

A photograph of a garden scene featuring several tall, slender plants with white flowers and purple centers. The plants are growing in a field of green grass and other vegetation. The text "dove cottage nursery & garden 2017" is overlaid on the bottom right of the image.

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# Dove Cottage Catalogue 2017

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## **Opening times 2017.**

**Nursery open 1st March to 30<sup>th</sup> Sept** Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 5pm  
and Bank Holiday Mondays 10am-5pm

Yes we are open Sundays through out the season!

**Garden open 2017. Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September** on the same days as nursery. Garden Admission £3.50. Please pay at the sales shed before entering. Thank you.  
**Each Friday Garden entry proceeds donated to the National Garden Scheme.**

Nursery open by appointment **October to February** for order collections, Sneeboer tools or Gift Vouchers. We also post out Gift Vouchers all year round.  
This years season ends on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September** we then re open Thurs 1st March 2018.  
Remember we are **closed on Mons and Tues.**

**Welcome** to our catalogue of plants for 2017. This list is also available to read on our web site  
[www.dovecottage nursery.co.uk](http://www.dovecottage nursery.co.uk) I can also email a word document.

Some exciting news if you don't know already. Carol Klein was filmed last year in the garden for Gardener's World. There was talk of more filming this year. Scheduled for late summer viewing 2017.

As always thank you to all our customers and we hope you enjoy growing our plants for many years to come.

**Front cover: Verbascum blattaria albiflora.**

**Inside front cover: Veronicastrum 'Diane with Foeniculum v. 'Purpureum'.**

**Catalogue photographs kindly supplied by Jason Ingram**  
[www.dovecottage nursery.co.uk](http://www.dovecottage nursery.co.uk)

**Our Garden** is situated alongside the nursery, surrounded by an undulating yew hedge to mimic the shape of the old Hawthorn hedges and hilltops surrounding our north facing, 1/3<sup>rd</sup> acre sloping site. We plant grasses and hardy perennials. Plants are selected to create an overall picture in any given bed. This image is of course influenced by time of the day and year, and by the weather conditions. We grow lots of nectar rich plants. Our garden is alive with wildlife and there is always a buzz on a sunny, dry day. The peak month for perennials flowering is August and for grasses September. But inspiring anytime.

### **Garden Shop.**

We are doing less gift items these days because my time is required on the plant side of our business. You will find the following available;

**Coffee and tea.** Kim provides a kettle, china beakers, milk, tea bags, coffee and wrapped biscuits. Please make your own and pay at the till.

On **National Garden Scheme Fridays** we try to have homemade biscuits and hopefully cakes. Baked donations very welcome.

**Dove Cottage blank cards** with a choice of 4 images. £2.50 each.

**Dove Cottage Nursery Gift Vouchers** £5, £10 and £20. These can be posted out any time of year, just phone 01422203553 with your address and card details.

**Sneeboer.** We have the biggest choice of **Sneeboer** handmade garden tools in the UK.

**Floreo gloves** are comfortable, hard wearing, machine washable and have breathable backs.

**Vintage items** including small clay plant pots, jugs and vases. I recently found another use for my mums cut glass vase and fruit bowl. So beautiful I don't know why I didn't think of it sooner! Try putting a candle in a cut glass vase and turn the lights off.

**Bagged Compost.** John Innes 1, 2 and 3, Professional growers coarse compost and fine bark.

**Mucker's Mulch** made by Tommy Topsoil. Good as a soil improver or mulch. Have a bag at hand to add a few trowel full's to a planting hole. Organic.

**Yorkshire Flowerpots.** We are no longer a stockist. If you have any problems with your pots please contact the company direct. Telephone 01226794059.

We have a **car park** and **toilet**.

The nursery and part of the garden is **wheelchair** friendly.

Please supervise your **children** at all times in the nursery, garden and car park.

We accept all major debit and credit cards.

**Groups** are welcome to visit by prior arrangement.

**Photographs** may not be taken for commercial use.

Take a look at our website [www.dovecottagenursery.co.uk](http://www.dovecottagenursery.co.uk) for up to date information and photographs.

**Sorry we no longer offer mail order.**

**Plants can be pre ordered- email or ring with your list.**

We usually have a jug or vase of our flowers in the sales shed. Here I have listed the genus of plants which give plenty of cutting material once established. Achillea, Alchemilla, Amsonia, Anthemis, Aster, Astrantia, Dianthus, Diascia, Erigeron, Eryngium, Erysimum, Euphorbia, Fennel, Geranium-some varieties, Helenium, Helianthus, Heuchera flowers and leaves, Heucherella, Kalimeris, Lavandula, Lychnis, Lythrum, Monarda, Nepeta, Origanum, Persicaria, Phlox, Polemonium, Rudbeckia, Sanguisorba, Scabiosa, Solidago, Verbena, Veronica and Violas. All grass flowers are good to mix in and can be dried too.

**Please bring something to carry your purchases home in as we often run out of boxes and prefer not to use new carrier bags.**

**Please read.** Numbers inside brackets represent approximate months of flowering.

**e.g. (4-6) April to June.**

**\*\*** Denotes The plant produces flowers suitable for cutting. Much of what we grow!

**Zzz** Attractive to bees. Plants often have a square stem and are members of the lamiaceae family, which means 'lipped' and refers to the lip shaped flower petals.

**AGM.** Award of Garden Merit. Given by the Royal Horticultural Society.

**Vintage.** Included in the description if we have been growing the plant since we started the nursery or before, so for at least 20 years.

**Acaena inermis 'Purpurea'.** Forms a carpet of metallic purple foliage. Roots as it goes. A feature in our garden where it carpets beneath *Sporobolus heterolepsis* and *Echinacea 'White Swan'*. Really useful groundcover plant and trailer. Sun or shade. Height 3". Spread indefinite but easily removed.

**ACHILLEA.** **\*\*Yarrow.** Suit a sunny well drained site. But can be grown on heavier soils if sharp grit or sand are mixed with the soil when planting. If clumps become too dense divide and replant in spring. A cut back in September stimulates basal growth for better winter survival. May need early season slug protection. They provide horizontal heads to a planting.

**Achillea 'Coronation Gold'.** Bright yellow flowers. (6-8) Grey-green foliage. 3ft. AGM.

**A. 'Fanal'.** Red, fading as flowers mature. (6-8) H. 2ft.

**A. 'Feuerland'.** Orange-red flat flower heads lasting for weeks and gradually fading to bronze shades. Nice in front of *Helenium 'Sahin's Early Flowerer'* or *Stipa gigantea 'Gold Fontaene'*. (6-9) 2½ft.

**A. filipendulina 'Gold Plate'.** Good structure before, during and after flowering. Good sized yellow flower heads, may need support. Tough and sturdy. 4-5ft. AGM.

**A. 'Fleur van Zonnerveld'.** Lovely salmon pink flowers which age beautifully. (6-9) Strong grower. 30". Named after the owner of de Kleine Plantage-a lovely, lovely nursery.

**A. 'Inca Gold'.** Another later flowering variety the colour is somewhere between Salmon Beauty and Feuerland. 2-2 1/2ft.

**A. 'Lachsschonheit'.** (Salmon Beauty). **Vintage.** Salmon pink flowers slowly fading to cream, repeat flowers well to give a lovely mix of aged and new. Planted in our garden along side *Nepeta 'Walkers Low'* and *Molinia 'Poul Petersen'*. 2ft. Sp. 15". AGM.

**A. 'Marmalade'.** Shades of orange, a bit lax but nice, cut back for repeat flowering. 12".

**A. millefolium 'Lansdorferglut'.** Rich glowing salmon red, fades slowly. 3ft. AGM.

**A. m. 'Old Brocade'.** Flowers are shaded with coppery-reds fading paler. (6-8) 3ft.

**A. 'Moonshine'.** **Vintage.** Silver foliage good citrus yellow flower heads. (6-8). 2ft. Good planted with *Eryngium 'Picos Blue'* and *Stipa calamagrostis*. AGM.

**A. ptarmica 'Ballerina'.** **Vintage.** Small double white flowers on a bushy plant. I like to cut small pieces for my little glass vases or add a spray to a jug of home grown flowers. (6-9) 18".

**A. 'Red Velvet'.** Dark red flowers. (6-9) 2ft.

**A. 'Summerwine'.** Burgundy red wine, small flat flower heads in succession. (6-9) 18"-2ft. Grows well so may need dividing regularly. Needs support in a wet summer! AGM.

**A. 'Terracotta'.** Orange fading to apricot, greyish foliage. 30". Strong and upright.

**A. 'Walther Funcke'.** Flat heads of fiery orange-red flowers lasting for weeks, fading to ochre. 30".

**A. 'W. B. Childs'.** Sprays of white green eyed daisies on arching stems. Dead-head. Lovely in a jug with frothy lime *Lady's mantle*, both last well too. (5-10) 1-2ft. Forms a tight clump.

**ACONITUM.** \*\*Zz. Monkshood. This genus provides good spring foliage and of course excellent upright flower spires. Much simpler to grow than Delphiniums, but all parts are poisonous if eaten. Sun or partial shade. Divide in Autumn or Spring. Can self seed.

**Aconitum 'Bressingham Spire'.** Violet blue hooded flowers. (7-8) 3ft. AGM.

**A. carmichaelii Wilsonii Group.** Large blue flowers. (8-9 or 9-10). 6ft.

**A. 'Stainless Steel'.** Subtle, silver-grey with a hint of blue. (7-8) 4-5ft.

**ACTAEA.** syn. Cimicifuga. Bugbane. \*\*Zz. Grow best on rich retentive ground. They provide attractive almost black foliage from it's emergence in spring, sweetly scented flowers in late summer and autumn, good seed heads. Taller on rich moist soil. Never eaten by slugs and very hardy. Suit pot or border. In our top 20 list of must haves.

**Actaea japonica from Cheju Do.** Glossy green foliage, spires of small white scented flowers (8-9). Useful plant for a shady or north facing border. 15".

**A. 'Queen of Sheba'.** The star of our Molinia meadow in August and September. Scented white flowers on arching stems. Elegant see through plant with attractive dark foliage from spring. Really good in winter coated in frost. 5ft.

**A. simplex atropurpurea group 'Black Negligee'.** Very dark cut foliage and scented white flowers in late summer. 4-5ft.

**A. s. a. 'Brunette'. Vintage.** Dark foliage with a more open habit. Usual white bottle brush flowers-turning pink as age. 5-6ft. AGM.

**A. s. a. 'James Compton'.** White, turning pink flower spikes. Black foliage. 6ft. AGM.

**A. s. a. 'Mountain Wave'.** Red-black foliage. Distinct curving stems of white scented flowers late summer. 6ft.

**A. s. a 'Pink Spike'.** White- touch of pink flower spikes. Dark foliage. 5ft.

**AGASTACHE.** \*\*Zzz. Require sun and good drainage. Protect from slugs early season. Aromatic foliage. The seed heads look good through our long winters. Bee and butterfly plant. Although these plants normally grow in much warmer climates, they usually overwinter ok in our garden, but can be quite late into growth in the spring. For borders or containers.

**Agastache 'Black Adder'.** Attractive violet blue flowers in dark calyces. Sterile. 3-4ft.

**A. 'Blaue Boa'.** Stunning new variety with deep violet blue flowers. (7-10) 2ft.

**A. 'Blue Fortune'.** Reliable and strong growing and forms a denser bush than other forms. Pale blue flower. (7-10) Height 4-5ft. Sp. 2ft. AGM.

**A. 'Blaue Sangria'.** Excellent introduction with large dark blue flower heads. (7-9) 3-4ft.

**A. cana 'Heatwave'.** Fabulous showy and deep pink. 3-4ft.

**A. 'Linda'.** Slim mauve flower spikes. Makes a big airy plant second year. 2½ft.

**A. nepetoides.** Yellow giant hyssop. Whorls of small yellow flowers on tall, sturdy, square stems. Seed from Oudolf's garden. Fantastic seed heads. 5-8ft!

**A. 'Purple Haze'.** Mauve flowers. A finer plant with darker foliage. 2ft.

**A. rugosa f. albiflora 'Alabaster'.** White flowers, (7-10). Fresh green aromatic foliage. The best variety for black seed heads. November to March. Hardy and easy. 2-3ft.

**A. 'Spicy'.** Mid blue flowers in dark calyces. (8-10) 3ft.

**A. 'Summer Love'.** Pink flowers held in darker pink calyces. (7-10) 3ft. Sp. 2ft.

**A. 'Summer Sky'.** Blue flowers held in nice dark calyces. Good drainage. 24". Sp. 20".

**ALLIUM.** \*\*Zzz. Peter Nyssen 01617474000 or [www.peternyssen.com](http://www.peternyssen.com) is a good mail order supplier of bulbs. Missed the boat for this year? Don't despair I have potted a lovely selection of easy onions. Mark my words 'Only the foolish allow alliums to self seed. Off with heads before the seed sheds!'



**Allium 'Summer Beauty'**. Mauve sterile flowers mid to late summer, followed by pretty seed heads. Neat low dark green strappy leaves which don't die back at flowering time. 15". Sun and average soil. Propagate by spring division, but flowers best when left to mature.

**A. s. 'Pink Perfection'**. A really good form of chives producing edible leaves and fatter pink flowers in May and June and again in August. 12". Must dead head to keep true plant.

**A. senescens subsp. glaucum**. Perfect for edging a path especially in a potager or herb garden. Mauve flower heads and rosettes of twisted prostrate greyish leaves. It was love at first sight when we visited the ornamental vegetable garden at 'De Boschhoeve' in Holland late summer 2011. Give the plant space or it will fade away.

**A. sphaerocephalon**. Small flowered form. Burgundy and green oval flower heads. (7-8) 2ft.

**Amsonia orientalis**. \*\*Pale blue small starry flowers. Longest flowering variety. (6-10) Not as good in a hot summer. Spreads gently underground providing lots of stems for cutting. 15".

**A. 'Blue Ice'**. Similar to above. Long flowering. 14-16".

**Anemone nemorosa 'Royal Blue'**. Blue flowered wood anemone. April. Sun or p. shade. 6".

**A. cylindrica**. \*\*Attractive white cones with a fringe of white petals, followed by good seed heads. Sun or part shade. 2-3ft. Unusual quirky cut flower.

**Anemone x hybrida 'Honorine Jobert'**. Good white variety. (8-10) 4ft. AGM.

**ANGELICA. Zzz.** 3 reasons why we grow angelicas; Bees, wasp and hover flies adore the flowers; they form a bold shaped plant which contrasts beautifully with the fine stems and feathery flower heads of grasses and they have a wild look about them.

**Angelica dahurica**. From Japan. Biennial. White umbels in July and August followed by seed heads. Sun or partial shade or dappled shade in a woodland garden. Striking foliage. To 6ft.

**A. gigas. Zzz. Vintage**. Often biennial but can form a crown and flower a second year.

Rounded plum flower heads in July and August. Planted in our sexy pink border as the strong shape contrasts beautifully with all the soft frothy grasses and flowers. Excellent late summer seed heads. Collect and sow seed in autumn. Can get reduced germination rate with a spring sowing. Ask us for advice we have 21 years experience with gigas! 5-6ft.

**A. pubescens**. Biennial. Beautiful lacy white flowers in August and September. Beautiful pink seed heads. 5-6ft. Buy our 2ltrs early season has they may flower this year.

**ANTHEMIS. \*\*** Hardy if grown in sun and well drained soil as not always tolerant of Winter wet. Dead head regularly but not in an evening! When the petals droop. Best to tidy the plant in Spring rather than Autumn. Propagation is by cuttings. Exceptional vase life.

**Anthemis punctata subsp. cupaniana. Vintage**. Sicilian chamomile. Aromatic grey foliage. Chalky white flowers in abundance early summer followed by a dead heading and some more flowers. Sun loving and easy to grow. Good in pots or border, would also suit a gravel or rock garden. 10" x 15". AGM.

**A. 'Susanna Mitchell'**. Grey foliage, delightful creamy-yellow daisies early and mid summer. Good cut flower. Best with some shelter from cold winter winds if possible. H.15". Spread 2ft.

**A. tinctoria 'E.C.Buxton'. Vintage**. Fresh lemon daisies all summer long. (6-11) 20".

**A. t. 'Eva'. Vintage**. Eye catching golden yellow smaller daisies all summer with deadheading. Low growing. 12". Has a tendency to lean forwards.

**A. triumfettii**. Smaller creamy yellow daisies June to Sept. Nice neat greyish green foliage. Altogether neater habit than others. 10". Lovely for cutting or in a pot on an outside table.

***Anthriscus sylvestris* 'Ravenswing'**. Black cow parsley. Always self seeds around the place. Brown foliage and airy white flowers in early summer. Height depends on growing conditions. 4ft. Sun, p. shade. Early interest plant to grow between later flowerers.

***Artemisia lactiflora*. Garden form.** \*\*We grow this with white *Astrantia*, *Aster divaricatus*, *Molinia Windsaule* and *Patrinia Punctiflora*. Backed by a laurel hedge. A cool calm collection. Lots of long lasting small white flowers, green foliage. Reminds me of Broom. Builds to 6ft.

**A. l. \*\*Fresh green form.** Bright green cut foliage on green upright stems producing fresh white flowers from July. Not sure of mature height ours made 3ft in second year after planting.

**A. l. Guizhou Group.** Open sprays of white flowers held on dark flushed stems. 6ft.

***Aruncus* 'Horatio'**. Goat's Beard. Attractive cut fern like leaves on upright pink flower stems. Feathery white arching plumes from early summer. Whole plant turns an autumnal red by August. Winter shape is good. For sun or some shade. 4-5ft.

**ASTER.** \*\*Zzz and Butterfly. For the daisy lovers amongst you we offer a varied choice to suit any garden from romantic cottage style to naturalistic or smart minimal modern. Listed varieties are usually mildew free and make excellent cut flowers. But are not the short bushy ones stocked by garden centres etc. We produce limited numbers and always sell out so best to buy and plant early season that way the plants establish well before flowering time. Asters can really extend the flowering season, so don't stop at one variety. Easy to grow and give you something to look forward to. Some asters have had a name change but we have not gone over to the new names.

***Aster* 'Coombe Fishacre'**. Many small lilac pink daisies in late summer, autumn. Easy and good. Spreads gently and so you can lift pieces in spring for re-planting or sharing with a friend. Kim's current favourite. 2ft ish. AGM.

**A. *divaricatus*.** White wood-aster. Starry white flowers on dark stems. (7-10) Nice glossy foliage. Indispensable for dry shade but happy in sun or shade, any soil. We have a good upright form. Would be so good under a white stemmed birch tree. 1-2ft depending on the soil.

**A. *glehnii* 'Aglenii'**. We enjoy this plant come the end of summer when few plants are in flower for its fresh sprays of soft white flowers followed by fluffy seed heads. Good green buffer plant leading up to flowering. I always cut some sprays too. Upright 5ft. Probably Stephen's favourite.

**A. *x. frikartii* 'Monch'**. **Vintage.** Large lavender-blue flowers and lots of them for weeks on end. (6-9) AGM. Forms a tight crown but will eventually divide with care. Mildew free.

***Aster novae-angliae*. 'Andenken an Alma Potschke'**. Eye catching vibrant, salmon-red-pink. (8-10) 3ft. Butterfly plant. All the New England (*novae-angliae*) asters were superb for the last 3 year as it was sunny and dry during flowering.

**A. n-a. 'Mabelle'**. Dark purple, moody flowers. 4-5ft.

**A. n-a. 'Primrose Upward'**. Dark rich pink flowers. 4-5ft.

***Aster novae-belgii*.** Michaelmas daisies. Flowering either side of Michaelmas Day 29<sup>th</sup> September. . Sturdy, forming a dividable clump of foliage. Attractive to bees and butterflies.

**A. n-b. 'Neron'**. Rich pink semi double flowers in (8-9). Good if you need a splash of intense colour. Neat and bushy. Can divide. Plant in sun. H. 18". SP. 12".

**A. *pyrenaicus* 'Lutetia'**. Sprays of lilac-blue starry daisy flowers. (7-9). Easy. 18".

**A. *radula* 'August Sky'**. Sprays of small purple-mauve flowers. (7-9) The first aster into flower in our garden. Clumps up very well. Nice cut flower. 18".

**A. *trifoliatius subsp ageratoides* 'Ezo Murasaki'**. Sprays of small purple flowers, (9&10). Lovely wild appearance. Spreads once established, easy to lift and replant or pot. 2ft.



**A. 'Twilight'**. Perfect sprays of violet-mauve flowers. An easy aster for sun or some shade. Usefully spreads gently. So good for cutting in months 8 and 9 making a centre for a hand tied bunch. 2ft. Could do with a bigger planting so I don't feel guilty when I am cutting.

**A. umbellatus**. Tall upright stems carry large flat heads of small gentle white daisies. (9-10) Worth growing for the fluffy seed heads alone. Sun or p. shade. Can make 6½ft.

**A. 'Vasterival'**. Sprays of small soft lilac pink daisies. Spreads very well to give plenty of stems for cutting and Stephen reduces the spread each spring. (9-10) Can support but we grow it mingled with other flowers. 5-6ft.

**ASTILBE**. Tough, easy, not eaten by slugs or rabbits. Winter seed heads. Preferring a moist soil, sun or partial shade. Out of fashion? Lets bring them back. Good planted with Molinias and Persicaria amplexicaulis varieties. Or near to a wild life pond.

**Astilbe chinensis 'Visions in Pink'**. A compact plant. H. 12-15". Sp. 12".

**A. c. 'Vision in Red'**. Bronze-green foliage with red stems, red buds open to magenta flowers, winter seed heads. H. 15". Sp. 12".

**A. c. var. taquetii 'Purpurlanze'**. 'Purple Lance'. Brings vertical softness to a planting and the bonus of a good autumn and winter shape. Dryer soils restrict the growth. (8-9) 3ft.

**A. 'Elizabeth Bloom'**. Full mid pink flowers, (6-8). 2ft.

**A. 'Granat'**. Deep rose pink flowers. (6-8) 2-3ft.

**ASTRANTIA**. \*\*Zzz. One of the most important plants in our garden having a very long flowering period from mid May to October and being easy to grow on our improved clay soil. They grow well in rich, moisture retentive soil. We offer the better varieties in dark reds, pinks and white. Remove spent flower stems to encourage repeat flowering and to prevent seed shedding as plants grown from seed are variable. Water if dry. Sun or partial shade but best flower colour develops with plenty of sunshine. You can see them in our nursery stock beds and garden. Slug proof for us. Cut flower but smell of sweaty socks!

**Astrantia 'Buckland'. Vintage**. This subtle plant flowers continuously May to October. Large soft pink centres surrounded by pale pink bracts. Forms seed so we dead stem. 2-3ft.

**A. 'Bury Court'**. Distinct form with large dark red flowers. 3-4ft.

**A. 'Clear Pink'**. Smaller soft pink flowers on a neat plant. (7-10) Later into growth and consequently flower than Roma or Buckland and less vigorous. 18".

**A. 'Dark Desire'**. Our superb dark selection. Very dark ruby flowers held well above the foliage on dark stems. Re flowers well after dead heading. Limited availability. 2ft.

**A. 'Florence'**. Good soft pink selection. Flowers continuously. (5-10) Vigorous 3-4ft.

**A. 'Hadspen Blood'**. Dark red flowers (5-6 again 8-11) 18".

**A. 'Ladies of the night'**. Grown from seed collected from A. 'Dark Desire'. A bit risqué as you don't know just how good the plant will be!

**A. major 'Gracilis'**. New short variety producing white flowers May to October. 12".

**A. m. subsp involucrata 'Jumble Hole'**. Large fresh white and green flowers (5-10). Superb plant. Very long flowering season with dead heading, still looks good in November (5-11) Excellent selection from Richard Easton. Deadhead to prevent self sowing. 3ft.

**A. 'Moulin Rouge'**. Very dark bracts on this good dark red variety. Repeats. 2ft.

**A. 'Roma'. Vintage**. Sterile rich pink flowers (5-6 and 8-11).

A favourite of ours. Builds to 2-3ft. Divide every 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year to promote flowering. AGM.

**A. 'Super Star'**. Large white flowers (5-11). Vigorously forms large clumps. Remove tired leaves and flower stems through the season. H. 30". Spread 3ft.

**A. 'Washfield'**. Syn. 'Venice'. Later into flower and a distinct colour somewhere between Roma and Ruby Star. Repeats (5-11) so tidy throughout summer to keep looking fresh. 2ft.

**Baptisia 'Twilight' Prairieblues'**. Long-30" stems of deep burgundy purple pea flowers highlighted by a lemon-yellow keel. Summer. Nice foliage. Sun or part shade. H. 4-5ft. Sp. 2ft. Cut flower, drought tolerant.

**Brunnera macrophylla. 'Jack Frost'**. Silvered leaves, blue forget-me-not type flowers. Will thrive in p. shade or shade, even dry shade but seems to flower longer in moister soils. Grows well beneath north facing walls or fences, especially house walls. Dead head after flowering. Combine with Aquilegia, Polemonium, Primula, Tiarella etc Position in the shade if kept in containers. H. 18". Sp. 2-3ft. AGM.

**Bupleurum falcatum.** \*\*Umbellifer. Sprays of tiny yellow flowers on wiry stems above rosettes of leaves. (6-9) Usefully self sows-even in dry stony areas. Adds a fine contrast in mixed containers as well as the border and so nice in a sweet little posy. Each plant lasts a couple of years so leave some seedlings. 12".

**B. rotundifolium 'Copper'**. \*\* Attractive, subtle bronze flower heads. Height 2ft.

**Calamintha nepeta 'Blue Cloud'. Vintage.** \*\*Zz. Haze of pale blue tiny flowers on wiry stems above a mat of aromatic foliage. (7-9). Self sows in gravel. Needs good drainage and a trim back in spring. 6-10".

**C. n. 'Weisse Riese'**. Good white flowered form. 10".

**C. nepeta nepeta.** \*\*Zzz. The cloud of tiny mauve flowers are a magnet to bees in Aug and Sept. Aromatic minty shiny foliage. H 12". Width 15". Drought tolerant. Good planted with Sedum 'Autumn Joy' or Sedum 'Jose Aubergine'. Good edging a path or wall top.

**Campanula lactiflora 'Loddon Anna'**. Big plant and glorious in flower. Average 5ft.

**C. l. 'Prichard's Variety'. Vintage.** Zzz. Spires of violet-blue bell flowers. (6 to 7 then cut back to just below the last flowers, this will encourage new flowering side shoots). 3ft. AGM.

**C. portenschlagiana.** Zzz. Dalmatian bellflower. Small evergreen ivy-like leaves covered in mauve bell flowers (7-8) Low tumbling habit. Sun or partial shade. 6". Sp 18". AGM. Has seeded into a north facing wall on the sales area. What a joy. So easy to grow.

**C. poscharskyana 'Blue Waterfall'.** Zzz. Trailing and long flowering so nice in wall tops, window boxes, rockeries or border edges. (6-12! Some years) H. 4" Spread 2ft.

**C. p. 'Stella'.** Zzz. Darker flower than above and neater habit. Buns of foliage to edge a path, with blue-mauve bell flowers all summer. H. 4". Spread 12". AGM.

**Cenolophium denudatum.** Was listed as Seseli libanotis. Zzz. Finely cut glossy green leaves. Pink flushed stems. White umbel flowers May to September. Green seed heads. Sun or p. shade. Self sows. 2½ft.

**CENTAUREA.** \*\*Zzz. Cottage garden favourites, tough and flower well, coming back year after year. Easy to grow but stand up best when the soil is not too rich. They need some sun and space to establish.

**Centaurea triumfettii 'Hoar Frost'**. \*\*Grey foliage-good before flowering. Much admired white fringed cornflowers, notice the pretty pink centre. (7-8) Sun 15". Easy if not crowded.

**Centranthus ruber 'Albus'.** Vintage. Zzz. This wild plant has always been in our garden. Self sows a little but enough and we collect seed. It's the white form of the self seeding pink wild flower known as valerian. (6-8) Up to 2ft-shorter on dry ground.

**Mauve and pink forms** are available too.

**Cirsium 'Mount Etna'**. Zzz. Butterfly. White shaving brush like- flowers tipped with magenta. (7-9) Amazing seed heads most years, producing fairy down. Planted very effectively here with Calamagrostis b. 'Mona', Echinacea 'Pink Glow', Veronicastrum 'Erika' and Monarda 'Beauty of Cobham'. H. 3ft. Clump gets wider each year, can nibble pieces of though if it out grows the allotted space.

**C. rivulare 'Atropurpureum'**. **Vintage**. Zzz. Magenta-purple thistle flowers on tall strong stems. Divide every 3 or 4 years. (5-6). Rivulare suggests a moisture lover, but very tolerant. Glows in May against lots of green foliage in our garden. Gets swamped by August but still grows well. Spiny foliage. 5 ft.

**C. r. 'Trevor's Blue Wonder'**. Zzz. Butterfly. Purple thistle flowers held on stiff greyish purple stems. (5-7). Good early summer plant. Sun. 4ft.

**Crocoshia 'James Coey'**. Re-listed. Red flowers with a yellow eye in August. 18". Sun.

**DIANTHUS**. \*\*Pinks or Gillyflowers. We offer both traditional scented garden pinks and some more unusual species. Require well drained soil or gravel and sun. Perfect for cutting.

**Dianthus carthusianorum**. **Vintage**. Rich pink flowers on 2ft glaucous stems. Superb black winter skeleton. Planted in the garden semi circular gravel bed.

**D. cruentus**. Ok they should be blood red, but we had to buy in seed and most are flowering a rather good vibrant pink! Our red stock plants refuse to set seed.

**D. 'Devon Dove'**. White double fringed flowers which are highly scented. 12". AGM.

**D. 'Devon Wizard'**. Fabulous cyclamen pink. (6-9) Highly scented. 12" AGM.

**D. 'Kim'**. Clusters of small deep pink flowers on arching stems. (6-11) Pot or border.

**D. species**. Grassy evergreen foliage studded with dainty bright pink flowers on wiry stems all summer. Self sowing biennial. Could naturalize in dry thin soils or good soil. 8".

**DIASCIA**. \*\*We are offering some lovely varieties for pots or borders. Just don't cut back too hard before winter and plant in well drained soil and sun. Tidy in spring. (6-11)

**Diascia barberae 'Blackthorn Apricot'**. **Vintage**. Masses of apricot flowers. 10". AGM.

**D. 'Bluebelle'**. Navy blue-purple flowers on a neat plant, seems hardy, but very mild recent winters so no test really. Unusual colour.

**D. 'Emma'**. Vigorous, strong growing pink form. For pots or border. 15".

**D. 'Iceberg'**. Pure white flowers. Fairly lax habit. Spreads below soil level. 12".

**D. integerrima 'Blush'**. White flushed with soft pink. Lax habit. 10". Spreads underground.

**D. personata**. Tall, upright and sturdy producing pink flowers all summer. Good in the borders or in a pot. Nice with Agastache 'Black Adder'. 3ft. Evergreen so tidy in spring.

**D. 'Peter'**. Rich pink flowers, larger than those on Rupert Lambert. Spreads gently. H. 12".

**D. 'Rupert Lambert'**. **Vintage**. Pink flowers all summer. Will soften border edges and hard landscaping. Cut flower and cottage garden plant. 12". AGM. We have grown Rupert since we started the nursery 21 years ago.

**Dicentra 'Bacchanal'**. Back on list. Less spreading than other varieties. Attractive foliage has a yellow flush in spring. Dusky red heart shaped flowers from late spring. (5-9). Sun or shade but not suitable for a hot and dry site. Flowers for longer if cool and moist.

**DIGITALIS**. Zzz. Foxgloves are very important for bees and other insects. Sun or p. shade. **Digitalis ferruginea**. Tall spires of bronze flowers. (6-9or 10) Dry to brown-black for winter interest. Self sows and easily transplanted. Grown here with grasses. 4ft+. AGM.

**D. 'Illumination Apricot'**. New. Apricot flushed with pink tubular flowers (6-10) 75cm.

**D. 'Illumination Raspberry'**. Plant of the Year 2012 Chelsea Flower Show. Perennial and long flowering. Pink with a creamy yellow throat. (5-11!) H. 3 ft. Sp. 18".

**Dipsacus pilosus**. Small teasel. Self seeds **prolifically**. The late Henk Gerritsen kindly dug us up a few seedlings from his garden and we are so glad he did. This wild plant is our favourite for its hairy stems and seed heads. The magic happens when back light with sun in late summer and autumn. Tall sturdy 6-7ft.

**ECHINACEA**. \*\*Zzz. Cone flower. The word Echinacea comes from the Greek word *Echinos* meaning Hedgehog. A favourite of ours. They grow well if given; good soil, no competition, protection from slugs early and sun. All are honey scented at a certain stage of flowering and adored by bees and butterflies. The large flowers stand out beautifully in August. Good seed heads, until eaten by the birds.

**Echinacea pallida**. Pink drooping ethereal petals. Long flowering even though it looks so fragile. Self sows given chance. The best one for seed heads. I love this plant. 3ft.

**E. purpurea**. Variable pink flowers. Our own seed collection form robust plants. 2-3ft.

**E. p. 'August Queen'**. Large soft pink flowers lovely with *Selinum wallichianum*. 2-3ft.

**E. p. 'Green Jewel'**. Green cone centre, white sepals with a green tip. (7-9) H. 2ft.

**E. p. 'Magnus'**. Good large flowered vigorous pink seed strain. 3ft.

**E. p. 'Pink Glow'**. Our vigorous selection from a batch of Rubinglow seedlings. The first variety into flower and holds well. (7-10) 3ft. An exceptional coneflower and much admired.

**E. p. 'Prairie Splendor'**. Shorter variety from seed. Variable pink flowers. (7-9) 2ft.

**E. p. 'Rubinglow'**. Glowing rich pink and slightly ruffled. 2ft.

**E. p. 'Virgin'**. Horizontal white rays surround a green turning to bronze cone. 2-2½ft.

**E. p. 'White Swan'**. Selected white form with drooping petals and a golden cone. Grown in our garden with bronze fennel. Strong plants for sale. 28".

**ECHINOPS**. \*\*Zzz. From the Greek word *Echinos* meaning hedgehog. Echinops are easy to grow and are drought tolerant, possessing spherical flower and seed heads. Bees adore them. Form sturdy plants after a couple of years.

**Echinops ritro ssp. ruthenicus 'Platinum Blue'**. Brilliant sky blue globes. White woolly stems and dark green cut foliage. A shorter variety at 2ft.

**E. sphaerocephalus**. White flowers, grey-green foliage. (6-9) 80cm.

**Erigeron annuus**. \*\*Self seeding. We can't praise this plant enough. There is no better plant for giving white daisies all summer and autumn. Any soil even crushed stone. Sun or p. shade. Masses of small white daisies. (6-10 and longer) Height dependent on soil quality. 4-5ft.

**E. karvinskianus. Vintage**. White-tinged pink, small daisies, all summer. We plant up a pair of urns each year. Try one in a clay pot, basket, hanging basket or window box. Pretty lining a path. Seeds around and at last it has found its way into our nursery walls. 8". AGM.

**E. 'Sommerneuschnee'**. \*\*White daisies tinged with lilac-pink above an evergreen mat of foliage. Flowers all summer with dead heading, nice to cut too. H. 18". Sp. 18".

**ERYNGIUM**. Zzz. Eryngo, sea holly. Develop a long tap root to search out water. Prefer full sun. Well drained in winter. Winter skeletons. Cut flower once enough to spare!

**Eryngium alpinum 'Blue Star'**. New. Not prickly. Silvery blue dramatic flowers. (7-9) 2ft.

**E. bourgatii 'Picos Blue'**. **Vintage**. Has self sown here in gravel to produce stunning plants. (7-9 or 10) 18"-2ft. Good with *Achillea 'Moonshine'* and *Stipa tenuissima* or *Stipa Ichu*.

**E. ebracteatum var. poteriodes**. Plum thimble flower heads in summer and autumn. Looks like a *sanguisorba*! Wiry stems and grey-green narrow foliage. Sun. 4-5ft with time.



**E. giganteum 'Silver Ghost'**. Biennial but self seeds. Spiny silver heads. 2-3ft. AGM.  
**E. proteiflorum**. Mexican sea holly. Strap like leaves edged with spines. Superb blue cones surrounded by silver bracts. Required a sunny, well drained fairly sheltered site. 3ft+.  
**E. x zabelii 'Big Blue'**. New. Superb spiny flowers turn from green to silver to deep blue (7-9) H. 2ft. Sp. 2ft.  
**E. x z. 'Jos Eijking'**. Back on our list. Slender spiny blue flowers as above. 2ft.

**EUPATORIUM**. \*\*Zzz. Joe Pyeweed. Big bold late summer flowering perennials. Very attractive to bees and butterflies. Powder puff like seed heads. Persistent winter skeleton.  
**Eupatorium dubium 'Little Joe'**. The first compact variety which produces lots of insect friendly flowers in late summer. Usual pink colour. Sun or part shade. 4ft. Sp. 2-3ft.  
**E. maculatum 'Atropurpureum'**. Large purplish-pink flower heads on tall dark stems. Powder-puff seed heads and a good winter silhouette. (8-11) Builds to 6-8ft depending on the richness of soil. 6ft in our garden. A magnet to butterflies. AGM. We have a particularly good form of this variable plant.  
**E. m. atro. 'Purple Bush'**. The flower heads are not quite as big as on the species and it produces flowering side stems. 5-6ft. AGM.  
**E. m. atro 'Riesenschirm'**. Larger heads and slightly arching dark stems. 6-7ft. AGM.  
**E. 'Prairie Giant'**. Our introduction. Very tall, with foliage well spaced up the stem. Pink flowers in late summer. Seed heads. Height 9ft.  
**E. 'Snowball'**. Another good perennial from Piet Oudolf. Upright and relatively compact habit. Produces creamy white coloured inflorescences late summer. 5ft.

**Euphorbia palustris**. Dramatic heads of sulphur yellow bracts on strong stems (6-7) 3ft.  
**E. polychroma. Vintage**. Bright yellow bracts (4-6) then fade, can be cut back to encourage new fresh growth. Can develop mildew if stressed, just cut back. 18". Sp. 2ft. Caution sap is an irritant.

**Ferula communis**. Truly perennial-our plant is at least 10 years old and produces one tall sturdy flower stem most years. Yellow-green umbels in summer. Attractive foliage. 2m.  
**F. szowitsiana**. Was microloba. Perennial. Yellow flowers in umbels. Dissected foliage. 2ft.

**Filipendula rubra 'Venusta'**. Queen of the prairie. Dark stems produce pink beaded trusses and by mid-summer fluffy pink cloud like heads. I wish these lasted longer. A wet prairie plant but suits average soil. Has a tendency to send out underground shoots; these can be separated off in spring. Sun or p. shade. 6ft. AGM.

**Foeniculum vulgare 'Purpureum'**. **Vintage**. \*\*Zzz. Bronze fennel. Associates well in numerous schemes. Self seeds. Wonderful soft feathery brown foliage early season followed by umbels of yellow flowers, then good seed heads. Brings an aromatic scent to the garden in late summer and autumn. 5ft. We cut back in spring. The best umbellifer we grow!

**GERANIUM**. \*\*Hardy geraniums are very popular and we offer just a small selection; avoiding those which are too generous at self seeding or having a short flowering period. Slug proof and easy.

**Geranium 'Ann Folkard'**. **Vintage**. New after a long break. Large magenta-purple, black centred flowers. A good weaver and filler. Could plant between perennials, grasses or shrubs as a filler. Yellow spring foliage. 2ft by 5ft. AGM.

**G. 'Anne Thomson'**. Magenta-purple with a dark centre above an attractive mound of foliage. (6-11) Easy. Sun or p. shade. H. 15". Sp. 2ft. AGM.

- G. 'Azure Rush'**. A sport of G. 'Rozanne'. Introduced by Blooms. Large 6cm, light blue flowers, a more compact habit and even longer flowering time. Looks really good. For pot, window box or border, sun or p. shade. 12-16".
- G. 'Blue Cloud'**. **Vintage**. Pale blue flowers. (6-10) Sun or p. shade. H. 1-2ft. Sp. 3ft. Produces a few seeds. Really good filler plant. Clumps up well and easily divided to make more! AGM.
- G. 'Blushing Turtle'**. New to us in 2016. Large lilac pink flowers over low mounds of foliage. (6-9) Easy and long flowering. 12" x 30".
- G. 'Brookside'**. Large blue flowers with a paler centre. (6-9) Sun or p. shade. Good filler plant and wilder looking than Geranium 'Orion'. 2ft. AGM.
- G. 'Crystal Lake'**. Pale blue flowers with a pretty veining. (6-11) Low growing. Sun or partial shade. This geranium really shines when the sun goes off it. H. 10". Sp. 3ft.
- G. 'Dragon Heart'**. Large magenta saucer shaped flowers with a black centre and veining, lots of them over a tidy clump. (6-9) Sun, p. shade. 2ft. Ready in August 2015.
- G. 'Dilys'**. Wonderful geranium for scrambling amongst grasses and late summer perennials. Magenta pink flowers on trailing stems. Long flowering (6-11). Can't praise enough. AGM.
- G. 'J.S. Matu Vu'**. New variety bred from G. *Psylostemon* having dark eyed pink flowers. (6-9) Compact. H. 12". Sp. 12".
- G. 'Light Dilys'**. Paler flower than on Dilys. Same habit.
- G. 'Lilac Ice'**. Another sport from G. 'Rozanne', having large pale lilac 6cm flowers with darker veins (6-10). Compact forming neat mounds. Sun or part shade. H. 12". Sp. 2ft.
- G. 'Little Gem'**. **Vintage**. Silky magenta-purple cupped flowers on trailing flower stems June through to autumn. Hardy if not too exposed. 10". Sp. 2ft.
- G. maculata 'Beth Chatto'**. Pale lilac-pink upward facing flowers in early summer. Sun or p. shade. 2ft. Good for early colour in otherwise later flowering plantings.
- G. m. 'Vickie Lynn'**. New. Sprays of soft lilac flowers. 18".
- G. macrorrhizum 'Whiteness'**. Clean white flowers (4-8) and aromatic foliage. Tough and gently spreading. Any soil and aspect, including dry shade. 12". AGM.
- G. 'Mavis Simpson'**. **Vintage**. Cupped shell pink flowers all summer. Grey-green foliage trails or carpets. Border plant but also good in pots or as a single plant for a hanging basket. Sun or some shade. H 9". Sp 2-3ft lax flowering stems. Take off flower stems in winter and cut back in spring. AGM.
- G. nodosum**. A favourite for difficult places such as under north facing walls with poor thin soil. Easy to satisfy and flowers continuously from June until winter. Mauve, darker veined flowers in varying shades. Self sows too. Nice in a good border too. 15".
- G. 'Orion'**. Large dark blue flowers. (5-8) Divide to retain the bowl shape after about 4 years. Similar flower to Brookside but the habit is more compact. H. 2ft. Sterile. AGM.
- G. 'Patricia'**. **Vintage**. Large vibrant pink flowers. (6-9) Robust. H & S 3ft if supported. Sterile so no self seeding. AGM.
- G. pyrenaicum 'Bill Wallis'**. **Vintage**. Early sprays of vibrant violet small flowers on red stems, then intermittently until frosts. Self sows. 15". Sun or p. shade will tolerate poor ground if seeded into it. Another one of our very early nursery days plants. A must have.
- G. 'Red Admiral'**. Large reddish pink flowers with a dark centre and veining. (6-9) Deadheading encourages repeat flowering. Red autumn foliage. H. 24". Sp. 30".
- G. 'Rozanne'**. Chelsea Flower Show Plant of the Centenary. Large violet blue with paler centre and dark anthers. Long flowering (6-11). Sun or part shade. Not for small spaces-be warned. For pot or border. AGM. Spring division every 3<sup>rd</sup> or so year. H. 2ft. Sp. 3ft.
- G. sanguineum 'Album'**. White flowers above dark green cut foliage. (6-8) 12". AGM.
- G. s. 'Glenluce'**. Large clear pink-mauve flowers. (5-10) Planted on the edge of our molinia meadow. 12".

- G. s. 'New Hampshire Purple'**. Magenta purple flowers. (6-9). H.12". Sp. 18".
- G. s. 'Max Frei'. Vintage**. Dark magenta flowers. (6-10) 10". Sun or p. shade. Floriferous.
- G. s. var. striatum**. Clear soft pink flowers (6-9) 10". AGM.
- G. s. 'Tiny Monster'**. A bigger growing meadow cranesbill. Really good filler plant providing large purple flowers all summer. Planted in our garden. H. 12-15". Sp. 2ft.
- G. 'Sirak'**. Large showy mauve flowers. (5-7) Rounded sage green foliage. Sun. 18"-2ft. AGM. Similar to Geranium x magnificum but will repeat flower if cut back.
- G. soboliferum**. Darker veined rose purple-magenta flowers (6-9). Sun. H. 16". Sp.
- G. sylvatican 'Album'**. New. Sprays of large white flowers early in summer. May repeat flower following a cut back. Lovely in some shade. 2ft.
- G. s. 'Mayflower'**. Back on our list. Sylvatican suggests woodland. This geranium can extend the season of a spring woodland planting into early summer (5-6) or perhaps provide early flowers in a summer perennial border. Large lavender blue flowers with a white centre. 2ft. AGM.
- G. 'Tiny Monster'**. Large purple flowers (6-11) Mound of dark green leaves and trailing weaving flower stems. 15" by 2ft. A long flowering filler plant.
- G. 'White Doves'**. Our new hardy geranium. A chance seedling found in a nursery stock bed. Good sized white flowers June to November. Attractive glossy evergreen foliage. Sun or partial shade. H 15". Sp. 2-3ft.

**GEUM**. Dependable front of border perennials. Regular division encourages flowering; don't let them get too comfortable. Will grow in most soils, in sun or partial shade.

- Geum 'Alabama Slammer'**. Burgundy purple calyx opens to reveal ruffled, gold flowers with blazing red-orange markings and a gold centre. (5-6) 12" x 12".
- G. 'Bell Bank'. Vintage**. Re introduced by us years ago when with some detective work we traced this lovely plant back to Geoffrey Smith. Pink flowers late spring. 10".
- G. 'Cosmopolitan'**. Cocktail Series. Creamy petals flushed and edged with a rosy pink on semi double flowers that look like miniature roses. 18". Sp. 18".
- G. 'Lisanne'**. Large yellow flowers early summer. Sun or part shade. H. 12".
- G. 'Mai Tai'**. Cocktail Series. Burgundy purple calyx opens to reveal ruffled apricot flowers with a rose blush. They lighten to peach as mature. (5-6). 16" x 14".
- G. 'Mango'**. Small flowers in spring and Autumn. Lovely dark buds too. 12-15".
- G. 'Mrs J Bradshaw'**. New. Semi double red flowers. (5-9) 2ft.
- G. 'Prinses Juliana'. Vintage**. Semi- double orange flowers. (5-11) 15". Divide regularly.
- G. 'Rubin'. Vintage**. \*\*Double tomato red flowers all summer. Sun. 18".
- G. 'Tequila Sunrise'**. Cocktail Series. A cocktail of colours , purple buds open to apricot with rose shading. Sun and moist soil. 16" x 14".
- G. 'Totally Tangerine'**. Back on our list. This relatively new introduction is tall and long flowering producing smaller single flowers giving the plant a wilder appearance. I like it with Polemoniums and Molinia. (6-9) with some removal of spent stems or flowers. H. 30" Sp. 2ft.
- G. triflorum**. North American native. Grown for it's seed heads which are pink and feathery. One common name is prairie smoke. Sun or part shade. Height 8".

**Gillenia trifoliata**. Back on our list. White starry flowers through summer. Reddish stems. Sun or some shade. Autumn colour. Cut back in late winter avoiding new growth. 2ft.

**Gypsophila paniculata 'Compacta Plena'**. Back on our list. 'Baby's Breath'. Double white flowers are suffused with pink. So pretty in a little cut glass vase. (6-8) 18". Sun and well drained soil. Trim back in spring once new shoot appear.

**G. repens 'Rosa Schonheit'**. Low mat of evergreen foliage studded with pink flowers (7-9) 6". Lovely cascading a pot or wall top. Will get wider each year but takes well to a cut back in spring. Flowers best in full sun and rich soil or compost.

**G. 'Rosenschleier'**. (Rosy Veil) **Vintage**. A cloud of tiny double pale pink flowers on wiry stems. (7-8). H. 10" Sp 18". Sun and well drained soil or pot. Provides a froth of pale pink. Could be grown with *Calamintha nepeta nepeta*, and *Geranium Little Gem* or *Mavis*. AGM.

**HELENIUM**. \*\*Sneezewort. Dense foliage and rich autumnal colours. Grow in sun. Divide in late winter-spring, this reduces the height and plants then stand up better if it is a wet, windy summer! May require protection from slugs especially if planting very early in the year.

**Helenium 'Amber'**. New. Amber coloured flowers mid to late summer. 3-4ft.

**H. 'Kanaria'**. Yellow flowers and a unusual green boss. A sturdy 4-5ft.

**H. 'Kupferzweig'**. Translates Copper dwarf. Coppery red smaller flowers with yellow tips to petals. (8-9) A short sturdy variety which forms dense clumps. 24-30".

**H. 'Meranti'**. New. Large good red flowers. H 3-4ft.

**H. 'Moerheim Beauty'**. Early flowering variety. Rich red flowers these pale with age. Re flowers with or without a dead head. (6-7 and 8-9) 4ft. Usually needs a plant support. AGM.

**H. 'Sahin's Early Flowerer'**. **Vintage**. A vigorous plant and excellent flowerer (6-11) Large flowers yellow streaked brown-orange. Dead head for repeat flowering. 3-4ft. AGM.

**H. 'Wesergold'**. Lovely combination of a brown boss and yellow petals. (6-9) 30". AGM.

**HELIANTHUS**. \*\*Perennial sunflowers.

**Helianthus 'Anne'**. Similar to H. 'Lemon Queen' with deeper yellow flowers. 5-6ft.

**H. giganteus 'Sheila's Sunshine'**. \*\*Pale yellow daisies atop willowy tall stems. (8-11) 7-8ft. Cut flower if you can reach, use a pole saw! Nice with a late blue *Aconitum*.

**H. 'Lemon Queen'**. **Vintage**. \*\*Vigorous and floriferous, lemon daisies. (8-11) 5-6 ft. Sun. Late summer perennial sunflower. Divide outside pieces off or lift and split in spring. AGM.

**H. microcephalus**. \*\*US native and our favourite; masses of smaller yellow flowers (8-11) Sun or partial shade. See it in our Tulip Arbour bed along with Lemon Queen and Sheilas Sunshine. Spring division-nibble pieces off rather than lifting whole plant. H. 6ft Sp 3ft.

**H. 'Triomphe de Gand'**. Large yellow anemone centred sunflowers, (8-9) 4-5ft.

**HEUCHERA**. \*\* Zzz. Foliage plants for sun or shade. Temperature and light influence the leaf colour. Container or border. Over winter better if sheltered. Otherwise they take time to regrow in spring. Take of tired leaves as and when. Height given are of plant in flower.

**Heuchera 'Chocolate Ruffles'**. **Vintage**. Reliably good like Lindt chocolate. Greyish haze of flowers. Some gardeners prefer to remove the flowers.

**H. 'Obsidian'**. Dark glossy purple black foliage. Greenish white flowers. (7-9) 2ft

**H. 'Peach Flambe'**. Looks so good all year round if grown in a sheltered spot. The shiny leaves change colour as temperatures rise being darkest in winter. White flowers. (5-7) 15".

**H. 'Plum Pudding'**. **Vintage**. Deep plum-red evergreen, glossy foliage. Medium sized.

**H. 'Rachel'**. Back on list. Green leaves, suffused with purple. Coral pink flowers. (5-9) 12".

**H. 'Strawberry Swirl'**. Back on our list. Green ruffled foliage and lots of tiny blush pink flowers all summer. On my list of 'Pretty Perennials'.

**Inula hookeri**. Bright yellow large spidery daisies. (7-8) Vigorous. 18". Spreads indefinite. Drought tolerant. Competes well with our Yew hedge roots.

**Kalimeris 'Antonia'**. Blue rounded daisies a deeper blue flower than Charlotte. 18".

All varieties are easy and long flowering with the appearance of an Aster for sun or p. shade.



**K. incisa 'Charlotte'**. Blue-mauve daisies. (6-10) H. 4ft.

**K. i. 'Madiva'**. Palest blue-mauve almost white daisies in sprays. (7-11) 2-3ft.

**K, i. 'Nana Blue'**. Pale blue daisies (6-9) H. 12". Spreads indefinitely but easily removed.

**K. integrifolia 'Daisy Mae'**. Excellent new plant. Sprays of white flowers all summer. Attractive to butterflies and drought tolerant- not an essential in a Pennine garden. 2ft.

**Laserpitium siler**. White with pink tinges cow parsley type flowers. (6-7) Truly perennial. Attractive grey green foliage. Sun, p. shade. Associates well in our gravel bed with *Stipa gigantea* 'Gold Fontaene' and *Nectaroscordum siculum*. Good seed heads. Takes a few years to establish and start flowering. 2-3ft. Air width 3ft.

**Lavender**. \*\*Zzz. Both listed are hardy. Cut back after flowering sometime in Sept.

**Lavandula angustifolia 'Hidcote'**. **Vintage**. Deep purple flowers. (7-9) 20". AGM.

**L. a. 'Munstead'**. **Vintage**. Neat growth and blue-purple flowers. (7-9) 18".

**Ligusticum lucidum ssp. lucidum**. Monocarpic and can take 3 years to flower no wonder we don't sell many! But we think it is worth the time and space. A hemispherical mound of fine leaves is eventually covered in white umbel shaped flower heads. Bliss. 3ft.

**Linaria 'Cannon Went'**. Very pretty pink flowers in spires. Wouldn't be without it.

Probably never will be as it has self seeded in the nursery and garden. 1-2ft.

**L. 'Springside White'**. Toadflaxes pleasantly self sow in our garden and nursery beds. This is a pure white one. A welcome addition. 1-2ft.

**Lobelia hybrid Elizabeth Strangman selection**. Tubular red smaller flowers. (7-9) Green foliage and very hardy. 28".

**L. x speciosa 'Dark Crusader'**. Velvety dark red flowers in spires on purple flushed stems, bronze infused foliage. (7-10) Height 28".

**L. x s. 'Hadspen Purple'**. Gorgeously rich flowers. (7-9) H. ?

**L. x s. 'Tania'**. Crimson-purple flowers. (7-10) Pink speckled green foliage. 3ft.

**Lychnis flos-cuculi 'Jenny'**. New. Pink ragged robin flowers. (5-7) Upright habit. Sun or partial shade. 18". Sp. 12".

**LYTHRUM**. \*\*Zzz. Purple loosestrife. Easy to grow and place as combines so well with many summer flowering plants and grasses, especially *Echinacea*, *Monarda*, *Persicaria* and *Phlox*. Nice dry dead stems in winter. Sun or p. shade. Slug proof. The *salicarias* are tolerant of very wet soils and part shade whereas the *virgatum*s flower best and look good if we have a dryish sunny summer.

**Lythrum alatum**. Wilder looking lilac flowers. (7-9) Stand up well once established. 2ft.

**L. salicaria 'Blush'**. Spires of blush pink flowers. (7-10) 2-3ft. AGM.

**L. s. 'Robin'**. Good new short pink flowered loosestrife. 18".

**L. s. 'The Rocket'**. A vivid deep pink form. Denser flower spikes-showy. (7-9) 30-36".

**L. virgatum 'Dropmore Purple'**. **Vintage**. Purple flowers. Perfect plant! (7-9) 3ft.

**L. v. 'Helena'**. Spires of small pink flowers. (7-9) 3ft.

**L. v. 'Lady Sackville'**. New. Similar to Dropmore Purple. )7-9) 3ft.

**L. v. Pale form**. From Oudolf nursery, pale mauve flowers quite lovely. (7-10) 28".

**L. v. 'Swirl'**. Pink-mauve flowers. 3-4ft.

**Molopospermum peloponnesiacum.** *Zzz.* Very pretty umbels of yellow flowers (5-6). Attractive foliage. Sun or part shade. H. 3ft.

**MONARDA.** *\*\*Zz.* Bee balm. Aromatic. Whorls of shaggy flowers, the date and duration of flowering depends on the variety. (7-8 or 9). Grow in good, moisture retentive soil, in sun or p. shade. All varieties listed are mildew resistant, but can succumb if plants are stressed due to dryness. The showy flowers contribute to our garden in July and August. Persistent winter silhouettes. Attractive to butterflies, bees and humans.

**Monarda 'Beauty of Cobham'.** *Vintage.* Pale pink with plum bracts. 3-4ft. AGM. We grow this bee balm in our sexy pink border as it looks so good with *Veronicastrum 'Erika'*, *Angelica gigas* and *Sedum 'Matrona'*.

**M. 'Elsie's Lavender'.** Pale mauve flowers. Forms a tight clump. Tough. 3ft.

**M. 'Fishes'.** Green bracts around pale pink flowers. 3-4ft.

**M. fistilosa var menthifolia 'Mohikaner'.** Mauve flowers on thin dark stems. 3ft.

**M. f. var. 'Wahpe Washtemna'.** Translates fragrant leaves. Pinkish-purple flowers. (7-9) 4ft. Don't ask us to pronounce this North American Indian name! Smells so good.

**M. 'Garden View Scarlet'.** Show stopping, large red flowers. Vigorous. 4ft. AGM.

**M. 'Gewitterwolke'.** 'Thundercloud'. Dark foliage, deep red-purple flowers. Vigorous. 4ft.

**M. 'Hauptling'.** New. Dark foliage and dark pink flowers. 3-4ft.

**M. 'Kardinal'.** Magenta flowers. 4ft.

**M. 'Marshall's Delight'.** Large bright hot pink flowers. 3-4ft.

**M. 'Mohawk'.** Mauve-pink. Its been in our big border for years just nice and easy. 4ft.

**M. 'Neon'.** A Piet Oudolf selection with lilac-purple flowers and dark bracts. 3-4ft.

**M. 'On Parade'.** Magenta crimson flowers. Vigorous. 30".

**M. 'Othello'.** The darkest flowered bee balm we grow, a sultry burgundy. 4ft.

**M. 'Pink Lace'.** Deep pink flowers (7-9) mildew resistant. Shorter variety. 18"-2ft.

**M. 'Pink Tourmaline'.** Vivid raspberry pink flowers again dark bracts. 3-4ft.

**M. 'Saxon Purple'.** Dark rich plumy purple flowers. Strong growing. 3ft.

**M. 'Squaw'.** Bright scarlet flowers. Evergreen spreading foliage. (7-10) 3-4ft. AGM.

**M. 'Talud'.** Unusual and fabulous glowing pink. 3ft. AGM.

**M. 'Vintage Wine'.** Rich red-purple. Vigorous and 1<sup>st</sup> into flower. 3ft.

**Morina longifolia.** *Zzz.* Returned to our list. Viscously spiny but so good in flower; pink and white icing sugar tubular flowers held on upright sturdy stems. (6-8) Can self seed. 30" Sp15".

**NEPETA.** *\*\*Zzz* and butterfly. Catmint. Several of our neighbours own cats so I will share our experience. Not all catmints attract cats. Favourites are the species *racemosa* and *x faassenii*. To keep a cat off your plant just poke in a few short canes or better still rose prunings this prevents a good roll. We don't mind an odd nibble. Up turned hanging baskets work well placed over the plant in early spring when new growth is emerging. But sticks look better. Long flowering filler and edging plants.

**Nepeta govaniana.** Pale lemon yellow flowers. Aromatic foliage. Dies right back in winter and is late into growth. (8-10) Up to 6ft, but 4ft in our garden. Sun or shade.

**N. grandiflora 'Blue Elf'.** Our introduction. A shorter form of *Nep. grandiflora*: remaining compact and producing blue flowers over a long period. (6-9). Seems cat proof. 15".

**N. 'Lamendi'.** Bigger blue flowers. Forms a good upright bushy plant. 2ft.

**N. nervosa 'Blue Moon'.** Blue-purple chubby flowers, (7-9) Sun or p. shade. 12". Sp. 10".

**N. racemosa 'Toria'.** Another good plant acquired on a Dutch trip. Blue-mauve flowers on trailing stems over a carpet of grey-green aromatic foliage starting in May then all summer. 4".

**N. r. 'Walkers Low'. Vintage.** Mauve-blue flowers spaced in spires. (5-9) Attracts insects and cats. Lovely edging plant and such a long flowering. 15"-2ft. Sp 2ft. AGM.

**N. x faassenii 'Blue Wonder'.** New. Good blue flowers (5 and 6). Repeats with a trim. 12". Sp. 2ft. We need to plant this new introduction to see just how good it is.

**N. x f. 'Junior Walker'.** New. Compact and long flowering. 12-15".

**ORIGANUM.** Zzz and butterfly. Hardy, Mediterranean plants with evergreen aromatic foliage and late summer flowers. Drought tolerant. These are not edible.

**Origanum laevigatum.** Earlier into flower than Herrenhausen and stronger growing. Lots of pale pink flowers. Perfect for cutting to add aromatic stems to a bunch. H. 12". Sp. 12".

**O. l. 'Herrenhausen'. Vintage.** Pink flowers with dark bracts. 12". AGM.

**O. 'Rosenkuppel'.** Strong growing, producing arching stems of larger flower heads. We use it front of border along side Geranium 'Dilys' and Saponaria 'Max Frei'. H. 12". Sp. 18".AGM.

**Patrinia aff. Punctiflora.** Biennial. Small clusters of bright yellow flowers form flat heads, these turn lime green and eventually become papery grey seed heads. (7-9) 3ft. A favourite plant for us. Self seeds and easy to grow if seed is sown fresh.

**Perovskia 'Blue Spire'.** Russian sage. Grey aromatic foliage. Slim spires of blue flowers late summer. (8-9) 3-4ft. Cut back to 6" in late spring. Full sun. AGM.

**PERSICARIA.** \*\* Zzz. Easy to grow, not fussy about soil and provide welcome verticals. Good with grasses. Look wild but have no vices. Generally slug and snail proof. During September 2012 we had an interesting visit to breeder Chris Ghyselen (CG) in Belgium.

**Persicaria amplexicaulis 'Alba'.** White and biscuit slim flowers. 4ft. Sp. 3ft. (6-10)

**P. a. 'Blackfield'.** (CG) Fabulous smouldering deep red. A later flowering variety. 4ft.

**P. a. 'Fat Domino'.** (CG) Fabulous fatter purple-red flowers. Builds to 4ft.

**P. a. 'Firedance'.** A glowing red-coral. 4ft.

**P. a. 'Orangefield'.** (CG) Coral-orange flower spikes. From Chris Ghyselen. 3-4ft.

**P. a. 'Pink Elephant'.** (CG) Smaller variety with pretty elephant trunk flowers. (6-11) 18".

**P. a. 'Rosea'.** Slim spires of biscuit and pink. (6-frost) 3-4ft.

**P. a. 'September Spires'.** Slim wilder looking spires and Kim's favourite. (8-11) 4ft.

**P. bistorta carnea.** Neat, producing pink flowers early and later in season. 12-15".

**P. b. 'Hohe Tatre'.** Pink with a mauve cast, long flowering. 2ft. May-June

**P. milletii.** Rich red upright flowers all summer on upright stems from a neat clump of foliage. Requires a moist soil in sun or partial shade. 12". Mice eat the seed!

**P. orientalis.** Annual. Pink hanging flowers on a tall sturdy plant. Available for May only.

**P. polymorpha.** Syn P. alpina. Large plant. Allow 6 feet air space. White flowers open in July and turn pink in autumn. Forms a tight non invasive clump. Sun or p. shade. Planted at the back of our big border. 6-7ft

**Peucedanum rablense.** Fine foliage. Flowers are white, tinged pink. (7-9) Sun. 3ft.

**P. verticillare.** Giant Hog Fennel or Milk Parsley. Tall elegant umbellifer with glaucous purple stems, producing green-yellow flowers in summer. Easy to grow from seed but can take 2 or more years to flower. Dies after flowering. Can self sow. 6-7ft. Statuesque.

**Phlomis tuberosum 'Amazone'.** A June plant. Mauve pink flowers in whorls on upright elegant stems. I call stands of this in our garden Lady's in crinoline dresses. 4-5ft. AGM.

**PHLOX.** \*\*Phlox paniculata are a must for summer colour and scent. Our selection of Phlox are scented, grow in sun or partial shade, best in rich soil which does not dry out. Easy.

**P. divaricata 'Clouds of Perfume'.** Icy blue fragrant flowers have a darker eye. (4-6) Moist meadow species in the wild. May need slug protection. 18"

**P. d. 'White Perfume'.** New. Fragrant flowers (5-6). Spreading green foliage. 12".

**P. maculata 'Reine du Jour'.** **Vintage.** Sweetly scented, maroon-eyed, white flowers, (6-10) Compact and easy to grow in sun or p. shade. 2ft. Excellent plant.

**P. paniculata.** Smaller mauve flowers. Wilder and lovely of course. (7-9) 5ft.

**P. p. 'Blue Paradise'.** **Vintage.** At its best in evening light or shade. (7-8) Does not have strong stems; Support or allow to mingle as we now do in our garden. Natural gardening allows for no staking! Lots of variables I know but its about letting go of control. 3-4ft.

**P. p. 'Cardinal'.** Vibrant magenta flowers. Bleaching on edges of petals. (8-9) 3ft.

**P. p. 'Dusterlohe'.** Rich glowing magenta flowers. Some bleaching out. (8-9) 3ft.

**P. p. 'Lichtspel'.** Affectionately known as 'The bicycle stand Phlox' due to it's robust upright stems. Large heads of lilac, pink-eyed flowers. 4-5ft.

**P. p. 'Little Sara'.** Dark green foliage, palest pink with a pink eye. 3-4ft.

**P. p. 'Monica Lynden Bell'.** **Vintage.** Pale pink flowers, a strong peppery scent. 24-30".

**P. p. 'Mount Fuji'.** Flowers formed by white, spaced petals with a tiny yellow eye. (8-9) Fresh green foliage. 3ft. AGM.

**P. p. 'Nirvana'.** Pink buds produce small white, pink eyed flowers. (6-9) Long flowering. 3ft.

**P. p. 'Purple Mantle'.** Fabulous rich colour, from Coen Jansen. 3ft.

**P. p. 'Reddish Hesperis'.** Not red but a deeper pink than P. 'Hesperis'. 4-5ft.

**P. p. 'Starfire'.** Vibrant, non fading crimson red and dark foliage. 3ft. AGM.

**P. p. 'Windsor'.** Vibrant carmine rose with a magenta eye. (7-9) 30".

**P. x arendsii. 'Casablanca'.** Small, spaced, white petals. Fresh green foliage. 2-3ft.

**P. x a. 'Hesperis'.** Kim's favourite phlox, sweet little lilac-mauve flowers. 4-5ft.

**P. x a. 'Luc's Lilac'.** **Vintage.** Good mauve pink, medium sized, flowers. 4ft. AGM.

**Pimpinella major 'Rosea'.** Tiny soft pink flowers in umbels, self sows. (6-7) 18". We offer a few forms of this lovely wild flower.

**POLEMONIUM.** \*\*Zzz. Jacob's ladder. Good early summer flowering perennials for sun or partial shade. Can be divided to increase stock. Prefer a moisture retentive soil.

**Polemonium 'Heaven Scent'.** Purple spring foliage and blue flowers in late spring and early summer. Dead head to prolong flowering. Planted in a stock bed with Astrantias. Rounded bush shape. 18".

**P. 'Lambrook Mauve'.** I think Margery Fish would be wanting to grow the excellent Jacob's Ladders we have listed. Her's is a good grower and full of flower. H. 15-18". Sp. 2ft.

**P. 'Northern Lights'.** Larger blue bells and long flowering. A later variety. (6-9) 15-18".

**P. 'Sonia's Bluebell'.** **Vintage.** Pale blue flowers held in dark calyces. Early summer. Got this good plant from Carol Klein years ago at Harrogate Spring Show! She bought it back from us in 2013 when she came to film for The Great British Garden Revival. Then got more last year after filming for Gardener's World. What a special day that was! 18".

**POTENTILLA.** These herbaceous potentillas make good long flowering filler plants, they can be supported to lift flowering stems and propagated by division. Sun.

**Potentilla 'Gibson's Scarlet'.** **Vintage.** Sprays of red dark centred flowers on quite lax stems. (7-9) Sun. AGM.

**P. thurberi 'Monarch's Velvet'.** Sprays of dark red smaller flowers. Summer. 12".



**P. x hopwoodiana.** Pale peach flowers with a deep pink centre. (7-9) Trailing habit. Combine with any shade of blue., e.g. violas, nepetas or geraniums. H. 12". Sp. 3ft.

**P. x tonguei. Vintage.** Apricot, crimson centred flowers. (7-11) H. 4". Sp. 2-3ft. Have successfully grown in a wall planter on a north facing wall. Good trailing a wall or as a space filler. Nice in a hanging basket too. AGM.

**PRIMULA.** \*\*Prefer rich, moist soil, spring sunshine and partial shade in summer. Spring flowering and most varieties flower again in autumn. Propagation by late summer division.

**Primula 'Dark Rosaleen'.** Polyanthus. Bronze foliage, sprays of crimson flowers with a pale stripe. (2-5) and autumn. 5". Easy and long lived.

**Pulmonaria 'Blue Ensign'. Vintage.** Vibrant blue flowers in clusters set off by dark green foliage. 8".

**Ranunculus aconitifolius 'Flore Pleno'.** \*\*Known as 'Fair Maids of France'. Perfect double white flowers in sprays. Early summer. Grow in moist, fertile soil in sun or partial shade. Take care not to weed out as the new spring growth is similar to a buttercup! . 18". AGM.

**Rudbeckia fulgida deamii.** Yellow, black-bosseed daisy. (8-10) 3ft. AGM.

**R. filgida var. sullivantii 'Goldsturm'. Vintage.** Much admired, golden-yellow daisy with a brown velvet cone centre. This cone holds into winter. (7-9) 2½-3ft. S. 2ft. AGM.

**R. laciniata.** Yellow drooping petals around a green centre. 5-6ft.

**R. maxima.** Giant Coneflower or Dumbo's ears. Tall airy flower stems topped with narrow brown/black cones and soft yellow petals. (7-9) Large blue-green leaves. Prefers a good retentive soil and slug protection. 4-5ft. Butterfly plant and provides bird seed. Very beautiful too floating above a planting.

**R. subtomentosa.** Lots of golden yellow smaller daisies. 3-4ft. (8-10)

**R. subtomentosa 'Loofahsa Wheaten Gold'.** New. Larger flowers than species. 5ft.

**SALVIA.** \*\*Zzz. All need sun, good drainage and flower for at least 2 months. Very attractive to bees. Two distinct groups; hardy and tender. The first listed are all hardy, but may need slug protection in spring. Most varieties can be seen in our garden or stock beds.

**Salvia 'Miss Elly'.** From Coen Jansen. Little pink-mauve flowers (6-11) 2ft.

**S. nemorosa 'Amethyst'. Vintage.** Mauve flower spikes (6-10) 3ft. Sp 2ft. Support established plants, some of ours are well over 10 years old. A well deserved AGM.

**S. n. 'Caradonna'.** Dark stems and dark violet flowers. (6-10) Compact. 18" x 15". AGM.

**S. n. 'Lubeca'.** Violet purple flower spikes. (6-9) 2ft. Sp. 2ft. Forms a bushy plant. AGM.

**S. n. 'Ostfriesland'.** (East Friesland) Purple-blue flowers. (6-9) 15-20". Sp 18". AGM..

**S. n. 'Wesuwe'.** Back on our list. A good, compact early into flower blue form. 15".

**S. pratensis 'Pink Delight'.** Dark early foliage. Showy pink flowers in early summer. 15".

**S. 'Serenade'.** From Piet Oudolf, a rich mauve flower in a purple calyx on dark stems. Long flowering and robust, but can be late into growth. (5-11) 30". Sp. 24".

**S. verticillata 'Endless Love'.** Whorls of dusky purple flowers. (7-10) 18". Sp 2ft.

**S. v. 'Smouldering Torches'.** Similar to above, little deeper in flower colour. 2ft x 2ft.

**S. x sylvestris 'Blauhugel'.** (Bluehill) **Vintage.** Shorter light blue variety. (7-9) Long flowering but could be more upright. 15". Sp. 18". AGM.

**Salvia x s. 'Dear Anja'.** Excellent Oudolf selection. Mid blue, white lipped flowers on 3 ft spikes. (6-11) Lights up at dusk. Do not over crowd, superb once established.

**S. x s. 'Tanzerin'.** ( The Dancer) Upright spikes of mid blue flowers. 3 ft. Sp. 18". AGM.

**S. x s. 'Viola Klose'.** Dark violet blue. (5-9) 18"-2ft.

**Tender salvias:** We grow this group in pots and give protection from frost and biting winds. Grow from cuttings. All have aromatic foliage and flower summer and autumn enjoying sun and well drained soil or container. If planted in a sheltered position they come through most winters and need a spring pruning. See our plants on display in flower from June.

**Salvia 'Amistad'**. Large deep purple flowers are held in nearly black calyces. Can flower May to October if pot grown with protection. 3ft.

**S. 'Blue Note'**. Rich blue purple flowers 2ft.

**S. 'Didi'**. Creamy yellow and pink flowers. 2ft.

**S. 'Dorset Wonder'**. Deep pink larger flowers. 15".

**S. 'Ember's Wish'**. Bright coral red flowers. (7-10) Sun or part shade. Fabulous in a pot.

**S. 'Great Comp'**. Rich red flowers with purple calyces, (5-11) 80cm.

**S. greggii 'Icing Sugar'**. Two shades of pink. 28".

**S. 'Indigo Spires'**. Fabulous larger blue flowers in long, long spires. (7-11) 4-5ft. AGM.

**S. 'Lalarsha'**. Rose purple flowers, dark calyces. (5-10) 32".

**S. 'Phyllis' Fancy'**. Lavender two tones flowers on arching stems. (8-10) 3ft.

**S. 'Royal Bumble'**. Glowing red flowers. 2ft.

**S. 'Shame'**. Lovely soft pink. 2ft.

**S. 'Silas Dyson'**. Pinky-red held in purple calyces. Very attractive plant. 32".

**S. 'Wendy's Wish'**. New. Large pink flowers. (7-10) 3ft. Superb in a pot on a sunny patio.

**S. x jamensis 'Dysons' Orangi Pink'**. As named. 24".

**S. x j. 'La Luna'**. Soft yellow with a peach tip. 18".

**S. x j. 'Nachtvliinder'**. Dark maroon-purple. 2½ft.

**S. x j. 'Senorita Leah'**. Salmon pink lower, cream, pink flushed upper petals. 2ft.

**SANGUISORBA.** \*\*Burnet. This group of plants provide mounds of well textured spring foliage. The flowering time ranges from late spring to Autumn. Sun or part shade.

**S. albiflora.** White fat caterpillars, (7-8) Autumn colour. 12-15". Sun or partial shade.

**S. 'All Time High'**. Tall stems carry white flowers during late summer and autumn. 6ft.

**S. 'Blackthorn'**. Raspberry pink upright flowers about 2" long. (8-11). Upright 6-7ft.

**S. 'Cangshan Cranberry'**. Good one for late summer. Red upright flowers. 5-6ft.

**S. 'Coen's Cranberry'**. Another good plant from Coen Jansen's nursery. Red slightly hooked, burrs. Flowers 2 weeks earlier than Cangshan Cranberry. 5-6ft.

**S. h. 'Lilac Squirrel'**. Hanging long pink flowers. (7-9) Lax habit may need support. 3-4ft.

**S. menziesii. 'Wake Up'**. Upright reddish flowers. (5-6) 2ft x 2ft.

**S. officinalis. 'Arnhem'**. Redder than species-grows in certain lights. (6-7) Support. 5ft.

**S. o. 'Crimson Queen'**. New. Red bobble flowers in (7-9) Height 3ft.

**S. o. 'Martin's Mulberry'**. New. Early good sized red thimbles. (6-8) 4-5ft.

**S. o. 'Red Buttons'**. Plum thimble flowers. Our introduction selected for its compact habit and long flowering time. (7-10) 2ft x 2ft. Planted in our Molinia 'Poul Petersen' meadow.

**S. o. 'Red Thunder'**. Ruby thimble flowers in late summer. (8-11) 4-5ft.

**S. 'Scapino'**. Another good red burnet at its flowering best in July and August. 5ft.

**S. tenuifolia 'Splinter'**. Red flowers mid to late summer. 4ft.

**S. t. 'Stand Up Comedian'**. Reddish stems and tidy foliage. Creamy-white hooked catkin flowers. (8-10). 6ft.

**S. t. var. alba.** Plum coloured pinnate early foliage. White hanging shepherds crook like flowers in summer. Eventually can make 5ft.

**Saponaria intermedia.** Bright pink flowers (6-9) 10" x 15". Trailing habit.

**S. x lempergii 'Fritz Lemperg'.** Slightly deeper, muted pink flowers than Max. (8-10) 12".

**S. x l. 'Max Frei'.** Zzz. A must for any late summer planting. Lots and lots of mid pink flowers. (8-10) Burnt sugar scent on some days in autumn. Dies back in winter. 15" x 2ft.

**Saxifraga 'Clarence Elliott'. Vintage.** \*\*Zzz. A neat London Pride. Pink flowers atop pink stems above an evergreen carpet. Sun or shade. 4". AGM.

**S. geum 'Dixter Form'.** Zzz. Serrated evergreen foliage and frothy white flowers in early summer; just perfect edging a path. 8". An unusual 'London Pride'.

**SCABIOSA.** Pincushion flower. Zzz & butterfly. Cut flower. Sun and reasonable drainage. Cut or dead head regularly to encourage long flowering.

**Scabiosa caucasica 'Miss Willmott'.** Large white flowers. (6-9) 2ft.

**SEDUM.** \*\*Zzz. The flowers attract insects, have autumn seed heads and will grow in sun or some shade. Any soil or container and are also drought tolerant. We grow a nice range to give choice in habit and flower colour. All are so easy to grow.

**Sedum 'Bertram Anderson'.** Purple prostrate foliage, reddish-pink flowers. 4". AGM.

**S. caucicola 'Coca-Cola'.** Small stone crop, grey foliage and pink flowers. 2".

**S. 'Herbstfreude'.** Autumn Joy. So good with Molinia grasses late summer. Enormous heads, nice shade of red-pink. The best for seed heads. 18-24". AGM.

**S. 'Jose Aubergine'.** Dark foliage and dusky pink flowers. 15".

**S. 'Matrona'. Vintage.** Large leaves are flushed with maroon. Good two toned pink-plum flower heads. (7-9) 18-24". Winter shape. Possibly divide on third year. AGM.

**S. 'Red Cauli'.** Small glowing red flowers. 12". AGM.

**S. 'Ruby Glow'. Vintage.** Grey flushed pink, prostrate foliage, ruby flowers. 4" Sp. 18". AGM. We grow this plant in the garden along path edges-really good in September.

**S. rupestre 'Angelina'.** A must have plant, well I love it! Pine like foliage, low and trailing. Golden-orange in sun, greener in shade and winter. Roots easily.

**S. spurium 'Dragon's Blood'.** Creeping carpeter with dark pink flowers. 2". AGM.

**S. telephium 'Karfunkelstein'.** Vintage. Tempting blue grey - purple foliage. Upright 12". Planted here with salmon flowered Achillea and blue Salvia. AGM.

**Selinum sp.** Seed collected from a plant with wild collection number CC6869. An early flowering species producing white umbel flowers in June and July. Nice lacy foliage. Sun. 15" x 15". Plants available to flower this year.

**S. tenuifolium.** Robust pink stems carry flat white heads, a choice perennial 'cow parsley' attractive finely cut foliage. (7-8) Height builds to 5ft.

**S. wallichianum.** Slightly mounded, white flower heads, held on pink stems. (8-10). Could plant with Echinacea, Veronicastrum and grasses. 2-3ft. Can self sow.

**Serratula bulgarica.** Tall perennial with thistle like white flowers in summer. 7ft.

**S. seoanei.** \*\*Attractive fine foliage produces small lilac knapweed flowers on wiry stems in (9 and 10) 15". Sp. 15". Easy. Cut down in late winter.

**Seseli montanum.** Neat umbellifer for a sunny position, pinkish white flowers all summer. 12" x 12".

**SIDALCEA.** *Zzz.* Mallow type flowers. Flower for longer if grown in a moist soil as moist meadow plants in the wild. Sun or partial shade.

**Sidalcea 'Elsie Heugh'.** Fringed pale pink flowers in June and July. H. 30". Sp. 15".

**S. 'Loveliness'.** Lovely pink mallow flowers (7-9). 30".

**S. 'My Love'.** **Vintage.** Pale pink flowers for weeks. Got this plant years ago from Oudolf nursery along with some of our best plants. (7-9) 3-4ft.

**S. 'Sussex Beauty'.** Mid pink flowers. (7-9) 4ft.

**Silene dioica 'Rollie's Favorite'.** *Zzz.* Clumps of foliage, upright stems carry loose heads of bright pink Campion type flowers. (4-7) Trim for a repeat. 15". Tough and easy.

**Sisyrinchium 'Californian Skies'.** **Vintage.** Intense blue flower (5-8) Sun. Neat 4".

**S. idoensi pale form.** Greyish blue flowers. Subtle and sweet. 4".

**Sium sisarum.** We very much like this perennial parsnip. White umbels on branching stems all summer. It can self seed close to the plant. Slim, airy and upright. H. 5ft.

**Solidago rugosa 'Loydser Crown'.** \*\* Lime in bud, arching yellow sprays late summer. 4ft.

**Stachys monieri 'Rosea'.** \*\**Zzz.* Pink flowers and good seed heads. (6-7) 2ft.

**S. officinalis 'Hummelo'.** *Zzz.* Upright purple flowers. (6-7) 2ft. Gets better each year.

**Strobilanthes attenuata 'Blue Carpet'.** *Zzz.* Given space only 12", but will scramble into neighbours. Forms a slowly spreading carpet. Easily divided.

**THALICTRUM.** \*\*Meadow Rue. Give airy height to a planting. Delicate looking foliage which is good during the whole growing time. Sun or part shade. Grow well on rich moisture retentive soils, but are tolerant. Autumn and winter structure, cut back in late winter.

**Thalictrum 'Anne'.** Grey-green foliage. Upright stems topped with small mauve flowers. (6-7) 6-7ft.

**T. 'Black Stockings'.** Sprays of fluffy lavender flowers (6-7). Shiny dark stems and bright green foliage. Beautiful seed heads. Sun, p. shade. This plant is perfect for dotting into borders to provide early summer dabs of colour and the mauve teams so well with Salvia 'Serenade'.

We have it planted with dark Actaea foliage in front. Lovely combo. 3-4ft.

**T. delavayi. 'Album'.** Chinese meadow rue. Sprays of white lantern shaped flowers. (7-9) Sun or part shade. Humous rich soil. 40". AGM.

**T. d. 'Hewitt's Double'.** Late to emerge in spring. Attractive foliage produces a wonderful cloud of tiny double mauve flowers, like Gypsophila. (8-9) Gradually builds to a see through 5-6ft. AGM.

**T. 'Elin'.** A towering robust 8 feet. Red spring foliage gives way to glaucous doily-like foliage. Thick strong surging flower stems, produce airy sprays of mauve and cream flowers. (6-7) Good winter structure. No staking after the first year in our garden.

**T. flavum subsp. glaucum.** Blue-grey-green foliage. Upright strong stems carry clouds of fuzzy soft yellow flowers (7-8). Sun or p. shade. Adds freshness to a planting. AGM.

**T. pubescens.** (syn.polygamum) Large sprays of white flowers on dark 6-8ft stems, depending on the soil. Attractive grey-green cut foliage. Self sows just near to the plant.

**T. 'Splendide'.** Provides a large cloud of mauve flowers. (7-9) 4ft. Late into growth.

**T. 'Splendide White'.** Clean white flowers and fresh green foliage. (7-8) 4-5ft. .

**T. tuberosum.** Clusters of white flowers in summer. Sun or shade. 12-15". Sterile form.

**T. 'Tukker Princess'**. Cross between *T. flavum* and *T. Elin*. So we have *T. glaucum* on steroids! Soft yellow fuzzy flowers. (7-8) H. 7-8ft. Sp. 3ft.

**Tiarella cordifolia. Vintage.** Zzz. White foam flowers in Spring. H. 12". Sp. 18". AGM.

**Trifolium repens 'Wheatfen'**. Zzz. Brown-maroon clover leaves on rooting stems. Pink flowers. Front of border, rockery or cascading from a container. Not too dry. 9".

**T. r. 'William'**. Zzz. Green and red foliage. Pink globular flowers. (5-8) 9".

**Verbascum blattaria albiflora. Vintage.** Zzz. Can self seed rather a lot but worth the thinning out. Tall whippy spire of white pink eyed flowers all summer. Lovely with *Verbena bonariensis*. An absolute delight. Totally drought tolerant. 4-5ft.

**V. chaixii 'Album'**. Spires of white, purple eyed flowers. (6-8) 3-4ft. AGM.

**V. 'Cotswold Beauty'**. Apricot flowers. 3ft.

**V. 'Cotswold Queen'**. Bright yellow with a maroon centre.(6-7) 80cm.

**V. 'Firedance'**. Spikes of blood red flowers (6-8) 3ft.

**V. 'Merlin'**. Pink-mauve flowers in summer 2-3ft. Very well drained soil please.

**Verbesina alternifolia.** New. Butterly plant. Tall summer flowering prairie plant. Soft yellow daisy flowers. Tall and upright. 6ft.

**Verbena bonariensis.** \*\*Zzz and butterfly plant. Tall airy branching ridged stems topped with many heads of mauve and purple flowers. (6-11) Cut back hard in April if new shoots have grown at the crown or wait. Often looks dead in Winter! And often is! Therefore allow to self seed; to assist this avoid hoeing and mulching. We grow in gravel and only hand weed. Looks good mass planted. AGM.

**V. elegans.** Lovely pink flowers. 12". Annual, easy from seed and very long flowering.

**V. maddougali 'Lavender Spires'**. Hardy, similar to *hastata*, but different. Upright flowers. 180cm. Does not seem to set seed.

**V. rigida.** Many violet-purple flower spikes. (7-10) Disappears in winter, to emerge in April having spread under ground. Can self sow. Useful for summer pots. 1-2ft. AGM.

**V. stricta pink form.** New and very pretty wild flower. Hoary vervain. Native to Illinois Prairies. Drought tolerant and sun loving. Preferring a well drained and sunny site. 3ft.

**VERONICA.** \*\*Zzz. Easy genus providing summer spires, shorter than *Veronicastrums*. Seem slug resistant. Can dead head to encourage a second flowering, but spent stems are good.

**Veronica austriaca 'Knallblau'**. New. Evergreen ground cover with short spires of deep blue speedwell flowers in May and June. H. 12". Sp. 15".

**V. 'Charming Pink'**. Slim pink flowers spikes. (7-9) 50cm.

**V. 'Eveline'**. Exceptionally long flowering time; purple spikes (6-11) Support. 2ft.

**V. longifolia 'Blue John'**. Superb blue flowers for much of the summer. 2ft.

**V. l. 'Charlotte'**. White flowers (6-8). Cream edge to the leaves. 3ft.

**V. l. 'Pink Eveline'**. Pale pink spires. (7-9) Neat. 18".

**VERONICASTRUM.** \*\*Zzz. Whorls of leaves cloth sturdy stems, each variety is distinct all have tiny flowers in slim spires. Easy and no slug damage. Good autumn seed heads. If unsure take a look at them in our garden. "You can never have too many spires". Christopher Lloyd. How right he was. One of the best group of plants we grow with a good spread of flowering times if you plant a few varieties.

**Veronicastrum 'Adoration'**. Pink-mauve flowers. Earlier than *Erika*. (8-9) 4-5ft.

**V. 'Red Arrows'**. Red early rising foliage. Mauve-blue fl. 4ft.

- V. virginicum 'Album'**. Dark green foliage and excellent white flowers. Slim and always upright. 5-6ft. We have veronicastrums throughout the garden.
- V. v. 'Cupid'**. Lavender blue flowers, (7-9) 3ft.
- V. v. 'Diane'**. Slim longer white spires. Slower to clump up. 4½ft. Sp. 2ft.
- V. v. 'Erika'**. A favourite with us. We got it from the late Ernst Pagels years ago. Dark flower stems and a touch darker flowers than V. 'Roseum'. (8-9) Slim column. 4-5ft. Sp. 2ft.
- V. v. 'Fascination'**. Mauve spires, dark stems. (7-9) Flowers often fasciate. Robust. 6-7 ft.
- V. v. 'Lavendelturm'**. (Lavender tower) Pale lavender spikes. Early. (7-9) Builds to 6-7ft.
- V. v. roseum**. Spires of pale pink tiny flowers. Slim clumps. (8-9) 5ft. Sp. 2ft.
- V. v. f. r. 'Pink Glow'**. Spires of pale pink flowers and good seed heads. 5-6ft.

**VIOLA.** \*\*Long, long flowering late spring to autumn, mostly scented front of border perennials not to be confused with bedding violas and pansies. Easy to grow in average soil in sun or partial shade. But most are pretty drought tolerant. Suitable for containers too. Lovely to pick and display in little glass or paste vases. The smaller flowers are edible in salads or ice cubes. Tidy rather than cut back hard. Some varieties can self seed. Low growing evergreen mats of foliage. It is worth checking for aphids at soil level.

- Viola 'Anette Ross'**. Pretty ruffled, deep blue mauve flowers. Good colour.
- V. 'Blue Moon'**. New. Smokey blue upper and creamy yellow lower petals.
- V. 'Butterpat'**. Cornuta type yellow scented flowers on long stems. Trailing habit. (3-11).
- V. 'Columbine'**. White heavily veined with purple. Compact foliage. Nice with V. 'Martin'.
- V. cornuta Alba Group. Vintage.** Pure white spurred flowers. Vigorous and seeds. AGM.
- V. c. 'Alba Minor'**. Neater than above so makes a tidier plant for pots or border.
- V. c. 'Icy But Spicy'**. Pale blue with black veining. Tolerant and vigorous.
- V. c. 'Victoria's Blush'**. Pale pink scented cornuta flowers.
- V. 'Delicia'**. Neat violetta. Dainty pale yellow flowers, top petals suffused with mauve.
- V. 'Desdemona'**. Dainty iridescent blue flowers, Vigorous. Really sweet!
- V. 'Elaine Quin'**. A more rounded flower, rosy mauve streaked with white.
- V. 'Jean Jeannie'**. Another good Wildegoose introduction. Deep indigo blue, rounded flowers with white centres. All summer. Mine are in a blue and white trough-bliss. Good scent.
- V. 'Judy Goring'**. Rounded lemon yellow sweetly scented flowers (4-11).
- V. 'Little David'**. Violetta. Neat. Smaller scented cream-yellow flowers, blue horn and flush to the backs of petals. AGM.
- V. 'Magic'**. Marbled pale blue flowers with a navy blue centre. Darker during cool weather.
- V. 'Martin'. Vintage.** Scented purple velvety flowers with a tiny yellow eye. AGM.
- V. 'Morwena'**. Excellent white form. Neat and floriferous. Scented.
- V. 'Myfanwy'**. Pale mauve, mottled and veined. Flowers sit neatly above foliage. Looks good growing along side Viola 'Martin'.
- V. 'Nora'**. Charming, neat round flowers, yellow centre edges flushed with pinkish-purple. Highly scented. Lovely old fashioned plant. Nice in a china tureen but better in your soil.
- V. 'Pat Creasy'**. Circular scented blue flowers with a white centre. Neat habit.
- V. 'Rebecca'**. Creamy white scented flowers, splashed with lavender blue. Neat.
- V. 'Roscastle Black'**. Almost black flowers with tiny yellow eye. Stronger growing than Molly Sanderson forming big clumps so plant according. Can divide in spring.

## GRASSES

Grasses are an essential part of our garden. Grasses give us that Dove Cottage 'look' and atmosphere. They can combine beautifully with flowering plants and foliage. Grasses add texture and form to a garden and most importantly movement in the slightest breeze. Indispensable during winter. Virtually all these ornamental grasses can be found well

established in our Garden or nursery stock beds and this is a great aid when choosing. We are also happy to help and advise. We also recommend *The Colour Encyclopaedia of Ornamental Grasses* written by Rick Darke and the inspiring *Meadows by Design* written by John Greenlee.

Our garden is getting more 'Grassy' each year! Grasses are so very easy and beautiful. Also they don't get eaten by slugs or snails.

**Andropogon gerardii 'Pariesommer'**. Tall blue stem found in tall grass prairies. Flowers reliably for us every August and September. Dark upright stems clothed in narrowish leaves and topped with purple flower. Autumn foliage colour is pink. Requires a sunny spot. 5ft. Cut down after winter. Planted in our garden with lower plants. Another favourite grass we enjoy during late summer.

**Briza media 'Golden Bee'**. Selected form of our native Quaking grass. The flowers are more golden. Sun or part shade. Semi evergreen so cut back in spring. H. 40-60cm.

**CALAMAGROSTIS**. \*\*We have been growing this genus since we started the nursery. Just so easy to grow in any soil-dry or wet, rich or sandy, in sun or partial shade. The ones we grow have an appealing wildness and work beautifully in our plantings. Not to everyone's taste though. Cut to nearly ground level in Feb or at least before new growth emerges. Or can be left to allow the new growth to mix with the previous years. We tried this with C. Karl Foerster in 2014 no problem!

**Calamagrostis brachytricha**. Diamond grass. So called because it sparkles when wet. In August and September it produces a succession of upright fox tail plumes; green soon turning purplish-pink-grey. Amazing after a heavy dew in September. See web pictures. Needs dividing after a few years. 4ft. AGM,

**C. b. 'Mona'**. Formerly listed as Korean form. More substantial flowers than the straight species; pink tinted large flower plumes on arching stems. Magical after rain or wetted by a heavy dew. Bright green arching foliage. Sometimes self sows but may not be same as Mona. H. 3ft. Air width 3-4ft.

**C. x acutiflora 'Avalanche'**. Feather Reed Grass. Arching clump of leaves these have a white stripe down the centre, turning pink in autumn. Purple flowers in (6 and 7) these mature becoming tan by August and dry to grey needles for winter. Cut off all debris in Feb or March before the new growth emerges. Or leave old to mix with new. 5-6ft.

**C. 'Karl Foerster'**. Upright habit. Purple narrow plumes open in June these age to tan by August. Gradually thinning to leave upright grey needles all winter. A feature for much of the year. 5-6 ft. Cut back to about 2" in Feb or March before the new growth emerges. We have found that this grass stands up well if grown in dry soil so it is shorter and sturdier.

**Deschampsia cespitosa 'Goldtau'**. Silver-purple flowers (5-7). These dry to a gold haze in autumn and bleach white in winter. Sun or p. shade, not dry. 3ft.

**Elymus hispidus**. Looks at it's best in hot dry summers. Steely blue blades and flowers. Can self seed lightly. Not invasive. Can be cut back in late spring to 4". Height 18". AGM.

**Hakonechloa macra**. Smart green form of the well known variegated form. The little black dress of the grass world. Could provides a billowy edge to a garden path. Gradually clumps to 18" with a 2-3ft spread. Good dried out foliage in winter. Cascades a pot or wall top. AGM.

**H. macra 'Aureola'**. Yellow variegation appears in spring. Arching habit. Pink autumn tints. Dies back in winter. Slow to increase but worth some patience. Good choice for a pot or

the garden. Height increases as the clump builds up. Cut back during winter or early spring. Sun or shade. 12". AGM.

**Hordeum jubatum 'Early Pink'** (Pink Twisted Barley grass) Whiskered seed heads turn pinky-purple as they ripen. Flowers a month earlier than *H. jubatum* and pinker. Self seeds in the garden gravel path. Also grown in our semi circle gravel bed with *Eryngium 'Picos Blue'*, *Nepeta 'Blue Cloud'*, *Dianthus carthusianorum* etc. Wonderful when back light.

**MISCANTHUS.** \*\*A bold group of warm season grasses. Late into growth usually May in our garden, so we cut back in March. Time of flowering and onset of Autumn colour depends on the variety and location. All are exceptional during the four winter months. Can be placed as a specimen, used as screening or grown as we do with summer flowering perennials. Cut or dried flower. Sun.

**Miscanthus nepalensis.** Golden hanging silky flower plumes which glistens in sunlight. For a sunny border or container. Height 4-5ft. Cut flower. Hardy to -10. Protect with a cloche if planted. Bring pots near to the house and fleece up or move into a glass house.

**M. s. 'Elegans'.** Very narrow arching foliage. Upright buff turning to silver flowers. (8-10).

**M. s. 'Ferne Osten'.** New. Upright red flowers later than some (9-11) Narrow foliage with a white tip and cream mid rib. 5-6ft.

**M. s. 'Kim'.** New. A seedling in our garden! The only one ever. Pink flowers with white tips, turning to silver. Not sure of eventual height has it made 4ft in the crushed stone path, but probably 5ft.

**M. s. 'Kaskade'.** Arching medium leaves. Pink turning silver arching plumes. 6ft. AGM.

**M. s. 'Red Chief'.** Produces a succession of burgundy red flower plumes from August. 5ft.

**M. transmorrisonensis.** The non running form. Arching pink-brown flower plumes aging to silver, above a rounded airy clump of fine arching foliage. (8-11) 6ft.

**MOLINIA.** Purple Moor Grass. Native to moist places, including heaths, moors, bogs, fens, mountain grasslands and lake shores in the British Isles and elsewhere. So the perfect choice for our garden in the wet cloudy Pennines. Foliage emerges in spring to form bold clumps. Flowers start their climb in June and are at their best July to October, turning brilliant straw-orange colour during Autumn. All grow well in average garden soil, in sun or partial shade. They can be grown with flowers to give a meadow effect or placed to make the most of a particular variety. Sway in the breeze. Can be dried. Collapse in December or January.

**Molinia caerulea subsp. arundinacea 'Black Arrows'.** Our selection. Arching dark flowers and stems, held clear of the arching foliage. These sway in the wind. We have not seen a darker form. H. 4-5ft. Air width 5ft.

**M. 'Breeze'.** Selected at Knoll Gardens. Tall purple moor grass with arching stems carrying light airy panicles of flower held well above the foliage. Height 6ft.

**M. 'Cordoba'.** Beautiful arching overall shape. Sways in the breeze. Good specimen plant. Planted opposite the sales shed in a stock bed. 5ft x 4ft.

**M. c. a. 'Transparent'.** True stock. Long distinct flower heads. Arching habit. Builds to 6-8ft but slowly. Good specimen grass surrounded by a low planting or lawn. 6-8ft. Air sp. 7ft.

**M. c. a. 'Windsaule'.** Upright stems of fine flowers. Quite simply beautiful. 8ft x 7ft.

**M. c. a. 'Windspiel'.** (Wind play) The more substantial flower heads on this form catch the wind and sway giving welcomed movement in the garden. Superb in autumn. 7-8ft x 3ft.

**Medium variety.**

**M. c. c. 'Heidebraut'.** Or 'Heather Bride'. Upright straw coloured flowers. Superb upright foliage. Orange autumn colour. 4-5ft x 3ft.

**Shorter varieties;**



**M. caerulea caerulea 'Dark Defender'**. Dark fine flowers on upright stems. 2ft.  
**M. 'Dauerstrahl'**. Dark turning brown inflorescence. Slightly arching habit. 2-3ft. Holds well in winter.  
**M. c. c. 'Edith Dudszus'**. Dark very fine flower panicles on arching fine stems. 3ft.  
**M. c. c. 'Moorhexe'**. Or 'Moor witch'. Vertical stems. 2ft.  
**M. c. c. 'Overdam'**. Dense flower heads and upright habit. Quite distinct. 2ft.  
**M. c. c. 'Poul Petersen'**. Upright and slightly arching. Mass planted to great affect in our garden with perennials The first to flower and so early autumn straw colour. Builds to 3ft.  
**M. c. c. 'Strahlenquelle'**. Strongly arching due to the heavy pendant inflorescence. H. 3ft. Air width 5ft.

**PENNISSETUM**. Fountain Grass. Our selection are hardy and flower reliably in our north facing garden all having very appealing flowers from August. Best grown in sun and well drained soil to avoid winter wet.

**P. 'Fairy Tails'**. Fountain Grass. Attractive fluffy light pink turning to buff arching flowers (9-11). Later than P. 'Tall Tails'. Fine arching foliage. Can cut back in spring or leave. Drought tolerant. H. 3-5ft. W. 2-3ft.

**P. macrourum**. Long, slim, fawn flower heads. (7-12) Just hardy for us so plant in a sunny, well drained spot. Good to cut and arrange or will dry. Easy from seed. 4-5ft.

**P. orientale 'Karley Rose'**. Pink fluffy flowers. Forms a dense arching clump. 3-4ft.

**P. o. 'Tall Tails'**. Fountain Grass. Attractive fluffy buff coloured arching flowers during summer and holding for much of winter. Can cut back in spring or leave. 3-6ft. W. 2-3ft.

**Schizachyrium scoparium 'Blue Heaven'**. Little bluestem. Missouri native. Forms clumps of slender blue-grey leaves. Purplish-bronze flowers are held above the foliage in (8-9) followed by downy silver-white seed heads. Burgundy autumn foliage, drying to beige in winter. Trim back in early spring. Narrow upright form 2-4ft. Sunny site with well drained soil.

**Sesleria caerulea**. British native. Compact clumps of 8" long chalky blue and green reverse leaves. Arching stems of green and white flowers in (4 and 5). Easy any soil sun or part shade.

**S. nitida**. Native to southern Italy. Evergreen. Attractive grey blue foliage forming tight clumps 12-15" tall. White flowers early in the year. Sun and soil that is well drained in winter.

**Sporobolus heterolepis**. Prairie dropseed. Slow to clump up but worth the wait. Any soil but will do better on rich moist ones. Producing a haze of scented delicate looking flowers (7-9) and bronze autumn foliage. The best grass in our garden last winter. Grown to perfection in Piet Oudolf's garden where the coriander scent fills the air.

**S. h. 'Blue Dust'**. Bluish grey flowers. Neater than above. 2ft.  
We may have other forms available.

**STIPA**. All our stipas need sun and well drained soil. We grow them in beds which have lots of gravel and grit incorporated for drainage.

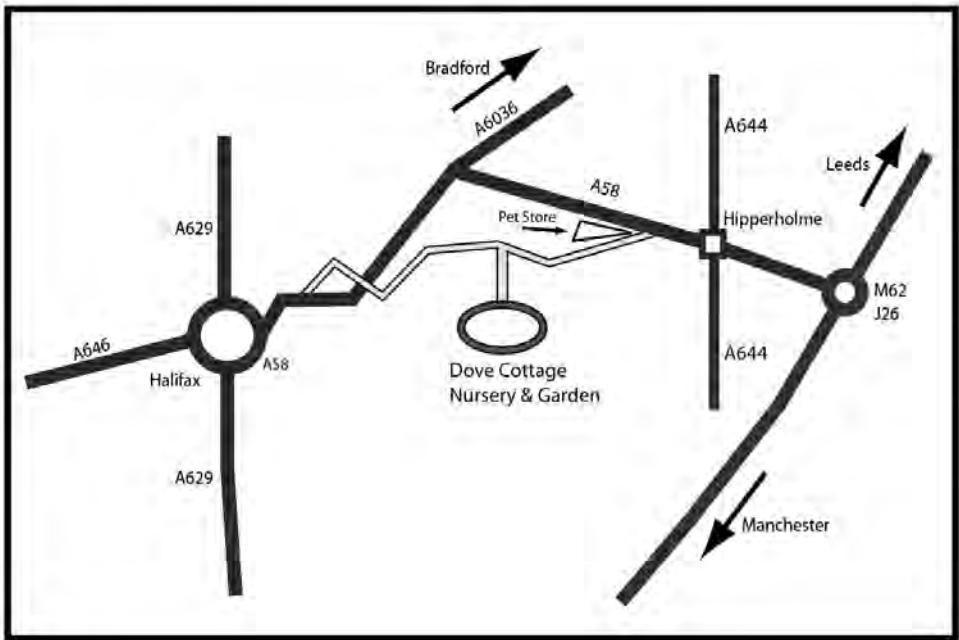
**Stipa calamagrostis**. An arching mound of narrow leaves. Succession of arching feathery plumes which open green and gradually dry to buff. (6-10) 15".

**S. gigantea 'Gold Fontaene'**. Larger more upright flower panicles and a smaller clump of foliage than the species, also produces more flowers, sooner. 6ft.

**S. 'Ichu'**. Peruvian feather grass. Long silvery white panicles in summer. Sun and well drained soil or gravel. 2-3ft.

**S. tenuissima**. Mexican feather grass. Fine wispy tactile foliage. Comb through in spring to remove dead material. Seedlings are welcome as plants need replacing after 2 or 3 years. 12".

## HOW TO FIND US



### **If using satellite navigation HX3 9XA ; avoid Break Neck (a lane off A58)**

**From M62** (both directions). Leave the motorway at Junction 26. You will need to get over into the left hand lane as you go round this large roundabout. Turn left following the white sign for A58 Halifax. Continue for 4 miles until you reach Hipperholme and the 3<sup>rd</sup> set of lights, at the junction with the A644. Go straight across at lights. After 100yds, at the 2<sup>nd</sup> turning on the left you will see a sign Paw Prints, turn left down Tan House Hill. Continue on this road for ½ mile. Our yellow display board will be visible on the right hand pavement during opening times. Turn sharp left to the car park.

**From Halifax** follow the signs for the A58 Leeds and Bradford. As the road climbs out of Halifax you will see a white road sign for Horley Green and Claremount. Follow the sign by taking a left fork. At the top of the hill turn right and go over the bridge and follow the road round to the left. Continue on this road past Shibden Hall Car Park for ½ mile until you see our yellow display board on the left during opening times. Turn right to the car park. If lost please phone!

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