perspectives on dealing with life's inevitable changes.



Julias' compassionate approach and practical advice make it a useful guide for anyone navigating difficult transitions.

It is particularly recommended for readers who appreciate real-life stories and are looking for both comfort and practical guidance in times of change and loss.

Full of compassionate wisdom ... a rich, wise book -
Christina Patterson, Sunday Times

An important book for our times. It is both wise
and compassionate which will be helpful to many
readers -

Thomas Harding

World Thank You day.. July 7th

What do we think about when we are buying a gift? We consider our recipient's tastes and want to delight them with choices.

When we've tried new things we often consider these chosen items because we think they will tantalise others taste buds and introduce them to new products. You can individualise hampers/gift bags to suit special dietary requirements too. Gift hampers are a popular and appreciated choice for various occasions with a variety of themes to cater for everyone.



- **Versatility:** Gift hampers come in a wide range of options to suit different preferences and occasions. Whether it's a birthday, anniversary, holiday celebration, or a simple gesture of appreciation, there's a gift hamper available for every event and recipient.
- **Thoughtfulness;** Gift hampers can be personalized to cater to the recipient's tastes and interests. This customization shows that the giver took the time to select items specifically for the recipient, adding a personal touch that signifies thoughtfulness and care.
- **Variety of Contents:** Gift hampers often contain an assortment of items, such as gourmet foods, chocolates, wines, beauty products, toys or bath items. This variety allows the recipient to enjoy an array of treats and surprises in one package, making the gift more exciting and memorable.
- **Convenience:** Gift hampers offer convenience for both the giver and the recipient. Instead of selecting individual gifts and packaging them separately, a gift hamper provides a ready-made and beautifully presented package that is easy to give and receive.
- **Presentation:** Gift hampers are often elegantly packaged, with decorative wrappings, ribbons and bows that enhance the overall presentation. The aesthetic appeal of a well-curated gift hamper adds to the excitement and anticipation of unwrapping the gift.

- **Value for Money:** Gift hampers can represent good value for money, especially when they contain a selection of high-quality items or premium products. Givers can choose gift hampers that fit their budget while still providing a luxurious and indulgent experience for the recipient.
- **Suitability for All Ages and Genders:** Gift hampers are suitable for people of all ages and genders, making them a versatile gift option for family, friends, colleagues, and business associates. Whether for a young child, parent, friend or a client, there is a gift hamper to suit everyone's tastes and preferences.
- **Uniqueness:** Gift hampers offer a unique and creative way to surprise and delight the recipient. The combination of different items in a single hamper can create a memorable gift-giving experience that stands out from traditional single-item gifts.

Overall, gift hampers are considered a great choice for gifting due to their versatility, thoughtfulness, convenience, variety, presentation, value for money, suitability for all ages and genders and uniqueness. Whether given as a personal gesture or a corporate gift. They continue to be a popular and well-received choice for all kinds of celebrations and occasions.

Why not take a look at our jute bag range on our website where we have sourced local products to support small businesses in and around Lincolnshire.



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