

The NEWSLETTER

September: The autumn kaleidoscope begins

Hi {FIRSTNAME},

Summer is winding down and the nights are drawing in, but September doesn't have to be any less exciting in the garden. Now is the time to be filling your patio containers with delightful Chrysanthemums, packing your window boxes full of hardy heathers and getting some lettuce and radish seeds into the ground. If you're stuck for flower ideas, look no further than my [top plants for September colour blog](#), with unusual varieties that will make for a true kaleidoscope of autumn appeal, or, if you need extra inspiration, see my [top 3 gardening jobs for September blog](#) to keep yourself busy outdoors until October rolls around.

Last month, I designed some [gold medal winning garden displays](#) at Southport Flower Show, sponsored by [Everest](#), and there are some fantastic events coming up this month too. On 14th Oct, I'll be speaking at Achieve's marvellous [Health, Wealth and happiness weekend](#). So, if you fancy a trip to Bristol, [get your tickets](#) and come say "hi"! I'll also be presenting awards to the lucky winners of [London in Bloom](#) 2018. If you're a Londoner with an interest in gardening, check out the campaign - you never know, I could be presenting an award to you next year! From 24th-30th September, it's National Red Squirrel Awareness Week and, in honour of this, I've re-launched my Red Squirrel Appreciation Quiz - scroll down to test your knowledge. It's also the [International Day of Charity](#) on 5th September, so you might also consider supporting one of my chosen charities, including the [RSPB](#), the [Woodland Trust](#), the [British Hedgehog Preservation Society](#), the [Birmingham Botanical Gardens](#), [SANE](#), [Thrive](#) and the [Melanoma Fund](#). They all do wonderful work and are always very grateful for whatever support you can provide.

Finally, don't miss the last two episodes of ITV1's smash hit gardening TV show, Love Your Garden, which will be airing on 4th & 11th September at 8pm. As always, I'll be on the show with my trusty **Kent & Stowe spade and fork** - the very same ones that I'll be signing and shipping off to one lucky winner when my competition closes on 16th September. To be in with a chance of winning [scroll down to enter!](#) **Keep reading for plenty of seasonal gardening advice and much, much more.**

Happy gardening!
David



Gardening Tip Of The Month

Fold cardboard
packaging over a few
times to create a
low-cost kneeler for use
while gardening

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SEPTEMBER GARDENING GUIDES

Top 3 gardening jobs



1. Divide perennials



2. Plant bulbs



3. Take cuttings



Top plants for
September colour

Read my blog to discover my top plant picks for September and be sure of a dramatic autumnal colourwash in your garden through to the first frost.

FEATURED BLOGS & VIDEOS

Festive flowers

If you want show-stopping flowers this Christmas, read about how to force *Hippeastrum*, *Hyacinth* & *Narcissus* bulbs now in time for the big day.



Forcing bulbs for **Christmas**



Love Your Garden featured plants

Get an in-depth look at my favourite plants from season 8 episode 6. **See below for your chance to win my Kent & Stowe spade & fork used during filming!**

Let's get seedy!

It's that time of year again: act now to collect seeds from your favourite plants and store up a bundle of colour for next season.



Up the wall

If you feel like you are growing in every inch of your space, then think again. See my top tips on growing your own in hanging baskets and up the garden wall.

Eat me!

Are you a keen cook as well as a keen gardener? Bring your passions together by eating some of your favourite flowers!



Back to school

After the summer holidays, the school garden can be a little worse for wear. Take a look at this [Cultivation Street](#) blog to find out how to re-vamp it in no time!

Windows are the eyes of the soul

Read my latest guest blog for Everest to discover my top tips on planting window boxes just in time for the autumn changeover.



RED SQUIRREL AWARENESS WEEK



Red Squirrel Quiz

It's National Red Squirrel Awareness Week 24th-30th September.
[Take my quiz](#) to find out how much you really know about these curious creatures.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Achieve Weekend



I will be speaking at TV Presenter Martin Roberts' [Achieve weekend](#) celebrating Health, Wealth and Happiness on 13th & 14th Oct in Bristol.

A motivational event inspiring visitors to achieve success regardless of age or circumstance - [get your tickets now](#) to take part in interactive workshops, befriend grass roots exhibitors and hear me speak alongside a unique line-up of celebrities.

Ideal Home Show Christmas



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I will be speaking at the inspirational Ideal Home Show Christmas at London Olympia on Sat 24th Nov.

If you're looking to breathe a little life into your Christmas decorations this year my 'Living Christmas Decorations' talk at the Ideal Home Show Christmas is for you. [Book your tickets](#) now to find out the secret to keeping needles on your

Christmas tree, how to choose the right tree for your home, and how to decorate the house with homemade wreaths to make your home extra festive this holiday season.

If you're looking to add a touch of sparkle to your event with a celebrity speaker, [email Fay Edwards](#) to find out more about what I can do for you.

SEPTEMBER GIVEAWAY



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Win David's Love Your Garden Tools

[Win my Kent & Stowe tools from Love Your Garden!](#)

Don't miss out on your last chance to win the Kent & Stowe fork and spade that I used during the filming of Love Your Garden, season 8. Both will be signed by me before being couriered straight to the lucky winner's door, so get entering now!

Click the above link and enter your name & email address to be in with a chance. **Competition closes: 16th September at 11:59pm**

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