

Earth, Line, Surface, Curve, Gleam

A weekend exhibition in the Potting Palace, Sales Pavillion
and beautiful garden of Marchants Hardy Plants

Saturday 12th August and Sunday 13th August, 10am – 5pm

Free admission to garden

Jenny Crisp – Willow Baskets

Chrissie Messenger – Stitched and
Painted Pictures

Lucy Goffin – Textiles

Micki Schloessing – Woodfired
Saltglazed Pots

Carol Grantham – Textiles

Barbara Kennington – Textile Work

Jean Scott-Moncrieff – Jewellery

Annie McManus – Paintings

Jo Sweeting – Sculptor and
Letter Carver

Special Garden opening at Marchants

In aid of Friends of the Poor in South India (FPSI)

Sunday 17th September – 10.30 am – 4.00 pm

Admission for adults: £5.00 – Children under 15: £1.00

To Include:

Marchants open garden

Sale of plants (with a donation to FPSI)

Teas, refreshments and delicious cakes and bakes served all day

Bishop Laurie Green cofounder and chair of FPSI writes:

Friends of the Poor in South India has been supporting rural villagers in the poorest parts of South India and recently decided to buy a Coconut Plantation for them so they can become self-sufficient. As well as the coconut sales, the trees provide raw materials for rope-making, thatching, fencing and all sorts of produce the villagers sell. The money raised will buy new saplings, a new well, more spades and other kit. The land will also be used as a safe space for training and education. These families live on next to nothing so every penny we raise can change lives.

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Ground breaking news



I'm a little later than usual in writing this introduction. That is because the season has kicked off to a much earlier start than usual and many of the plants that we fix our eyes on for propagating in April are having to be done now in early March – the timing is critical. It is however this digging up of plants to propagate that has focused my attention on the very good health of our soil. A far cry from the comment used by my wife Lucy to describe our soil in our first 3 weeks here at Marchants when she uttered as she passed me struggling to dig one of our first borders 'How interesting. That dirt is just the same colour as the clay I used to throw on my Potters Wheel'. That 'dirt' carved like you cannot believe and I have in more insane moments contemplated writing a book under the title of 'The Well Carved Garden'.

The healthy, well structured soil that we now enjoy has been gained at a price, both financially and physically. Our very first catalogue mentions figures of 20 tons of manure (goat's from the local cheese farm) and 18 tons of grit used on our land and it seems incredible now to think of these vast piles having being moved one barrow load at a time. A re-reading of Christopher Lloyd's book 'The Well Tempered Gardener' (a must read if you have not already done so) also led me to the conclusion the answer lay in yet more grit – given that it gains permanent and perpetual residence in the soil once it has been incorporated. I now think of Christo every time I dig a plant up, and to the efficacious effect of all that grit (which we still add) and thankfully too of the relief it has brought to my permanently overstrained back.

The husbandry of our soil whether it happens to be chalk, clay, sand or loam is paramount to the reward and success of our gardening. That said, our plantsmanship if we encourage it to develop will also play an equally important role in getting the best out of our plants. We all love a well grown plant but that is not to say that all plants should be grown like cabbages. For example, I remember once being proudly shown by its owner a grossly overfed specimen of *Cephalaria gigantea*, its few large flowers craning on stems 3 metres high, out of sight and all the more a travesty for that. I have also had the great pleasure of seeing this same plant flowering abundantly in an ancient Armenian meadow in stony rocky ground of tempered fertility barely able to make 2 metres of growth. Nature can be a hard nurturer but it so often achieves the right balance.

Graham Gough

Marchants Hardy Plants

The Nursery

Marchants Hardy Plants is one of the country's leading small nurseries. The range of handsome herbaceous perennials and ornamental grasses we grow is as varied as you will find and suited to both contemporary and traditional gardens alike.

We pride ourselves on the fact that virtually all plants offered for sale are propagated at the Nursery and most can be seen growing in the garden too. We also grow many plants in numbers too small to warrant an appearance in this list so we hope a visit to Marchants will always prove stimulating.

Our plants are grown in various pot sizes to suit the plant. Through the season plants are sometimes potted on. We therefore reserve the right to change prices accordingly.

Opening hours

Wednesday 22nd March until Saturday 21st October 2017.

Wednesday to Saturday inclusive 9.30 am – 5.30 pm.

We like to enjoy lunch between 1.00 and 2.00pm Other times strictly by appointment only.

We require 3 days notice for the collection of orders.

The Nursery does not provide a mail order service.

The Garden

The garden at Marchants after 17 years of development begins to show signs of maturity. Our trees in particular have gained a solidity which makes for a marvellous internal backdrop to the other diverse range of plants we grow. However, it is the broad landscape of the Sussex Weald and range of Southdowns 3 miles distant which has provided us with sustaining inspiration. By selecting and experimenting with plants and plantings expressive of a more naturalistic style, we have aimed to create a garden which melds with the timeless beauty of the remarkable vista beyond.

Opening times and garden entrance fees

Wednesday 11th May – Saturday 21st October 9.30am to 5.30pm.

Please note: Nursery opening date (Wed. 22nd March) is not the same as Garden opening date.

Other times, strictly by appointment.

1) Individual £4.75

Children under 16 – Free of charge.

Organised Garden visits

Visits from Societies, Gardening Clubs, Private Parties, etc are warmly welcomed and we have space for parking large coaches, cars, etc. A visit to Marchants can also be combined with one of several fine gardens in the area making for a rewarding day out. For further details contact us at:

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East Sussex, BN8 6AJ Tel/Fax: 01323 811737

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I am indebted to Lucy, Paul and Hanna for their unstinting help here on the Nursery. The nursery here at Marchants wouldn't look as it does without their huge efforts. Thank you.



IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ

As virtually all of our plants are home grown it is not possible to have all of them ready at any one time. This is particularly true at the beginning of the season. To avoid disappointment, please note that plants marked with an asterisk (i. e. *) may not become available until Mid-May, or even later in some cases. If you are making a long journey, do please phone in advance to check availability.

ACAENA microphylla 'Kupferteppich'. An indomitable but controllable creeping New Zealand Burr with attractive bronze-purple foliage carried on wiry stems. 10cm. £5.00

***ACANTHUS mollis 'Rue Ledan'**. An extremely beautiful white flowered form, apparently the result of a dog's regularly cocked leg on the type plant. My own experiments in the garden with this technique have proved fruitless so far. Full sun. 2m. £5.75

ACIS autumnalis. An oddball Snowflake, tiny white lampshades on dark stems in autumn. Pure charm. 10cm. £4.50

A. nicaeense. Same size as above, also white but spring flowering. A delight which needs our help – it's survival is threatened where it grows in S. E. France. 10cm. £4.70

ACONITUM. The stately Monkshoods for the little input they demand of us offer rich rewards in return. The following embrace the colour variation we find among them and also provide the last rich toned flowers of the gardening year. *From* £5.25

A. 'Autumn Amethyst'. Selected from A. 'Spätlese' which I brought back from Holland 20 years ago, this has taken several years to bulk. Large, hooded soft amethyst flowers emerge from very attractive pale celadon buds. A great asset to the September garden.

A. x cammarum grandiflorum album. Valued for its fresh green foliage, for its neutral colour and for its flowering season too, at its best through mid July. 1m.

A. carmichaelii 'Arendsii'. A meritorious old hybrid (1945) from Germany, still holding its own in the late summer border with its bold upright spikes of blue, helmet-like flowers. 1.8m.

A. c. var. wilsonii. The last to flower with handsome spikes of rich, violet-blue hooded flowers. Marvellous in association with tawny coloured Heleniums. Flowers of this colour and quality are worth their weight in gold. 2m.

A. fukutomei. This Taiwanese sp. bristles with good health having boldy cut foliage, and branched spikes of large hooded denim blue flowers in summer. A Crug Farm collection I believe. Seed raised. 1m+.

AGAPANTHUS. No plants match the African Lily in the floral pageant. Flowering from mid-summer, their flower heads come mainly in the blue and violet-purple spectrum, not forgetting white, with heights varying between 30cm and 150cm. It is old hat to think of them as plants for pots only. They respond best when given hearty soil in full sun where they should reward one with flowers for many years. However do consider when planting their dislike for being overshadowed by aggressive neighbours. The following are hardy, trouble free, and tough as old boots and are propagated the old fashioned way, that is from seed and by division. *From* £6.00

A. 'Bressingham Blue'. An old timer of A. inapertus persuasion. Small heads of intense, deep blue flowers. 70cm.

- ***AGAPANTHUS caulescens seedlings**. Unusually, the great fat leaves ascend the stems creating an curious tropical effect. The heads of large mid-blue flowers have a strong median stripe and are born on chunky stems. May vary. 90cm+. *From*
£6.00
- A. '**Cheney's Lane**'. An exceptionally strong growing, free flowering pale blue form selected by Four Seasons Nursery. 1.25m.
- A. '**Findlay's Blue**'. Slender arching 1m stems support handsome rich blue, campanulate flowers. A plant I first came across at Powis Castle and given to me by eccentric Head Gardener, Jimmy Hancock.
- A. '**Flore Pleno**'. Balloon like, striped buds pop open to reveal many petalled, large double flowers. A rare curiosity. 40cm.
- A. **inapertus 'Graskop'**. Intense deep cobalt flowers in small heads on a plant of modest proportions but huge quality. The clone we offer was procured from Kirstenbosch BG and is I believe the true clone. 60cm.
- A. **i. albus**. The beautiful and rare white form of the above. 90cm.
- *A. **ex. Keith Wiley**. A short free flowering Agapanthus with widely flared, pale milky-blue flowers. 40cm.
- *A. '**Kew White**'. A tough, dependable plant acquired from Great Dixter who received it from Kew. Handsome broad leaves and pristine white flowers with dark anthers. 75cm.
- A. '**Lady Moore**'. Forming tight clumps this is reckoned to be one of the best short white forms. Small head's of flowers. 45cm.
- A. '**Loch Hope**'. A magnificent clone with showy rich blue flowers in late summer. 1.2m. A Few to spare.
- A. '**Marchant's Blue Lollipop**'. Small rounded heads of flared pale spode blue flowers carried on slender stems. A great size and colour for the border front.
- *A. '**Marchant's Cobalt Cracker**'. The sheer brilliance of the blue of this our own introduction stops most people in their tracks. Need we say more. 70cm.
- *A. '**Marchant's Midnight Blue**'. Another Marchant's selection and an improvement we think on the following. Marginally taller, it also possesses rich blue flowers that are more conspicuously flared. A classy candidate for the border front. 45cm.
- A. '**Midnight Blue**'. An old and now legendary variety from the Slieve Donard Nursery bearing heads of intense, deep blue tubular flowers in July/August. 40cm.
- A. '**Quink Drops**'. Our own superb A. *inapertus* hybrid selected for the intensity and richness of its slightly pendulous flowers. Stands out in an Agapanthus crowd. 1.2m
- ***AGASTACHE rugosa**. A Korean herb with sweet aromatic foliage and numerous slender spikes of violet-blue flowers. In its quiet way, it always impresses us. 45cm. *£5.20*
- ALCHEMILLA erythropoda**. All the attributes of 'Lady's Mantle' but on a Lilliputian scale making it perfect for smaller scale plantings. 5cm. Full sun. *£4.50*
- ALLIUM calamischon haemostictum**. A curio for sink, pot or rock garden the small tissue paper-like white flowers are spotted with tiny red dots. Their scent is not heaven sent. 10cm. *£4.60*
- A. **senescens subsp. montanum**. Humble maybe, but extremely valuable for its neat foliage and late heads of lavender-mauve flowers in September. 20cm. *£5.00*
- ALSTROEMERIA** Colourful, fleshy rooted exotic perennials whose look belies their hardiness. Most have an abhorrence of being moved once established so be warned.

- ALSTROEMERIA ligtu var. ligtu**. The species from which the better known A. x *ligtu* hybrids were raised. Small lily-like flowers are a glowing coppery-pink, beautifully marked in the throat. 60cm. *From*
£5.30
- *A. '**Mars**'. Carmine with a smidgen of brown and with bold yellow splashes to the topmost petals. 1m. *From*
£6.50
- A. **psittacina**. A Brazillian exotic with narrow trumpet flowers in crimson tipped with apple green, the interior decorated with dark guidelines in preparation for an insects ball. Mulch in winter. 60cm. *£5.35*
- *A. '**Red Elf**'. Large glowing carmine flowers are born in a seeming non-stop display for months. It belongs at the border front and will survive bitter winters uncomplainingly. 45cm. *From*
£6.50
- ALTHAEA cannabina**. From a tight rootstock, twiggy stems grow to 1.8m or more supporting through summer 2cm wide palest pink hollyhock like flowers backed by green calyces. Charming and easy given good drainage. *£5.30*
- AMARYLLIS belladonna 'Hathor'**. A very rare white form of the Belladonna lily with a lingering sweet scent to match its beauty. *£9.50*
- AMSONIA** are in the family of Apocynaceae (as if you didn't know) and are among our favourite perennials. Subtle, understated long lived and easy to grow (not on pure chalk, alas) they are good mixers and will rub shoulders with all manner of plants including grasses. The following are all strictly clump forming. *From*
£5.25
- A. **hubrichtii** This is the narrowest leaved Amsonia making a fine, season long foliage plant and invariably colours well in autumn. Small, stary china blue flowers emerge from deeper buds. A first class, long lived plant. 60cm.
- A. **h. ex 'Ernst Pagels'**. Seedlings of this tremendously vigorous form to flower this May/June. Lucky dip. 80cm+.
- A. **illustris**. This has broad, willow shaped leaves which also colour well and typical stary flowers in pale turquoise blue. A martyr to drought as are they all. 90cm.
- A. **orientalis**. Awash with small stary slatey-blue flowers (not unlike the Periwinkle's) displayed on willowy leaved stems through early summer. An exercise in understatement but always admired. 40cm.
- A. **orientalis**. Turkish Form. A more recent wild collection of this Turkish endemic. A solid looking plant with paler flowers than the above but much longer flowering.
- A. **tabernaemontana var. salicifolia**. Dark stems support broader leaves than the above but the typical small flowers are pale blue with a hint of turquoise. 60cm.
- ***ANAPHALIS yedoensis**. An 'Everlasting' and a stalwart of the herbaceous border. Silver underlined leaves and a generous display of stary white flowers with yellow centres from July onwards. 60cm. *£5.20*
- ANEMONE**. The following are the late summer/autumn flowering branch of this extremely versatile Genus. They are mainstream plants known to all and once settled require little attention. We hope to offer the following from mid-summer. *From*
£5.25
- *A. **hupehensis**, A. **hupehensis var japonica 'Bodnant Burgundy'**, A. **h. var. j. 'China Pink'**, A x **hybrida 'Geante des Blanches'**, A x **hybrida 'Honorine Jobert'**, A x **h. 'Pale Face'**.
- A. **nemorosa 'Blue Eyes'**. A symmetrical semi-double flower, the eye distinctly stained violet blue. *£4.75*

- ANEMONE nemorosa** '*Parlez Vous*'. A strong growing Wood Anemone with large chalice-like silvery lavender-blue flowers, superb with dark hellebores. 15cm. *From* £4.75
- A. n.** '*Matt Bishop's Pink*'. A good pink, collected in the Picos Mountains of Spain.
- ANEMONELLA**. Charming North American woodlanders with thalictum-like foliage and delicate anemone-like flowers to match. They are quite demanding requiring humus rich soil in partial shade. The following are propagated from divisions of lovely seedlings selected here. *From* £6.50
- A. thalictroides** '*Spring Nymph*'. Semi-double palest pink. 10cm.
- A. t.** '*Pink Fairy*'. As above but a notch darker pink.
- ANTHEMIS**. Most possess finely cut fresh-green or grey-green foliage. Their daisy flowers in varying shades of yellow and white give colour over a tremendously long season. All they require is full sun and reasonable drainage. *From* £5.20
- ***A.** '*Susanna Mitchell*'. A large cream flowered beauty, more mounding than the following with the attribute of good silvery foliage.
- A. tinctoria** '*Cally Cream*'. A much praised selection with kind to the eye cream flowers throughout summer. 70cm.
- ***A. t.** '*Sauce Hollandaise*'. The palest flowered of the Anthemis with cream-yellow flowers. Serve with Alchemilla or Salvia for a delicious border treat. 60cm.
- AQUILEGIA vulgaris**. A form with pleasing golden leaves, white spurred flowers and no name! *From* £4.50
- A. vulgaris** '*Ice Blue*'. A delightful double flowered Granny's Bonnet in ice-blue from Helen Dillon's garden in Dublin. *From* £4.90
- ARTEMISIA lactiflora**. '*Elfenbein*'. A great form from the continent with munificent branched heads of ivory white flowers in late summer. Definitely the one for size conscious gardeners. 1.5m. *From* £5.30
- ARUM italicum** '*Tiny*'. A rare marbled leaf form growing no taller than 20cm. Particularly good amongst winter/spring bulbs. Summer dormant. *From* £4.90
- ARUNCUS x** '*Horatio*'. A super hybrid from doyen nurseryman, Ernst Pagels. Graceful tapering cream plumes on reddish-bronze stems held above intricately cut foliage 120cm. *From* £5.50
- ASPHODELINE taurica**. Dainty display of airy, pale yellow lily-like flowers on spikes over grassy rosettes of glaucous foliage through summer. Sun and drainage a must. 90cm. *From* £5.00
- ASTER**. Our Autumn gardens would be dull things indeed without the contribution of these colourful and for the most part, easily managed plants. The following all display a good resistance to mildew. Please note that many of our Asters will not become available until summer. *From* £5.20
- A. ageratoides** '*Ashvi*'. A white equivilant of the following, both being long flowering. Bomb proof.
- A. ageratoides** '*Ezo Murasaki*'. Small purple flowers, pleasingly late, combined with mildew resistance make for a tough, easy going Japanese aster. 60cm.
- ***A. amellus** '*Fornett Flourish*'. Violet flowers with pronounced yellow eye. Selected some years ago by Four seasons nursery but still bouncing with good health. 40cm
- ***A. a.** '*Framfieldii*'. An elegant hybrid, not dissimilar to the following but a slightly paler violet. Sept/Oct. 40cm.

- ***ASTER amellus** '*Violet Queen*'. An old cultivar selected by Karl Forster and which remains unchallenged. Large, rich violet flowers in Sept/Oct. 40cm. *From* £5.20
- A. (Eurybia) divaricatus**. We appear to be in the minority in loving this humble plant. Wiry black stems support a shower of small narrow rayed, white daisies. Gertrude Jeckyl liked it too – so there! 40cm.
- A. ericoides** '*Blue Star*'. Myriad, lavender blue flowers with pale yellow centres over wiry growth in October. Charming. 40-50cm.
- ***A. e.** '*Snow Flurry*'. A benign green carpet of prostrate foliage eventually erupts in October into a dazzling display of tiny white blossoms, a late bonus for bees and humans alike. 10cm.
- ***A. e.** '*Yvette Richardson*'. With its fresh green foliage, pale lavender-blue flowers and compact habit, this is a super plant for the border front. 40cm.
- ***A x frikartii** '*Mönch*'. With a little aid from pea sticks this is arguably the finest Aster for elegance and flower power giving a succession of clear lavender-blue flowers from mid-summer onwards. 75cm.
- A.** '*Ice Cool Pink*'. Our own clump forming selection bursts into great sprays of 2cm wide pale blue-pink flowers in September. 1m+.
- ***A.** '*Kylie*'. A beautiful small flowered cultivar bearing swags of pale pink flowers. Deemed worthy of an AGM in 1990 yet still little known. 70cm.
- A. lateriflorus**. A very generous plants loaded with white, pink centred flowers along its branches and differing only to the following in having green leaves.
- A. lateriflorus** '*Lady in Black*'. In full sun the leaves take on a suave purple-black hue. The small flowers are white with attractive rosy stamens, carried in huge numbers on a network of short lateral branches. 120-150cm.
- A. l.** '*Prince*'. As above, but altogether denser in its habit. 40cms.
- ***A.** '*Little Carlow*'. Wiry stems struggle to support the sheer weight and number of large, lavender-blue flowers, a colour particularly enhanced by the autumn light. 120cm.
- ***A. novae-angliae** '*Herbschnee*'. This white German selection stands alone in this section and is very dependable 1.2m.
- A. a.** '*Marina Wolkonsky*'. Dark, sumptuous large violet-purple flowers. Wonderful in bud too. A must have. 1.3m.
- A. novi-belgii** '*Blue Eyes*'. Semi-double flowers, a good blue. Always draws favourable comments from customers. 1.2m.
- A.** '*Pixie Dark Eye*'. Covers itself in small wine-purple, yellow eyed daisies. Quite unlike any of our other Asters. 50cm
- ***A.** '*Prairie Purple*'. A well behaved clump former whose self supporting wiry stems bear swags of single, large dusky purple daisies. 1.5m
- ***A. pyrenaicus** '*Lutetia*'. Valued for its sprays of large, pale lavender flowers held on branched stems throughout the autumn. 50cm.
- ***A.** '*Quinton Menzies*'. A bold purplish-pink carrying hundreds of flowers on its strong stems. 1.2m
- ***A. turbinellus**. Dark willowy stems, clad with glaucous green leaves, erupt in October into a display of small lavender-blue flowers. 150cm.
- A. turbinellus hybrid**. The unruly, arching habit of this tough hybrid with its dainty pale violet-blue flowers is a delight. A great favourite here, it is allowed to cavort with Nepetas, Penstemons and Geraniums. 120cm.
- Aster x** '*Treffpunkt*'. A new A. cordifolius hybrid from the continent producing a mass of refined purple flowers. A clumper growing to the useful height of 75cm.
- Aster** '*Violetta*'. A selection from Germany with very dark purple flowers. 1.2m.

- ***ASTRANTIA major 'Buckland'**. The pale green ruff of bracts and rosy pink stamens make for a flower of great beauty. An old clone now that can still hold its head high. 60cm. *From*
£5.00
- A. '**Canneman**'. Originally a Dutch seed strain, the plants offered are divisions of a fine, large greyish-green flowered form, stained with reddish-purple. A hearty grower, flowering for weeks in early summer.
- A. '**Dark Seedling**'. Good dark ruby Astrantias come 10 a penny these days. These are divisions of our own selection. 40cm. £5.00
- A. '**Roma**'. Piet Oudolf's selection and a terrific plant it is. The large flowers are rose-pink and the plant shows great vigour bearing a good repeat crop of flowers, particularly so when young. 60cm. £5.00
- A. '**Ruby Wedding**'. Disliking being in pots these divisions of the true clone will be made available through the spring. Richest of ruby-red flowers over a long season. £5.00
- ATHYRIUM filix femina minutissimum**. At 20cm this is a relatively small fern, its feathery, broad lance shaped fronds forming a particularly neat clump. Deciduous. £6.00
- A. **nipponicum var. pictum**. The elegant and beautiful Japanese Painted Fern in shades of grey, silver and dusky purple. Needs shelter and good soil to give of its best. We offer divisions of a very fine form. £6.00
- A. **n. var. p. 'Marchants Selection'**. A selection we made from spore raised plants. A notch sharper in detail than the above and arguably a little more silvery. Divisions. £6.25
- BAPTISIA australis. 'Purple Smoke'**. A striking and highly spoken of introduction from the States, oozing class with its distinct dusky purple flowers and stems. Needs bags of summer sunshine to flower well. 80cm. £6.00
- BESIA calthifolia**. A re-introduction into cultivation, this modest white flowered woodlander from China has noticeably posher foliage, heart shaped and glossy, pinnated with bronze and with veining of paler green. £5.20
- BRUNNERA macrophylla Seedlings**. Flowering sized plants offered varying from pale to sky blue and to white. £5.20
- ***CALAMINTHA nepeta 'Blue Cloud'**. Summer droughts it would seem sort out the men from the boys. This flowers unabashed for months on end oblivious to the parched soil in which it grows. A great bee puller too. 30cm. *From*
£4.70
- C. **n. 'White Seedling'**. A dainty white flowered form selected from seedlings of the above. 20cm.
- CAMASSIA 'Electra'**. Fabulous flowers, an admixture of sky blue, pale violet and turquoise. This uncommon form is sterile and is propagated slowly by division. Performs outrageously on our sticky clay. 120cms. £7.50
- ***CAMPANULA 'Crystal'**. A brilliant newcomer from Avondale Nursery. A hybrid (with associated vigour), fulsome bells of palest amethyst open from purple washed buds. Any half decent soil in full sun. 50cm. £5.20
- *C. **lactiflora 'Dixter Presence'**. Christopher Lloyd's own selection which we acquired from the great man himself. Large, profuse bell flowers of mid-blue are carried in open heads. 1.4m. £5.00
- C. **l. 'Marchant's Nimbus'**. This is a pretty white flowered form and like the others, a dependable perennial. 120cm £5.00

- CAMPANULA lactiflora 'Platinum'**. An alluring combination of silvery-grey flowers with pewter sepals. A beautiful plant. 1.4m. £5.00
- C. **l. 'Pritchard's Variety'**. An old, virtuous, trouble free form, reckoned to be the darkest form in this group, a good mid violet-blue. 1.2m. £5.00
- C. '**Sarastro**'. A selection from the continent, packing in a punch with its large, glossy violet-blue bells. Self supporting. 60cm. £5.20
- C. '**trachelium Alba flore pleno**'. The venerable, uncommon double white form of Nettle Leaved campanula, its oldy worldy charm perhaps at odds with today's slick contemporary garden arena. 60cm. £5.35
- CANNA indica**. A fresh green, lush and leafy plant with terminal spikes of small red and yellow flowers in this form. Give your Prairie patch a shock. The rhizomes need to be harvested and winter cosseted. *From*
£6.00
- CARDAMINE waldsteinii**. A Yugoslavian woodland species whose clusters of pristine white flowers set off the tiny dots of dark anthers to a tee. 10cm. £5.25
- CENOLOPHIUM denudatum**. Short of a better description, let's call this Parsley on Speed. Good ferny foliage, refined white flowers and a sympathetic candidate for more relaxed plantings. 1m. £5.20
- CENTAUREA bella**. A neat border front plant with silvery evergreen cut foliage and a generous summer display of lilac-pink flowers. 30cm. £5.20
- C. **simplicicaulis**. As C. bella but a notch smaller in all its parts. A very pretty front liner. 20cm. £5.20
- ***CHAMAENERION angustifolium 'Album'**. The ethereal white flowers of 'Rose-Bay Willow-herb' always draw favourable comments unlike its terror striking running roots. Whatever – Bon courage! 1.5m. £5.35
- *C. **a. 'Stahl Rose'**. The prettiest form of Rose-Bay Willow herb we think, pale pink with crimson calyxes. Exquisite – but like the above, how it runs. £5.35
- *C. **dodonaei**. A humble, small growing and non invasive Willow-herb with pale green foliage and prettily shaped rose pink flowers. We've always had a soft spot for it. 30cm. £5.20
- CHRYSANTHEMUM**. Useful plants for the cutting garden or border alike.
- *C. '**Cottage Apricot**'. Single flowers, a beautiful shade for autumn of apricot-orange fading to an apricot-pink. 70cm. *From*
£5.20
- C. '**Emperor of China**'. A legendary plant, the pink quilled double flowers and burnished red foliage culminating in a rich and late display in. 80cm
- *C. '**Old White Variety**'. Bob Brown informs us this was introduced by E. H. Wilson which is hard to believe. Elegant and airy, the small flowers burst from apricot buds and are more ivory than white. 80cm
- CLEMATIS x diversifolia var. hendersonii**. Typical large mid violet- blue flowers can festoon this plant – if you grow it well that is. With its naturally lax habit it may require some gentle trussing up. 80cm. £5.35
- *C. **viticella**. A climber, we offer seed grown plants raised from a beautiful nodding, small purple flowered parent plant grown by a friend. May prove variable but easy to grow and particularly dainty. 2m+. £6.25

CORYDALIS solida var. solida 'George Baker'. A legendary plant from the woodland floor of Transsylvania. This tuberous form has glowing deep coral pink flowers and likes a half shaded spot in the garden. 15cm. £4.25

COSMOS x Dahlia ex 'Mexican Black'. The parent plant possesses chocolaty purple-red flowers whereas these flowering sized seedlings will tend to vary. Looks more a Dahlia than a Cosmos. £5.25

CROCOSMIA. We can think of no better way to enliven the late summer border than to use these dazzling performers. They love moisture (not boggy) and lots of sunshine to perform well, and need dividing every now and then to keep them in good fettle. *From* £5.25

C. 'Castle Ward Late'. An elegant old hybrid with reflexed narrow segments in orange and light red over bold ribbed foliage. 80cm

***C. 'Gerbe D'or'**. Bronze foliage acts as a great backdrop to pale orange flowers. A reliable, hearty grower. 70cm.

C. 'Hellfire'. Bordering on a true red, this is the best Crocosmia to have come our way in years. 90cm.

***C. 'Lucifer'**. Aptly named devilish red flowers partner superb ribbed foliage. Ubiquitous but oozes class. 1.5m.

***C. masoniorum 'Dixter Flame'**. C. Lloyd's offering, pure scarlet, broad ribbed leaves and an accommodating 70cm.

C. m. 'Rowallane Yellow'. No bending required as the solid yellow flowers are upward facing. Handsome broad foliage too. 90cm.

C. paniculata 'Cally Grey Leaf'. A terrific foliage plant selected by collector Michael Wickenden, the pale green broad leaves being strongly ribbed. Small orange flowers are a minor bonus. 1m+.

***C. 'Paul's Best Yellow'**. The substantial rounded golden-yellow flowers go hand in hand with a plant of strong constitution. 60cm.

***C. 'Queen Alexandra'**. Elegant, nodding Erythronium like orange blooms enhanced by a dash of crimson in the throat. 80cm.

CYCLAMEN coum Pewter Leaf Group. The form we offer has good silvery leaves and purple magenta flowers in winter. £4.00

C. hederifolium. The classic Ivy leaved Cyclamen, a martyr in dry shade. £3.75

CYNARA carduncellus. Cardoon. Plants offered are raised from a handsome cut silver leaved form that arose here, probably inheriting C.c. Chelsea Physic blood but fortunately, without the spines! 2m. £6.25

DAHLIA x coccinea. We have several coccinea hybrid parents planted in the garden from which we collect seed. These vary from tall, short, from red through to orange. The seedlings will also vary but we've yet to see a dull one among them. *From* £5.25

***D. merkii**. A refined Mexican species with good cut foliage, small lilac flowers and central boss of yellow stamens. Blooms throughout summer and is capable of being hardy. 1m+. £5.30

DEUTZIA longifolia veitchii. A few small plants to spare of this beautiful Chinese summer flowering shrub with lanceolate leaves and dense clusters of flared pink flowers. 1.5m+. £6.80

DIANTHUS arenarius. Forms a grey prickly asphalt like bun of foliage, covering itself in heavily fringed white scented flowers in summer. 20cm. £5.00

DIANTHUS carthusianorum. This short form grows to only 30cm but possesses typical grassy foliage and dazzling bursts of brilliant magenta pink flowers through summer. £5.20

D. c. Tall form. Considerably taller than the above (to 90cm) but with the same startlingly bright flowers. £5.20

D. deltooides 'Leuchtfunk'. Saturated crimson flowers, like splashes of blood over a mat of deep green foliage. £5.20

***D. ex 'Tatra Fragrance'**. Seedlings of a striking patterned and scented form from the Tatra Mountains. These should flower from early summer onwards. £5.20

DIASCIA 'Emma'. Narrow leaved suckering clumps and a profusion of dusky deep pink flowers – exactly what we expect of these marvellous, hardy plants. 30cm. £5.20

D. personata 'Hopley's'. A remarkable newcomer holding itself, literally, head and shoulders above its kin with its lofty, upright habit. Typical horned mid-pink flowers for months and months. South Africa. 60cm. £5.20

DICTAMNUS albus. The resinous, aromatic Dittany of Crete in its orchid like, glistening white form. Slow we find but worth the wait and once settled a long lived plant. 90cm eventually. £5.50

D. albus purpureus. The equally beautiful mauve-purple form. Raised from our very fine form. £5.50

D. caucasicus. Back in our list having proved itself such a good plant over the years. The Caucasian form of Burning Bush at 1.25m is a stately perennial, handsome in both flower (purple-pink) and seed. A slow plant only suited to patient gardeners. *From* £5.35

DIERAMA ex 'Tiny Bells'. Strong plants raised from seed which should produce dusky pink thimble sized bells over tough, rush like foliage. At 30cm a dramatic change from the following. £5.30

D. pulcherrimum. 'Venus' Fishing Rod. Rosy lilac-mauve bells, sometimes paler, are elegantly held on wand like arching stems. Hearty, retentive soil gives best results. 1.5m. We also have available seedlings of a much darker pink form. £5.25

***DIGITALIS ferruginea**. Baggy pale caramel flowers with a pouting lip. Dark sentinel spikes in winter. 1m+. £5.20

***D. parviflora**. A notably different Foxglove whose basal leaves give rise to spikes of small, narrow tawny-brown flowers. 60cm. £5.20

***ECHINACEA**. The cone flowers of North America are not only valued for the healing properties of the oil they contain but for their tremendous garden value too. The broad ray petals of mauve-crimson are mostly declined, thereby accentuating the glowing central cone of bronze-orange. They require good hearty soil and are not always easy.

E. purpurea. Strong, flowering sized seedlings from our best largest flowered forms. 75cm. *From* £4.80

***E. p. ex 'White Swan'**. Strong Seedlings (which should come true) will be offered from summer onwards. £4.80

***E. p. 'Rubinstern'**. We'll hopefully have divisions of this splendid large flowered form ready in summer. £5.25

***ECHINOPS bannaticus 'Blue Globe'**. A coarse plant in leaf maybe but worth growing for the blue insect attracting globes alone. At 1.2m, the tallest globe thistle in our range. £5.30

***E. 'Blue Pearl'**. An uncommon form with paler flowers than the latter, a good mid-blue in fact. 90cm. £5.20

ECHINOPS ritro 'Veitch's Blue'. Coarsely cut, spiny leaves give rise to pale stems supporting spherical heads of rich blue flowers. Not thuggish as are some of its brethren. 75cm. £5.30

EPIMEDIUM. Did you know these plants are members of the Berberis family? Look closely at their flowers and foliage you'll see the connection. Not too difficult to please, they require humus rich soil and a dose of shade. Their new foliage is often beautifully tinted and their Columbine like flowers beguile all those who encounter them. Some of the following are offered in small numbers this year.

- E. 'Amber Freckles'**. Pale yellow ground colour to the flower overlaid with amber-rose freckles. Our new offering.
- E. 'Artic Wings'**. Blackthorn Nursery's scintillating latisepalum hybrid in pristine white.
- E. 'Bieke'**. Masses of spidery lemon yellow flowers. 30cm.
- E. 'Egref'**. One of the best of the new hybrids from the continent with fat white sepals and an underskirt of clean yellow petals.
- E. fargesii 'Pink Constellation'**. Starry lilac-pink flowers with a purple underskirt and particularly elegant slender toothed foliage. 30cm.
- E. grandiflorum 'Freya'**. A beautiful E. g. nanum hybrid, now quite rare with purple flowers and paler spurs. 20cm.
- E. g. 'Freya MkII'** A re-selection of the above and a strong, healthy plant it is. 20cm.
- E. g. 'La Rocaille'**. Ivory white suffused with palest celadon green, long spurred flowers. 35cm.
- E. g. 'Lilafee'**. Dark tinted new leaves act as a harmonious foil to the dainty violet-purple flowers. 25cm.
- E. g. 'Marchant's Sulphur Queen'**. Selected from a batch of hand pollinated seedlings, the long spurred flowers are quite large and in a gentle sulphur yellow tone. 20cm.
- E. g. 'Nanum'**. This gem with its neat white flowers and striking copper-purple rimmed new foliage at 10cm is the smallest Epimedium we grow. Lacking a little vigour we also offer the following:
- E. g. 'White Winkie' (A)** This and the following were bred from the above and are very similar but much stronger in their constitution.
- E. g. 'Bronze Trim' (B)**. As above but with a pronounced dark bronze leaf margin. 15cm.
- E. g. n. 'Pink'**. The only pink to have come out of the above E. g. nanum crosses. It is still being evaluated but we rate it and have a small number for sale.
- E. g. 'Rose Queen'**. Inappropriately named, the large spurred flowers of this strong growing form are actually a fine crimson-purple. 25cm.
- E. g. 'White Queen'**. A large flowered pure white form, yet to be bettered. This, the true plant, is said to be becoming rare. 30cm.
- E. 'King Prawn'**. A cross between E. wushanense and E. latisepalum from the fanatical Epimedium stable of Desirable Plants in Devon. The colour of the flowers resembles part cooked prawns, hard though that might be to imagine.
- E. 'Marchant's Twin Set'**. Our own pukka seedling with tubby bicoloured flowers of crimson-purple and lilac pink. 20cm.
- E. ogisui**. Introduced in the 1990's from the flora rich province of Sichuan, China, this beautiful large white flowered species remains uncommon and is further enhanced by the bronze tinted new foliage. 25cm.
- E. x perralchicum 'Frohneiten'**. Airy racemes of unspurred lemon yellow flowers in spring. The handsome evergreen leaves remain unblemished throughout winter, making it an altogether classy garden plant. 35cm.
- E. versicolor 'Discolor'**. Pale yellow and Flesh pink tinted flowers, a perfect match for the young copper tinted foliage. 30cm

From
£5.35

EPIMEDIUM versicolor sulphureum. Handsome evergreen foliage, copper and crimson tinted in winter. This should be removed in February to freely enjoy the clean yellow flowers in spring. 40cm. From £5.35

E. x warleyense 'Orangekönigin'. The small flowers of this selected form are burnt orange adding a quite different tone to this genus. A good evergreen too. 40cm.

ERIGERON 'Dignity'. Large, aster like flowers with elegant narrow ray petals. Good for the border front. Pale violet. 30cm. From £5.00

E. 'Quakeress'. The narrow lilac-pink ray petals make for a dainty flower. An old hybrid yet to be superseded. 60cm.

E. 'Schneewittchen'. In effect a white version of the above and a plant we particularly enjoy here for its simple style and long flowering season. 50cm.

ERYNGIUM. The Eryngos, with their well designed defense mechanisms, are a prickly bunch of characters but make with both their flowers and their foliage striking garden plants. What's more, they're not difficult to please, given sun and reasonable drainage. In cultivation they are divided between species from Europe and South America, plus the odd hybrid. If you don't grow them, why not give them a try. From £5.20

E. bourgatii. Seedlings from a form with particularly deep metallic blue flower heads and bracts. In the wild it grows in poor, stony soil. 60cm.

***E. pandanifolium**. Of great architectural presence, in September great flowering trunks rise to 2.5metres over sword shaped leaves terminating in a branched network of small maroon-purple flowers whose scent, once encountered, is not easily forgotten!

***E x zabellii**. These are basically E. alpinum hybrids. Most are exceptional with steely blue ruff-like bracts but they are not always easy to grow well preferring we think good drainage but not dryness. Time allowing, we hope to offer strong plants from summer onwards of the following drawn from our collection: 'Amethyst', 'Cobalt Star', 'Fornccett Ultra', 'Jos Eijking', 'Jewel', etc.

EUCOMIS. The following are among the most commented on plants in the garden at Marchants. Their exotic look belies their dogged hardiness. We have yet to lose a plant to cold but have noticed a complete dislike of being shouldered out by expansive neighbours. Worth cossetting, our plants get a thick mulch of compost to see them safely through the winter. From £5.20

E. bicolor. A slightly comical plant whose spike bears a profusion of thick textured, purple piped, pale celadon green flowers under a leafy hat not unlike a Pineapple's. The fleshy foliage is purple spotted when young. 40cm.

E. 'Jamie Compton'. Purchased from Great Dixter in 2010 I can find no reference to this plant. Bronze hued throughout it is a fine upstanding fellow.

E. ex 'John Treasure'. This form has a particularly good purple hue to the leaves, stems and flowers. Grow this well and you'll have something to boast about. 45cm.

E. 'Sparkling Burgundy'. The terrific strap like succulent leaves are deep matt purple, a tone shared by the flowering stems and flowers, albeit a little diluted. A remarkable plant. 1m. in flower.

E. 'Sparkling Burgundy Seedlings'. Flowering sized plants are offered. Why not throw the dice and try one of the children.

***EUPATORIUM ligustrinum**. Not a shrub that flamboyantly announces itself, but highly effective none-the-less. Its good evergreen foliage, structure and fluffy white flower heads in late summer beautifully partners Asters and late flowering grasses. 2m. From £6.00

E. purpureum maculatum album. We hope to have plants available of this uncommon white form for sale. 2m+.

- EUPATORIUM purpureum maculatum 'Orchard Dene'**. Stood out in the Wisley trials with its huge heads of showy flowers and dark stems and deservedly awarded an AGM. *From* £6.00
- E. p. m. 'Riesenschirm'**. Stately, stout purple stems rise to 2m+ climaxing in a display of dusky rose-purple domed flowers heads. A metropolis for all manner of insects in late summer.
- E. rugosum 'Chocolate'**. Snakeroot. Striking black-purple foliage and domed heads of white flowers in autumn. An allround asset for any fertile border in full sun. 1.5m.

- EUPHORBIA**. Given reasonable drainage the Spurges are easy to please and give us all that we should expect of a plant. Do however be cautious of the white sap they exude when torn or damaged. It can burn skin badly. *From* £5.20
- E. cornigera**. A clumping Himalayan spurge whose leaves are punctuated by a striking white mid-rib. The relatively small flowering heads are typically acid yellow. 70cm
- ***E. c. 'Goldener Turm'**. A clone selected by Ernst Pagels showing all the very best attributes of the species above.
- E. donii**. Received from Great Dixter this shares the typical flowers of the following but differs in having extremely slender, red margined leaves. 1.2m+.
- E. donii 'Amjillasa'**. A very handsome Kew collection from Nepal with large, chrome yellow flower bracts. Seed raised plants are offered. 1m+.
- E. epithymoides 'Midas'**. Not difficult to imagine the bracts and flowers of this brilliant spring flowering plant having been touched by King Midas' hand and consequently turned to Gold. 45cm.
- ***E. 'Jade Dragon'**. Said to be an *E. amygdaloides* hybrid, the eye catching green flower heads fade to an equally beautiful dusky red over a period of many weeks. A great favourite here. 60cm

FERULA communis ssp. glauca. A spectacular fennel climaxing (after 3 years) in a towering display of yellow ochre flowers in umbels on anything but 'umble' 3.5m high, fat, glaucous stems. Breathtaking against a blue summer sky. £5.25

- ***FICUS 'Black Ischia'**. This variety is slow with us but bears medium sized purple fruits which, when fully ripened by sun, are lusciously sweet. Prolific. A generous gift from confirmed Fig Pig Christopher Lloyd. *From* £12.50
- F. 'Reculver'**. Very vigorous with handsome bold lobed foliage. Purple flattish fruits of good flavour but less regularly born than the above. 5m+.

FILIPENDULA vulgaris 'Multiplex'. Over cut, carrot like basal foliage, flower stems carry creamy-white clouds of tiny double flowers. A charming plant of Cottage Garden character. 45cm. £5.20

***FOENICULUM vulgare 'Smokey'**. Bronze Fennel. A good deep bronze seed strain with a marked bloom to the young stems. £5.00

FUCHSIA. You may gather from the following list that we are rather fond of Fuchsias, particularly when they are as hardy and long flowering as the following. Best pruned hard in spring. *From* £6.25

- ***F. 'Floriade'**. Brought back from the US by us in 2005 this hardy, erect Fuchsia has since graced our garden admirably with its aubergine-purple and carmine flowers through late summer/autumn. 1m+.
- ***F. glazoviana**. Forms an attractive, distinct lush mound and bears slender deep cerise pink sepalled flowers with purple corollas. 35cm.

FUCHSIA m. 'Globosa'. Bought some years ago under this name, it has proved itself a dependable, hardy magellanica with quite fat red and purple flowers. 90cm. *From* £6.25

***F. hatschbachii**. We are struck by the svelte elegance of this Fuchsia's Willow/Sarcococca like foliage, not usually a commented on asset in this genus. The flowers are typical *F. magellanica* colour but with notably long stamens. Brazil. One to take home in the hatchback perhaps? Boom, boom.

***F. m. 'Hawkshead'**. An elegant, hardy Fuchsia with white flowers, the petals tipped with a hint of a tint of green. 75cm

***F. m. 'Lady Bacon'**. This bears finer foliage than most and an unusual combination of ivory and purple-lilac flowers. 60cm.

***F. m. var. pumila**. A short fellow festooning itself with pert red and purple flowers through late summer/autumn. 60cm.

F. m. thompsonii. Wonderful in its full glory in late summer. The slender red and purple flowers held on arching stems associate beautifully with blue Agapanthus. 150cm or more.

F. microphylla. A sweetie-pie possessing the smallest leaves and flowers (bright shocking pink) of those we grow. 60cm.

***GALEGA x hartlandii alba**. Handsome clumps of pale green pinnate foliage carry dense spikes of scented flowers for weeks. Unassailably tough. 180cm. *From* £5.30

***GAURA lindheimeri**. Wand like stems airily display delicate white flowers from pink buds, seemingly borne by the thousand through summer/autumn. Entrancing here in a duet with *Miscanthus 'Kleine Fontane'*. 120cm. £5.20

GERANIUM. It's easy to fall for a Cranesbill, don't you think? Most gardeners have so you'd be in denial if you hadn't at some point had a flirt with them. But it is the hackneyed catchphrase 'good ground cover' which chills me, conjuring up a vision of their amorphous, weed suppressing blankets and smothering in the process our enthusiasm too. In their favour, both colours and length of season are a boon and most are a doddle to grow. The answer to this conundrum is simple. Use them sparingly. *From* £5.00

G. 'Blue Cloud'. Pleasing cut foliage and not too rampant growth, combined with pale silvery-blue flowers through most of the summer. A superb garden plant. 45cm.

G. 'Brookside'. We find this a less vigorous plant than some of the blues, but it more than compensates with the size, colour and sheer quality of its flowers. 40cm.

G. x cantabrigiense 'Vorjura'. A size up from *G. dalmaticum* (a parent) this uncommon form bears pretty, bright pink flowers through summer. Its neatness makes it spot on for the border front. 20cm

***G. clarkei 'Kasmir White'**. In spite of its age remains a superlative Cranesill. Large, white with mushroom-pink veining. 30cm.

G. 'Dilys'. A low growing *G. sanguineum* hybrid of great merit, dishing out a supply of purple-magenta flowers summer long. 30cm.

G. 'Khan'. A *G. sanguineum* hybrid with huge, deep bright pink flowers. One of the very best. 30cm.

G. macrorrhizum 'Whiteness'. Purists will be pleased to hear there is no hint of white at all in this plant.

G. 'Nimbus'. Produces masses of pale violet-blue flowers over handsome cut foliage for most of the season. 50cm.

G. 'Orion'. A super hybrid from Holland with enormous violet-blue salvers. Stands apart in a Geranium crowd. 50cm.

G. 'Patricia'. A *G. psilostemon* hybrid, possessing all the brilliant radiance of that plants magenta flowers. They are however larger. This together with its short stature make this a first rate plant. 60cm.

- GERANIUM phaeum** '*Marchant's Ghost*'. Our own chance seedling with 'ghostly' pale grey-lavender flowers the texture of satin. Always admired. 60cm. *From*
£5.00
- ***G. pratense** '*Southease Celestial*'. Wonderful huge cupped salvers of luminescent lavender-blue. A chance seedling from Adrian Orchard of Southease Plants – lucky devil! 60cm.
- G. pyrenaicum** '*Isparta*'. Short lived but seeding freely, a pure delight producing in May a prodigious shower of small lilac-pink flowers. 60cms
- ***G. sanguineum album**. The Bloody Cranesbill bled dry in its pristine white form. 30cm.
- G. s. var. striatum**. A not so Bloody Cranesbill, its large rounded pale pink flowers studding the low mound of cut foliage through summer. 10cm.
- G. 'Sirak'**. One of the best hybrids to have appeared from the continent, producing masses of notched, large lilac-pink flowers over a dense clump of foliage. 45cm.
- G. x 'Stephanie'**. A very pleasing *G. renardii* hybrid raised at Edinburgh Botanic Garden. Starry pale purple-blue flowers are overlaid with purple veins, combining well with good plush foliage. 35cm.
- G. sylvaticum** '*Amy Doncaster*'. Had the pleasure (long ago) of acquiring and naming this plant after its collector. Not the largest flowered in this group but the best coloured – a rich violet blue. 75cm.
- G. wallichianum**. From Edinburgh's Botanic Garden, the pale luminous silvery-blue flowers of this form show us something of the variation we can expect of a species group. An enthusiastic scrambler to 60cm or more.
- GEUM**. It's flattering when you find a plant that does well for you. The Geums are one of our trump cards, breezing through the winter in our sticky clay. That said, any well structured soil other than dust dry will accommodate them. If they start to 'go back' they're telling you they need dividing. *From*
£5.25
- G. 'Apricot Sundae'**. Occurred here as a lucky sport of *G. 'Pink Frills'*. Its full, wavy edged flowers are coloured pale apricot flesh cum pink. 20cm.
- G. 'Bell Bank'**. Raised by Geoffrey Smith (what happened to him?) many years ago. Large, telling copper-pink hanging flowers seemingly form a troupe of suspended tutus. 40cm.
- G. 'Borisii'**. A reliable 'doer' with clean tangerine-orange flowers. 20cm.
- G. 'Dawn'**. Flowers freely enough, soft yellow with apricot orange tints. From Geum collection holder Sue Martin.
- G. 'Herterton Primrose'**. Immensely impressive, the pale lemon flowers are well displayed above neat foliage, and the plant has a refined look, a word not commonly used in association with Geums. 15cm
- G. 'Lemon Meringue'**. I will be ribbed for this name but why not name something after your favourite pud.
- G. 'Lisanne'** A strong selection from the continent with bold, large yellow flowers. 40 cm.
- G. 'Marmalade'**. Pleasing copper-orange flowers – a painterly colour many gardeners sadly choose to ignore. 30cm.
- GLADIOLUS 'David Hills'**. A gorgeous hybrid of uncertain parentage, its modest sized red flowers are flame and yellow within. Very few this year. 60cm. £5.00
- G. papilio**. S. Africa. A melange of celadon green, slatey grey lilac and dusky rose pink suffuse the hooded flowers creating a plant of remarkably restrained beauty. Not for everyone I guess. 60cm. £5.00
- G. (x papilio) 'Ruby'**. A glorious plant and the star of the show here last year. A ravishing rich ruby red, even darker in the throat. £5.20

- GLADIOLUS tristis**. Small flared scented primrose yellow flowers. A far cry from the gross flowers bred for the cut flower trade. A favourite here. Very few this year. £5.25
- ***GLAUCIUM flavum fulvum**. The Horned Poppy in its pale tomato red form with handsome silvery rosettes – good the year round. 45cm. £5.25
- G. flavum**. The yellow form found on our coastline though this originates from Sicily, seed collected on a beach picnic. 45cm. *From*
£5.00
- ***GLYCYRRHIZA yunnanensis**. A highly decorative herbaceous Chinese liquorice, the orb-like brown burred seed heads the size of overlarge golf balls are scattered on sturdy stems. A remarkable sight in autumn/winter. Sun + drainage. 2m+. *From*
£5.00
- GYPSOPHILA repens 'Rosenschlier'**. A spreading 'Babies Breath' covering itself in a hazy mist of tiny pale pink double blossoms through mid summer. *From*
£4.80
- HEDYCHIUM coccineum 'Tara'**. With tropical-looking, slim-line Canna like leaves and spikes of orange orchid like blooms in September this award winning Himalayan Ginger brings a touch of the exotic to the border. 2m+. Protect with a mulch in winter. *From*
£6.25
- H. densiflorum 'Assam Orange'**. A hardy, leafy Ginger whose spikes of orange flowers add a touch of exoticism to the late summer border. 90cm. £6.00
- H. spicatum**. Tibet. We grow this medicinal herb for its exotic foliage and for its spikes of yellow flower which are followed by cheering red fruits perched in orange lined seed pods. It has proved hardy, has grown to 70cm and prefers, we think, a little shade. *From*
£6.50
- HELENIUM**. The species Sneezeweeds are native to America but in Nurserymen's hands have been selected for decades. They are among the easiest grown and richest coloured herbaceous perennials of summer and autumn. *From*
£5.20
- H. 'Die Blonde'**. Boss and flower an unadulterated bright yellow. Very cheering. 180cm
- H. 'Dunkle Pracht'**. Deep rust-red flowers. Good to have this back in our list. 120cms.
- H. 'Fiesta'**. A cheering bi-colour, with dusky red centre and golden yellow petal edge. Strong and reliable.
- H. 'Flammendes Käthchen'**. Predominantly rusty-red with streaking and undertones of orange/yellow. 1.2m.
- H. 'Lambada'**. A very rich mahogany come reddish-brown. A corker. 1.5m.
- H. 'Moerheim Beauty'**. Fox red-brown flowers. An old hybrid, still holding its own after 70 years. 1.2m
- H. 'Rauchtogas'**. Golden yellow ameliorated by a rich toned underskirt of coppery red. Striking.
- H. 'Ring of Fire'**. From Holland, the flowers are reddish brown made more striking with a central and outer zone of yellow. Upright, free flowering (Sept/Oct) and superb in warmer autumns. 1.2m
- H. 'Rubinzweg'**. Rich, deep mahogany-red flowers over a long season on a plant of short stature make this a valuable addition to the range. 75cm.
- H. 'Ruby Thuesday'**. A sweet little thing with deep ruby flowers, particularly pert when in bud. 1m.
- H. 'Sahin's Early Flowerer'**. Fantastic long display of large flowers, a mixture of burnt orange and ochre yellow. 1.2m.
- H. 'Septemberfuchs'**. Late flowering, with tawny red-brown flowers, a lovely colour to enrich the autumn border. 180cm.
- H. 'Tie dye'**. Characterful quilled yellow flowers, purplish red on their underside. 100cm.

- HELIANTHEMUM 'Cheviot'**. Large flowers the colour of pale water melon flesh. Grey foliage. £4.70
H. 'Henfield Brilliant'. Blazing vermilion red. £4.70
- ***HELIANTHUS giganteus 'Shiela's Sunshine'**. A whopper (2.5m+) with pale sulphur yellow daisies through autumn. £5.35
H. 'Lemon Queen'. Helianthus are generally speaking coarse plants. This variety is redeemed by the quality and generosity of its autumn crop of large pale lemon daisies. 2m. *From*
 £5.30
H. orgyalis. A beefier version of H. salicifolius and referred to in the plantfinder under that plant. The large lemon yellow flowers are carried on dark stems but still no plant for shrinking violets. 1.5m+. *From*
 £5.30
- HEMEROCALLIS**. We are unabashedly fond of Daylilies. These indestructible border perennials will with little fussing give years of pleasure. The tragedy is they have become so grossly vulgarised in breeder's hands. Fortunately, virtually all the following species and stylish old cultivars pre-date such immodest, brazen treatment. *From*
 £5.75
- H. altissima**. A tall species (150cm) with elegant, night scented, fluted lemon-yellow flowers.
H. 'American Revolution'. Suave, dusky black purple flowers, rather sinister in an odd, appealing sort of way. 75cm.
H. 'Corky'. Zestful, lemon yellow flowers from mahogany buds. Never disappoints. 60cm.
H. citrina. Possesses all the grace you'd expect of a species daylily. Pale lemon-yellow narrow trumpet flowers. 70cm.
H. 'Crimson Pirate'. A classic spider type with narrow segments brilliantly coloured burning red with a complimentary yellow throat. Raised in 1951, still here and utterly dependable. 70cm
 ***H. fulva rosea**. A mystery that this plant should have become so rare in cultivation. Eminent nurseryman Amos Perry charged a princely 25/- for it in the 1930's and used it to raise some of the first pink Daylilies. The flower segments possess a beautiful line and are a seductive shade of copper-pink. 75cm.
 ***H. 'G's Orange'**. Raised at Marchants and settling well, the flowers are more an amber-orange. Super with purple flowering plants. 45cm+
H. 'Laughton Tower'. Thinking the horticultural world short of a new Daylily or two, I successfully bred this fellow. At 1.5 m+ high, it looks down on its overblown American peers in a very haughty and satisfactory manner. By the way – the small fluted flowers are apricot-orange.
H. 'Laughton Tower MKII'. As above, slightly shorter, but with more mahogany-brown tinted flowers.
H. 'Lemon Peel'. It may be gilding the Daylily to have another pale yellow offering but this slim petalled variety, like the others, is extremely kind to the eye. 70cm
H. 'Pinnocchio'. A species look-a-like, pale yellow, delicate to look at yet easy to grow. We seem to be the only nursery this side of Mars growing this plant.
H. 'Red Precious'. An old English cultivar which deserves to be much better known with flared, flame red flowers, ochre yellow on their reverse. At 45cm, perfect for the border front.
H. species (? cultivar). Bought from a reputable Nursery under the name of H. 'Hyperion' which it clearly isn't! The soft orange-yellow flowers are born long into late summer and meld well with crimson Persicarias. 1m.
H. 'Stafford'. Large mahogany-red flowers of ravishing quality. An exemplary old hybrid which still holds its own in the Daylily stakes. 120-150cm.

- HEMEROCALLIS 'Stoplight'**. A large flowered spider, airy enough not to be blowsy. Carmine red with chartreuse and yellow throat. After initial scepticism on my part it is time for me to eat my socks. Pass the salt please.80cm *From*
 £5.75
- HEUCHERA americana 'Harry Hay'**. This handsome plant stands in every sense head and shoulders over the multitude of its overbred contemporary fancies. Vigour, purple leaves, bold stems and white flowers make, quite simply, for a great plant. £5.60
H. sanguinea 'Alba'. Received a hard won AGM in trials yet is rarely met with. Why? Its plain green leaves perhaps. This is a wonderful plant whose ivory flowers age with remarkable grace, a feature not normally noted in white flowered plants. Early summer onwards. 60cm £5.30
H. s. 'Margaret's Pink'. Pink with green foliage may seem a little old fashioned but named after our dear late friend, Lady Fitzwalter, a very up to date woman and from whom it was received. £5.30
H. villosum 'Autumn Bride'. The bold hairy foliage of this striking plant catches folk out. In August myriad white flowers appear on lofty spikes. 'Oh it's a Heuchera' - all is well with folk again. 1m. *From*
 £5.70
- HOSTA**. Having been shaken to the mid-ribs by the Hosta boom, my enthusiasm for these ubiquitous plants still remains a little tepid. That said, used discriminately and particularly in pots (where slugs can be kept at bay) they can be very effective. *From*
 £5.75
- H. 'Cally Atom'**. Cally Garden's fine selection with blue toned, dense heart shaped leaves and fat flowers on chunky 25cm stems. A delight.
H. 'Devon Green'. No razzmatazz with this one. Rather: simple, elegant, deep bottle green shining leaves. Very satisfying. 40cm
 ***H. japonica grandiflora**. Revels in full sun, which encourages the production of huge white, deliciously fragrant flowers. Refreshing pale green foliage. Excellent in pots.
H. 'Krossa Regal'. Arguably the finest blue Hosta available. Makes a large sculpted clump in time.
H. rectifolia 'Junka'. A rare species, this selection (named after a Japanese gardener at Wisley) is rarer still. We seem to be the only Nursery growing it. Plain green leaves and copious violet flowers. Its simplicity belies its worth as a good garden plant.
H. 'Thumbnail'. Lilliputian in scale, the name refers to the leaf size. Pleasant pale violet flowers on 20cm stems maintain the symmetry.
H. venusta variegata. A little charmer with neatly variegated cream and green leaves and abundant pale violet flowers. Becoming rare. 15cms.
 The following is a sport of the above having occurred here and has so far remained stable. Being small probably best grown in pots.
H. 'Sporting Chance'. Neatly shaped small elliptic green leaves have a clean central zone of cream variegation. Very smart.
- IRIS**. No Iris flower could be described as long lasting but at least they make up for it by being fabulously flamboyant and are often produced in large numbers, albeit for a short season. *From*
 £5.35
- I. x 'Berlin Tiger'**. From Tamberg, the great Berlin breeder comes this pseudacorus hybrid. Its heavy brownish-purple veining creates a flower of mustard yellow come brown colouring. A vigorous plant for good soil.
I. chrysographes. Like a debutante butterfly, sleek in black evening wear, this form is as dark as you will find. Fleeting but worth it for its sheer quality. 60cm.
I. x robusta 'Gerald Darby'. The intense purple staining of the new foliage of this Iris is quite unlike any Iris we know and can be used to dramatic effect in the garden.

- IRIS lactea.** The narrow green glaucous leaves make for a fine foliage plant. Forming dense clumps the April/May borne flowers are pale milky-blue. 40cm. *From* £5.35
- The following forms of *Iris sibirica* flourish in full light on our heavy clay soil and are capable of growing in shallow water too.
- ***I. s. 'Butter and Sugar'**. Flowers of good substance in an eye-catching combination of butter yellow and white. 60cm
- ***I. s. 'Colin's Pale Blue'**. Sky-blue with just a hint of grey in the colour. 75cm. A few to spare. *From* £5.60
- ***I. s. 'Perry's Blue'**. Beautifully proportioned small flowers a subtle shade of pale Cambridge blue. A very old selection but remains a favourite here. 60cms.
- ***I. s. 'Southcombe White'**. Pallid white flowers, not large, with ghostly grey veining. 90cm
- ***I. s. 'Summer Sky'**. A graceful slim-line flower, like a dancer on points, lavender blue with just the right amount of yellow for perfect balance. 90cm.
- ***I. s. 'Tropic Night'**. Intense violet-blue with a pale zone on the haft of the falls. 90cm
- KALIMERIS incisa.** The plant we grow under this name is uncommon, clumping, has serrated leaves and is decked with pretty medium sized ice blue flowers through summer. Suffers neglect with nonchalance. 60cm. *From* £5.20
- ***K. incisa 'Charlotte'**. Single Aster like flowers in light lavender blue.
- K. mongolica.** Also Little known – a tough, clumping plant, its display of large pale lavender-blue daisy like flowers off the blocks in late summer. The need for supporting pea sticks its only vice. 1.2m.
- KNIPHOFIA.** The 'Red Hot Pokers' are anything but these days, coming in a much wider range than hitherto – from pale cream to bright yellow, pale coral to burnt toffee. Their vertical spikes can provide a dramatic feature in any border, given sun and drainage and what's more, are hardy to boot. *From* £5.90
- K. 'Bees Sunset'**. Sturdy bronze coloured stems make a harmonious contrast to the clear orange flowers. 1m.
- K. caulescens.** Terrific glaucous foliage, the terracotta and cream flowers provide a bonus, emerging in Sept/Oct.
- K. 'Green Jade'**. A lofty poker bearing slender spikes of Ivory flowers from bright green buds. 120cm
- ***K. 'Ice Queen'**. Similar to K. 'Percy's Pride' but a little earlier to flower with us.
- K. 'Painted Lady'**. Noted for the long and slender flower spikes. Orange with hints of amber. 1m+.
- K. 'Percy's Pride'**. As good in bud as in flower – lime-green opening to pale yellow spikes of good substance. September. 75cm
- ***K. rooperi.** The last to flower (Oct), a showy species with ovoid (oval) heads of bright orange flowers from green buds. Needs a little shelter. 90cm+
- K. 'Sunningdale Yellow'**. Clear yellow with a smidgen of ochre. First poker off the blocks in June. AGM. Classy. 90cm.
- K. 'Tawny King'**. Beacon-like orange-amber and cream flowers from tawny buds born on deep bronze stems. A cracking plant. 80cm.
- K. thomsonii var thomsonii.** Well spaced, narrow spikes of soft orange flowers. Prominent among Kniphofia due to its very long flowering season. 120cm.
- K. 'Timothy'**. A mid-season variety with slender spikes of beautifully toned amber-pink flowers. 80cm
- K. 'Wol's Red Seedling'**. Produces fine, well shaped spikes of deep coral red flowers. Strange that it missed an AGM in the Wisley trials.

- LATHYRUS grandiflorus.** The largest flowered of them all but, alas, no scent. A few to spare. £6.00
- L. rotundifolius.** The Persian pea. Covers itself in a gorgeous display of copper-pink flowers in early summer but needs a host shrub over which to bask. Good drainage essential. 2m+. £5.30
- LEUCANTHEMELLA serotina.** The Hungarian Daisy survives with glee here, muscling its way through our unforgiving clay and rewarding us with a brilliant late display of gay white daisies. 2m. *From* £5.20
- ***LIGUSTICUM lucidum.** The fresh green filigree foliage is handsome alone. The white domed flowers in may-june come as a generous bonus. 60cm+. £5.20
- ***LINARIA 'Peachy'**. An excellent new hybrid Toadflax whose Snapdragon-like pale yellow flowers are highlighted with soft pink. Suited well to chalk or free draining soils. 1m. £5.20
- LOBELIA 'Dark Crusader'**. Brooding, saturated crimson-maroon flowers and richly purple stained young foliage. 70cm. £5.25
- ***L. laxiflora var. angustifolia.** A curious species from Arizona looking vaguely Penstemon like in leaf, but with cheering bright red tubular flowers, yellow in the throat. Full sun. 75cm. £5.25
- L. tupa.** A classy, eye catching plant with pale, sage-green leaves and dark stems terminating in a spike of claw shaped cherry red flowers. Needs retentive soil and some shelter but worth every effort to grow well. 120cm. *From* £5.50
- LYCHNIS coronaria.** This, the more commonly seen form, is far from ordinary. The retina blasting colour of the purple-magenta flowers is almost without parallel in the flower repertoire. £5.00
- L. coronaria.** Wild collection. This wild collected form bears vivid shocking pink flowers and is noticeably paler than the above. 60cm. £5.00
- L. c. alba.** The pure white form for those who wish not to be shocked. £5.00
- ***LYTHRUM salicaria 'Blush'**. The soft pink flowers of this form are a good antidote to the richer coloured forms, such as the following. 60cm. £5.20
- L. s. 'Zigeunerblut'**. Vivid magenta-purple flower spikes. A Gypsy with blood this colour would be in serious need of a transfusion. 90cm. £5.20
- L. virgatum.** The branched stems of this widespread European and Asian species carry myriad small, deep lilac-pink flowers for weeks in mid-summer. Has a quality that becomes addictive to use and associates well with grasses too. 90cm. £5.20
- MAIANTHEMUM (Smilacina) racemosum.** In foliage, similar to Solomon's Seal to which it is related. However, this American woodlander differs in producing from fresh, apple green buds, a froth of tiny white scented flowers in branched spikes. 75cm. £5.70
- MOLOPOSPERMUM peloponnesiacum.** A rather sophisticated perennial umbellifer with sharply etched fernlike foliage. The yellowish heads of flowers and handsome seeds are carried on stout 120cm stems. £5.25
- NERINE bowdenii alba.** White flowers from blush pink buds. A rare and beautiful plant which is perfectly hardy. *From* £6.00

- NERINE bowdenii** '*Marnie Rogerson*'. Palest pink with a hint of shrimp in the colour. A scarce plant but easy to please. *From* £6.00
- N. b.** '*Pink Waveline*'. Selected from the following, the candy-pink flowers possess a pronounced wavy edge.
- N. b.** Seedlings. Raised from seed of the choice N. b. welsii, the small, rich pink crystalline flowers are nearly always crimped. Now large plants.
- NEPETA.** The Catmints – and we love them just as much as they do.
- ***N. kubanica.** A leafy Caucasian species bearing clusters of large violet-blue flowers held in dark calyces. New to us, it came highly recommended and is a plant for full sun or partial shade. 80cm+. *From* £5.00
- N. nuda.** Upright growth and a subtle misty display of tiny grey-lavender flowers for weeks. Fans of strong colour will no doubt pass it by. 1.2m.
- N. n.** '*Romany Dusk*'. Paul Barney's (Edulis) collection noted for its suave dark stems and almost white flowers.
- N. racemosa** '*Toria*'. At 30-40 cm useful for its short stature. Typical froth of pale blue flowers.
- N. r.** '*Walkers Low*'. A Tomcat of a Catmint with a vigour to match. Deep lavender-blue flowers. 60cm.
- ***N.** '*Upright Form*'. A synonym perhaps of N. 'Joanna Reed's Upright Form', it remains a cracking plant. Upright it is and a good rival to the brilliant N. 'Walkers Low' above. A gift from a Belgian chum. 90cm.
- OMPHALODES cappadocica** '*Cherry Ingram*'. In good soil this semi-evergreen will reward you with hundreds of brightest blue 'Forget-me-not' flowers for weeks. 30cm. £5.30
- ORIGANUM laevigatum** '*Hopleys*'. Small glaucous leaves on branched wiry stems support a plethora of rosy-purple flowers. A Bee-puller par excellence. 45cm. £5.00
- PAPAVER somniferum album.** Brought back from India (grown as an opiate crop) the glorious tissue paper textured flowers are huge and brilliant white. An annual, it should seed about. Price per packet of seed. £2.50
- ***P. rupifragum.** Clumps of sage-green leaves throw up 15 inch stems, each bearing a single soft tangerine-orange poppy. A great favourite here. £5.00
- ***PARAHEBE** '*Snow Clouds*'. The spreading mound of tough evergreen leaves is overlaid for months with a non-stop crop of brilliant white, pink-purple eyed flowers. 20cm. £4.80
- ***PASITHEA caerulea.** Roughly speaking, a Chilean bulbous type plant with wide grassy leaves and starry flowers on branched stems, as near Gentian blue as you can get. An real eye-catcher which appears to be hardy. 60cm+. £5.35
- PELARGONIUM.** Who could fail to be endeared by these charming subjects, flowering plants par excellence for potwork, each with highly individual scented leaves. Don't kid yourself they are hardy as they're not and will need cossetting against winter's cold. *From* £5.25
- P.** '*Attar of Roses*'. Perhaps the best scented foliage of them all making it excellent for culinary use.
- P.** '*Capri*'. A leafy scented mass of pale green foliage spattered through summer with chiselled pale red flowers.
- P. graveolens.** Pleasing crimped foliage whose scent is almost a match for 'Attar' above. Small pink flowers are a minor bonus.

- PELARGONIUM** '*Old Spice*'. Small menthe scented scalloped leaves, pale silver-green and dinky white flowers for months. *From* £5.25
- P.** '*Wooton's Unique*'. Small cut scented green leaves and bright, light scarlet flowers with 2 black zones.
- ***P. sidoides.** Velvety scalloped silvery leaves, the dark violet-purple flowers, though small, make a resonant statement. Very attractive and almost hardy.
- ***PEROVSKIA atriplicifolia** '*Blue Spire*'. In a well drained soil the spires of small lavender-blue flowers make a fine vertical accent. Invaluable for its late flowering display. 120cm. *From* £5.50
- P.** '*Little Spire*'. Like the above in every respect but at 60cm, much smaller.
- PERSICARIA.** Whilst the foliage of the following could not be described as being refined, their flower shape, colour range and extraordinary length of flowering season lift them, for us, onto a very high level. They also partner a wide range of grasses. We have gathered a number of newcomers from the continent and offer several below. *From* £5.50
- P. amplexicaulis** '*Alba*'. The exception to the rule in providing cool white flower spikes.
- P. a.** '*Fine Pink*'. Slender spikes, a tad darker than 'Rosea' below and thereby fills a useful niche.
- P. a.** '*Firedance*'. Thin tapers of resonant carmine-red over fresh green foliage through summer and autumn. A sharp eyed Oudolf selection. 120cm.
- P. a.** '*J. S. Caliente*'. The name is a pun on its raiser name, Jan spruyt, the caliente bit Spanish for hot. Well, there you go. A good (hot) red by the way.
- P. a.** '*Jo & Guido's Form*'. An uncommon form, neither red nor pink and with a distinct hint of salmon in the colour. 1m with us but probably taller in damp soil.
- P. a.** '*Lage Zaailing*'. Another Dutch selection from Hans Kramer, translating, (I believe) as 'short seedling' and at 75cm, short it is. Light rose-red spikes.
- P. a.** '*October Pink*'. From Coen Jansen comes this good mid-pink, its season starts however in July with us. Sussex air perhaps. 90cm
- ***P. a. var. pendula.** Possesses a drooping which most Persicarias in this group lack but equally long flowering The drooping flowers are a distinct purple-magenta, the more so in cooler, wetter weather. 60cm.
- ***P. a.** '*Rosea*'. Upright spikes of small, pale pink flowers held in crimson calyces creating for weeks a charming two toned effect. Partners Panicum and Miscanthus superbly. 120cm.
- ***P. a.** '*Summer Dance*'. Another less frequently seen Oudolf selection coming in rose-red. 120cm.
- ***P. a.** '*Taurus*'. A classy Bressingham Gardens introduction, the spikes of vibrant ruby-red flowers are the darkest and richest of those we grow. 120cm.
- P. bistorta** '*Hohe Tatra*'. The many flowered spikes of flowers are held on stiff stems and have the look of an orchid about them. 40cm.
- ***P. dshawachischwili.** Yes, unpronounceable but its 17 syllables add up to a virtual lookalike of the following albeit earlier flowering and smaller. A striking plant.
- ***P. polymorpha.** A robust but, most importantly, non invasive 'knotweed' with a serious flowering intent, the creamy-white plumes produced unabated from June to Oct/Nov. Dusky rose seed heads are a bonus. 2m+.
- PHLOX paniculata.** Phlox paniculata provides us with some of the most useful mid to late summer flowering perennial plants, their colour spectrum ranging from white, vicious pinks (as used by the late Christopher Lloyd) to soothing lilac. But it is their scent, pungent and spicy, lingering in the air on hot, listless days that quintessentially

captures the mood of high summer. We hope to offer among others the following forms, available from June onwards. *From*
£5.30

P. 'Bosvigo Pink', 'Burgii', 'David', 'Hesperis', 'Kirchenfurst', 'Konigin der Nacht', 'Marchant's Darkest', 'Marchant's Lilac', 'Mount Fuji', P. paniculata, P. pan. alba, 'Princess Sturza', 'Uspek', 'Utopia', 'Veg Plot Pink', 'Veg Plot White', etc.

POLYGONATUM curvistylum. Those among you more familiar with green/white 'Solomons Seal' will be enthralled by this Himalayan species. From the axils of the narrow leaves hang small mauve flowers in clusters. 35cm. £5.35

P. '*Golden Gift*'. Returned to me by my former Nursery partner Liz Strangman this golden leaved woodlander can look fantastic (I saw C. Lloyd stopped in his tracks by it) but it needs diligence. 60cm. £6.50

P. **kingianum.** A climbing Solomon's Seal from S. E. Asia to 2m or more with, wait for it, Red and apple green tipped flowers. Bizzare. V. few. £8.50

P. **lasianthum.** A gift from plantsman extraordinaire Dan Hinkley, his own Japanese collection with remarkable purple stripes suffusing the newly unfurling leaves. Small creamy, celadon tipped flowers follow. Rare. 30cm. £6.75

P. **multiflorum ramosissimum.** Collected in the wilds of Belgium I believe, the small flowers of this oddball are held on lateral branched stems. The bronze caste stems and leaves in early spring provide a satisfying bonus. 60cm. £5.50

P. **roseum** (aff.) SBQE 1310. A diminutive Solomon's Seal from China noted for its sweetly scented tubular rose pink flowers. A gem, but better grown and appreciated in a pot we find. 10cm. £5.20

P. **falcatum 'Silver Striped'**. A distinct and rare form with a reasonably clean silvery stripe to the centre of each slender leaf. A collector's item. 15cm. £8.50

POLYPODIUM. The polypodies are really great garden plants, easy to grow and requiring only half-decent soil in semi-shade to prosper. The new fronds emerge in late summer, and retain a remarkable freshness throughout the autumn and winter months. *From*
£6.50

P. **australe.** The Southern Polypody is a no thrills and spills fern with a simple and beautiful clarity of outline. Collected by us in the Languedoc where it thrived among rocky terrain. 20cm.

P. **cambricum 'Cambricum'**. An old, persistent clone with splendid architecturally detailed fronds.

P. c. '*Oakleyae*'. The segments are closely stacked together in this form giving the frond a dense and well structured appearance. Very beautiful. 30cm.

P. c. **pulcherrimum 'Dwarf Form'**. Equally good but a tad shorter than the other forms we grow.

P. c. '*Richard Kayse*'. Discovered in 1668, surely the oldest plant in our list. The pinnae are distinctly pointed in this sterile form which is claimed to be one of the most beautiful. 30cm.

P. c. '*Whilharris*'. Generally shaggier in its appearance, the lobes of the large 35cm long fronds are also deeply cut, each vaguely resembling a small Christmas tree.

P. **glycyrrhiza.** Bold bi-pinnatifid fronds whose classic, simple line could not be improved upon. The root apparently tastes of liquorice. 45cm.

P. **x mantoniae 'Cornubiense'**. A classic hybrid fern. Elegant bipinnatifid fronds taper to a fine point but produce irregular fronds too. Like all Polypodies, needs time to show its true character. 30cm

POLYSTICHUM setiferum 'Acutilobum'. A sharply etched fern, the 60cm long ladder-like fronds being no wider than 80mm. A form of P. setiferum and therefore quite easy. £5.80

***POLYSTICHUM setiferum plumosum divisilobum.** The fronds of the Soft Shield Fern gently curve and are formed of closely tiered pinnae, like a wacky designer cushion. *From*
£5.25

***P. setiferum 'Pulcherrimum Bevis'**. We hope to offer divisions (not wayward micro-pros) of this blindingly good form of the Soft Shield Fern. £12.50

PRIMULA auricula 'Glenelg'. Red, green and mealy white. Must be the colours of someone's National Flag. £5.00

P. a. '*Old Mustard*'. Deliciously scented, mustard-yellow flowers with a large powdery white eye. Uncommon. 15cm. £5.00

P. a. '*Old Red Elvet*'. A gorgeous old show variety – velvety deep crimson red with a large mealy white eye. 15cm. £5.00

PULSATILLA vulgaris rubra. Strong flowering sized seedlings from our wonderful burgundy red form. Sun and drainage a must. 25cm. £5.00

RANUNCULUS aconitifolius platanifolius. The flowers are present at ground level and eventually erupt into an airy flight of white buttercup blossoms on 90 cm branched stems. £5.35

***REHMANNIA piasezkii.** Chinese Foxglove. An uncommon plant, its huge pink tubular flowers carried on overburdened 60cm stems. Its runs a little and probably best enjoys shade. £5.35

RODGERSIA. It is hard to beat the bold architectural statement a clump of well grown Rodgersia makes in the garden. However, careful attention needs to be paid to the moisture retention of the soil and in the historically drier southeast you may occasionally need to resort to watering to prevent your plants looking like potato crisps. *From*
£6.00

R. aesculifolia aff. SSSE 306. Sechuan, China. The beauty of the pale sulphur-yellow buds really caught our attention last year as did the panicles of scented white flowers which followed. Divisions. 1m+.

R. a. 'Kupfermond'. From Germany and selected for its short stature but does require deluxe soil to flower (pink) well. I believe the name means Copper Moon.

***R. p. 'Cally Salmon'**. Striking spikes of bright salmon pink flowers ageing typically to a weathered red when in seed. 1m.

R. podophylla. Ample palmate leaves emerge in spring strikingly bronze flushed, eventually turning green but retaining their beauty until autumn. 90cm.

ROSCOEIA x beesiana. An uncommon hybrid and whilst old, retains its vigour. June flowering, the lower petals of the pale yellow flowers become purple streaked. Good soil and a little shade suits. £5.75

R. cauleoides 'Kew Beauty'. A tremendously vigorous form with large, primrose yellow flowers. 45cm. £5.75

RUDBECKIA. Stalwarts of the herbaceous border and like wily politicians will go on and on for years with little encouragement. *From*
£5.30

***R. fulgida 'Goldsturm'**. The mind boggles as to how Susan received her black eyes. Perhaps staring at her namesake for too long for this is a bold yellow. In fact, yokes of free-range eggs spring to mind. Whilst brazen, it remains a peerless plant. 90cm.

***R. 'Herbstsonne'**. The large bright yellow drooping petals and central green cone make for a plant of enormous quality. Tangos beautifully with Salvia uliginosa through the autumn. 2m+.

- RUDBECKIA laciniata**. An elegant plant bearing graceful clear yellow daisies with green coned centres on 2m stems. Both foliage and the persistent seed heads are handsome too. *From* £5.30
- R. maxima**. Quirky leaves like coarse silver spinach, sport stiff stems carrying equally quirky snooty flowers, bright yellow with chocolate brown cone. A great profile plant offering bird fodder too. 60cm
- R. subtomentosa**. A notch softer in colour than some of the former and gentler therefore on the eye. The central cone resembles a maroon button. 120cm.
- R. s. 'Henry Eilers'**. Having first seen this in Bavaria, thought it a must have. The petals are clear yellow and quilled, giving the plant a deft lightness. Flowers through Aug-Sept. but may need a pea stick or two. 1.5m.
- ***SALIX eleagnos**. Narrow silver-backed leaves give this shapely shrub the appropriate name of 'Rosemary-leaved Willow'. Given space, it will make a great contribution in any reasonable soil and needs little pruning. 3m+. £6.50
- Salix helix. 'Purple Osier'**. This form has in fact upright pale olive stems, its March 'Pussies' charcoal grey erupting into a 2cm bushy of crimson stamens. Ours is stooled each year. 2.5m. *From* £6.00
- ***S. purpurea 'Nancy Saunders'**. A remarkably elegant form of the purple Osier, its slender blue-grey leaves adding considerably to the effect. Small grey catkins in Feb-March. 2m+.
- SALVIA**. Like human beings, the ubiquitous Sage comes in all shapes and sizes, and also like humans, some are noticeably fussier and more demanding than others. They are truly worthy plants, giving us a spread of colourful flowers throughout summer. There should be a plant here to suit every taste. *From* £5.20
- S. 'African Sky'**. A new hybrid from New Zealand bearing small two toned lavender blue flowers over a remarkably long season. Good for border or pot alike. Its hardiness is being trialled. 60cm.
- ***S. atrocyanea**. Bolivia/Argentina. A leafy autumn Sage whose large blue-violet flowers are clasped in persistent purple stained bracts. Deciduous but hardy. 1m+
- S. atropatana**. A newish addition with felted leaves and a wildish look about it. The pleasing small pale violet-blue flowers are born on branched spikes, 70cm.
- ***S. chameleagnea**. A South African sage which has proved hardy with us. The combination of a white/pale blue lip, pale blue hood and reddish calyx is a delight. Its pungent leaves will remind you of germalene scuffed knees days.
- S. x 'Christine Yeo'**. A hardy stalwart hybrid sage covering itself in small purple flowers for months. 60cm
- ***S. greggii. 'Stormy Pink'**. A newish cultivar with large, warm tinted pale rose pink flowers throughout summer. 45cm.
- ***S. guaranitica 'Blue Enigma'**. Magnificent royal blue flowers from mid-summer until frosts. We find this the most reliably perennial form and it requires no staking. 150cm.
- S. x jamensis 'Silas Dyson'**. Glorious deep wine red flowers with fat lobes for months on end. Makes a semi-shrubby mound, a little brittle when young. 1m+.
- S. microphylla 'Cerro Potosi'**. Large carmine pink flowers and remarkable blackcurrant scented foliage. Makes a lusty plant. 50cm.
- ***S. m. 'Pink Blush'**. A remarkable plant on account of its hardiness, length of season and the shock value of its, well, shocking pink flowers. 45cm.
- ***S. m. 'Marchant's Chalk White'**. More ivory than white. Our own seedling raised surprisingly from the brilliantly coloured S. 'Cerro Potosi' above and equally long flowering. 40cm.

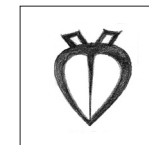
- SALVIA microphylla 'Nachtvlinder'**. The name is Dutch meaning Night Moth. Very appropriate really given it is perhaps the darkest flower colour you'll find in this group – a dark night purple. *From* £5.20
- S. nemorosa 'Caradonna'**. A great selection from the Continent. The violet flowers and striking black-purple stems lift this plant into a different league altogether.
- S. stolonifera**. The deep green foliage of this Mexican sage is deeply ribbed while the large tubular flowers are a startling bright orange. Said to prefer a modicum of shade. Hardy?
- ***S. x sylvestris 'Blauhügel'**. The value of this group of salvias cannot be over stressed, providing color over a long period. The flowers of this dependably good, short form are lavender-blue. 40cm.
- S. 'Trelawney'**. A microphylla type verging towards a lovely shade of coral pink.
- S. uliginosa**. Wand-like stems carry clear sky-blue flowers, not large but freely produced over a very long season. We find it impossible to tire of this plant but beware – it is rampant if it likes you.
- ***S. verticillata 'Hannay's Blue'**. The small flowers, in truth more lilac-mauve than blue, are born in whorls on 45cm stems. A pleasing plant for front of stage performance.
- ***S. v. 'Purple Rain'**. A Piet Oudolf selection made some years ago, yet still difficult to hold a candle to. If deadheaded regularly, continues with a display of its purple flower spikes for weeks on end. 45cm.
- SANGUISORBA**. The Burnets are among the rising stars of the Horticultural stage. Needless to say, we find them exemplary used in association with grasses and we are always adding new varieties to our list. Please note that plants marked with an asterisk (*) will not become available until May. *From* £5.35
- ***S. 'Blackthorn'**. An inspiring newcomer to our list. Fuzzy, pink and upright and admired by all. 1.5m.
- ***S. 'Burr Blanc'**. We spotted this saucy white seedling here amongst a batch of seedlings in 2004 and it has performed very well in the garden even in drought years. Quite unlike other white forms, the flowers emerge from celadon green buds and retain a fresh appearance for weeks on end. 120cm.
- S. canadensis**. Taller than the following but with similar airy white spikes. 1.6m.
- S. canadensis hybrid**. Probably a species, this is our own name for this short S. Canadensis look alike. Upright spikes of white flowers for weeks, holding its structure & seed heads well. 1.2m.
- ***S. 'Cangshan Cranberry'**. We so value this super plant for its Sept-Nov. display of dusky red flowers on self supporting, upright stems. A Dan Hinkley collection from Yunnan Province, China in 1996. 2m+.
- S. menziesii**. Conspicuous maroon burrs, the largest and first to flower in mid-summer. Always admired by customers unfamiliar with this genus, the best recommendation of all. 1m.
- ***S. 'Nettlesworth Wand'**. A towering new hybrid ('Cangshan Cranberry' x 'Korean Snow') whose 2.2m stems launch a profuse display of long windsock shaped dusky rose burrs through autumn. Ta Vicki & Nigel.
- ***S. obtusa**. The plant in question has particularly beautiful grey foliage and may be the form known as S. o. 'Chatto'. 45cm.
- ***S. officinalis 'Arnhem'**. The burrs of this lanky burnet hover like a swarm of small raspberries on wiry, branched stems, holding their colour for weeks. A great favourite here during summer. 2m.

- SANGUISORBA officinalis. Dark Form.** Pretty much the darkest form we offer, with very dark maroon burrs. Described by the late G. S. Thomas as 'A leafy, weedy plant'. Tut,tut Mr T. 2m+. *From*
£5.35
- S. off. ex Marina Christopher.** We've never had a name for this form (which we raise from seed and therefore a little variable). The fat burrs are dark maroon and at their best through September.
- S. off. 'Pink Tanna'**. Despite being in a muddle in the trade, this remains a good plant producing a copious crop of palest pink burrs in summer. 1m.
- ***S. off. 'Pink Tanna – Form 2'**. Longer and more slender burrs than the above. A very good plant. 1m.
- ***S. 'Red Busby'**. Selected here for its capacious growth and strong stems which terminate in a teeming mass of fat deep wine red burrs. 1.75m.
- ***S. 'Sanguine Dwarf'**. Hard to believe, this was a seedling raised here from S. 'Arnhem'. At 35cm, very cute.
- ***S. sp. CDC 262.** Thimble sized dark maroon burrs spaciouly arranged on a rigging of wiry stems. Worthy of a design award. 1.20cm.
- ***S. tenuifolia 'Korean Snow'**. A handsome and robust form from Korea, the strong stems topped with cascades of white tassle-like flowers long into the autumn. 2m.
- S. t. 'Rosea'**. Divisions are offered from a plant brought back from Holland in 1997. The hanging tassles make quite a change in character from many of the above. 1.8m
- SAXIFRAGA geum 'Dentata'**. The leaves in this form look as though they've been histrionically set upon with a pair of pinking shears! £4.50
- S. geum 'Dixter Form'**. A charming, small 'London Pride', whose neat rounded leaves form pert green rosettes. A mist of tiny white flowers in early summer completes the picture. Uncommon. 20cm. £5.00
- S. x urbium 'Miss Chambers Pink Pride'**. A London Pride of impeccable merit and far from old hat, chosen for its strong constitution and size of flower. 30cm. £5.00
- ***SCABIOSA columbaria var. ochroleuca.** Pale yellow flowers are held on a tracery of wiry stems through the summer. A very beautiful plant when well grown. Revels in sun. 90-120cm. £5.00
- SCHIZOSTYLIS coccinea. 'Good White'**. Or as near as with the faintest touch of pink in the flower upon opening. £5.20
- SEDUM.** Our troubles with sedum started several years ago, not so much with vine weevil to which they can be prone, but to the small and very wriggly caterpillar of a Tortrix Moth. Having woven its own dense, silk like protective nest it then dines on the host plant from within – breakfast, dinner and supper! I have only seen the problem in the South East of England. Keep your eyes peeled through the summer months for this horrid little creature and deal with physically or with a suitable spray.
- Availability of our Sedums on the Nursery is nowadays more limited than hitherto but if interested do please ask when you visit as we are still likely to make some of our strongest forms available.
- SELINUM tenuifolium.** From the Himalayas, this refined Umbellifer is like a vastly superior 'Queen Anne's Lace'. The fresh green lacy foliage is crowned in June with flat umbels of white flowers supported on stout, ribbed stems. 120cm. £5.60
- SEMPERVIVUM.** We've enjoyed gathering a small collection of Houseleeks over the years, and of course lovely pots in which to grow them. Kids seem to love them as much as we do. We hope to have the following for sale.

- (**SEMPERVIVUM cont.**) S. 'Blue Boy', S. ciliosum x grandiflorum, S. 'Irazu', S. marmoreum brunneifolium, S. nevadense hirtellum, S. 'Rubin', S. 'Spiders Lair', S. 'Stuffed Olive', S. tectorum glaucum, etc. *From*
£3.25
- ***SERRATULA seaonei.** A modest, little known plant which makes its unassuming entry late in the season with fuzzy pale violet aster like flowers over deeply cut foliage. Charming. 30cm. £5.20
- SISYRINCHIUM idahoense bellum 'Pale Form'** Large flowers a most beautiful shade of grey-blue. 15cms. £5.20
- S. 'Marchant's Seedling'**. This short dark violet seedling occurred on one of our raised beds and has pleasantly stood the test of time. 5cm. £5.20
- ***SOLIDAGO caesia.** The golden-yellow flowers of this attractive Golden Rod are carried on dark, branched stems. At 45cm a valuable plant for a late display at the border front. £5.20
- S. rugosa 'Firecracker'**. A great descriptive name, the slender spikes of golden yellow flowers make a bright display among our tall grasses in the autumn. 1.2m. £5.20
- ***SPHAERALCEA incana 'Sourup'**. A hardy erect sub shrub invariably nipped by winter cold whose pale sage green leaves are in harmony with its soft orange mallow flowers produced all summer. 1.25m+. £5.25
- STACHYS monieri 'Hummelo'**. An Ernst Pagels selection producing neat spikes of lilac-purple flowers in mid-summer. 60cm. £5.25
- S. officinalis alba.** This is a seed raised batch, but effectively a white form of the above and likewise a neat plant pert enough for the border front. £5.25
- S. off. 'Marchant's Pink'**. This good deep pink seedling cropped up on the nursery here and like the others belongs to the border front battalion. £5.25
- S. off. 'Rosea'**. An easy to please rose-pink form, which has never grown taller than 30cm with us and also sits very happily at the border's edge. £5.25
- SUCCISA pratensis.** Dainty lavender-blue, Scabious like flowers held on 90cm spikes over evergreen basal clumps. Completely dependable and a cocktail bar for tortoiseshell butterflies in Sept/Oct. *From*
£5.20
- ***TANACETUM corymbosum. 'Festtafel'**. An highly effective Marguerite, with Pyrethrum like silver-green leaves and flat corymbs of small white flowers. 90cm. £5.25
- THYMUS.** Indispensible for cooks and irresistible to pinch and savour on a walk around the garden. *From*
£4.75
- ***T. 'Lavender'**. A lavender scented thyme.
- T. 'Orange Scented'**. Proof that a plant can smell of orange rind! Forms a grey leaved mound.
- T. 'Pinewood'**. A low spreading thyme with a resinous pinewood aroma. 15cm.
- T. vulgaris.** A highly aromatic clone which we've grown for years. Will add its magic to many a dish.
- THALICTRUM aquilegifolium 'Small Thundercloud'**. A corker of a plant, T. aquilegifolium in miniature. Creates considerably more than a storm in a tea cup with its generous clouds of purple flowers. 40cm. £5.50

- THALICTRUM 'Black Stockings'**. Euphemistically named, the flower stems are in fact purple and support, as is usual, a fuzz of rosy-purple flowers. 1.2m. £5.30
- ***T. dasyarpum**. Rarely seen this N. American Meadow Rue boasts good foliage, dark purple stems and a summer display of shaggy cream/celadon green flowers. Subtle – we love it. 1.8m. £5.50
- T. delavayi**. W. China. The small, nodding rosy lilac flowers with their prominent stamens provide an entrancing display on their tracery of wiry stems in summer. A refined plant in every respect. 1.5m. £5.30
- ***T. delavayi 'Album'**. An exquisite beauty with small cupped, virgin white flowers held en masse on wiry stems in summer. A plant for your very best soil. £5.35
- ***T. 'Elin'**. Vigorous and imposing hybrid (T. flavum glaucum x T. rochebruneanum) 2.5 m+. £5.35
- T. isopyroides**. You'll grow this principally for its dainty fern like blue-green foliage, so light in its effect. The perfunctory flowers are white. £5.00
- ***THERMOPSIS villosa**. A first rate Pea, clump forming and long lived. The soft toned lemon yellow flowers are at their bonniest in May, held on dark, leafy stems. The plant retains its freshness the season long. 1m. £5.00
- TRIFOLIUM pannonicum**. Masses of large creamy yellow heads all summer over clumps of trefoil leaves. 35cm. £5.25
- TRITONIA disticha subsp. rubrolucens**. A Crocosmia relative (corm) its sweet strawberry-pink lily-like flowers suspended on wiry stems through September. Hardy. 60cm. £5.25
- TROPAEOLUM polyphyllum**. A bizarre Nasturtium with sprawling mounds of silver foliage and yellow flowers. Desirable but infrequently seen. 10cm. £6.50
- TULBAGHIA 'Cosmic'** One of many new cultivars coming to the market place. This is vigorous with lilac flowers and contrasting corona of golden yellow. 50cm. £5.30
- T. 'Fairy Star'**. T. cominsii x violacea gives us this dainty narrow leaved plant. The clusters of pale lilac-mauve flowers are carried on 30cm stems for months. £5.30
- T. 'Fairy Star Mk II'**. Plucked from seedlings here and a tad more robust than the above. £5.30
- T. 'Harry Hay'**. Given to me by legendary Harry Hay it seems appropriate to name it after him. A form of T. violacea it carries large lilac-mauve flowers with a pale purple corona and is quite distinct. 45cm. £5.30
- T. 'Hazel'**. The clusters of flowers are a curious combination of dirty pink with a yellow tipped brown corona. Much nicer than my lack lustre description suggests. £5.30
- T. 'Snow White'**. The first entirely white Tulbaghia to cross our paths. Very pretty. £5.30
- T. v. 'White Drooper'**. Picked up 'en route' we've noticed the flower's tendency to droop, the result of a long pedicel no less. It makes for a dainty plant. £5.30
- T. violacea 'Fine Form'**. A very strong, prodigious flowering form of this South African Allium relative with larger umbels of lilac-mauve flowers than is usually seen. Perfectly hardy. 60cm. £5.20
- VERBASCUM pheoniceum 'Violetta'**. Airy spikes of large rich purple flowers more than compensate for the lack lustre basal rosettes. Seeds freely when happy. 60cm. £5.20

- ***VERBENA bonariensis**. Erect, skeletal Giacometti like stems bear clusters of tiny lavender-purple flowers through summer and autumn. Its transparent structure is beautiful in winter too. 150-180cm. £4.90
- V. hastata**. Erect stems terminate in a branched candelabra arrangement of tiny purple flowers. 90cm. £4.90
- ***V. h. alba**. The less often encountered white form. 75cm. £4.70
- V. h. rosea**. Hopefully, we shall have plants available of this delightful pink form in early summer. 90cms. £4.90
- V. 'La France'**. The ambitious stems of this bedding type verbena will gladly weave themselves to great effect through neighbours. Domed heads of bright lilac-mauve flowers throughout summer/autumn. 45cm. £5.00
- VERONICASTRUM**. The following list is arguably one of the best in the country We love these classic American Prairie plants. Their bold, erect outline match them perfectly to planting with grasses. What's more, they are long lived and for the most part, very easy to please. Flowering from June. *From* £5.50
- V. sibiricum. 'Kobaltkaars'**. From Dutch nurseryman friend Hans Kramer, bearing mid-violet coloured spikes 1.25m
- V. v. 'Adoration'**. Piet Oudolf's striking selection with large branched flower spikes, lilac with rose purple tips. 1.5m.
- V. virginicum album**. The beautiful white form, buff-pink in bud, and difficult to hold a candle to. 120cm.
- V. v. 'Erika'**. A form which has settled down well with us. The flowers are pale rose pink. Raised by eminent nurseryman, Ernst Pagels. 120cm.
- ***V. v. var. incarnatum**. Soft pink flower spikes followed by persistent warm, coppery seed heads in winter make this a favourite here. 1.5m
- V. v. 'Lavendelturm'**. A very vigorous and tall form with large airy tapers of pale lavender-lilac flowers and remarkably good chestnut-brown seed heads in early winter. 2m+.
- V. v. 'Pointed Finger'**. For those among you who misbehaved at school, the angle the flower spikes assume will remind you of a long forgotten but all too familiar experience. 'Gough! – Headmaster!' Lavender-blue. 100cm.
- V. v. 'Temptation'**. One of the first to flower with lilac-blue spikes. 120cm.
- VIOLA 'Gypsy Moth'**. Pale lavender-blue and cream. From the talented Elizabeth MacGregor stable. *From* £4.90
- V. cornuta 'Heaselands'**. Such a good strong plant with large scented, pale violet flowers. Very reliable. 20cm.
- V. c. 'Inverurie Beauty'**. The abundant fair sized mid violet flowers are carried on lengthy stems making them ideal for Tuzzy-Muzzies. 30cm.
- ZEPHYRANTHES 'La Bufa Rosa'**. A large flowered crocus-like plant from South America, white flushed pink, never better than when enjoyed in a pot. 10cm. £4.75



GRASSES

The grasses revolution of the last 20 years has seen the introduction of many new varieties but has also importantly prompted a reconsideration of their uses with the result that grasses are now being employed in a much more creative way by gardeners and garden designers alike. They have become an essential part of the English gardening vernacular and regardless of their fashion status and prominence in garden magazines features (and despite one prominent garden writer commenting to me five years ago that grasses had probably had their day) in all probability, they are here to stay.

In the wild they are pioneer plants, surviving in open spaces where, wind pollinated, they grow in lean soils with little competition from other plants. Their requirements in the garden are also easily met but the light provided by sunshine, particularly when low cast, is one of the most important ingredients of all. The striking of light and its refraction through the seemingly delicate flower heads and seed heads of many grasses creates an effect that few other plants can match.

Grasses are very much part of our own vocabulary at Marchants, making an important connection between the garden and the landscape beyond. They are seen at their best between July and October so why not pay us a visit to see how we use them and to discover the remarkable beauty they can bring to a garden.

IMPORTANT

Many of our grasses are propagated in spring and will not become available until the end of May/early June. They are marked with an asterisk, i.e. *

AMPELODESMOS mauritanicus 'White Form'. Selected by us from roadside seedlings collected in Spain it quickly forms an evergreen clump of fine foliage (traditionally used to make Espadrillos) and in summer, 2m stems carry one-sided panicles that retain their beauty long into the winter months. £7.50

ANEMANTHELE lessoniana. The evergreen clump of bronzed foliage will by mid July have erupted into a cascade of fine, brown-pink flower panicles. Within a month they will have faded to a mist of Gold. Needs good soil to give of its best. 50cm. £5.75

***ANDROPOGON gerardii**. A classic Prairie grass grown for its blue-green foliage and upright habit. The flowers are loosely described as looking like turkeys feet. Get you! 1.2m+. £5.50

BRIZA media var. limouzii. This Quaking/Totter Grass always steals hearts with its insect-like rustling, dark flowers on wiry stems. 45cm. £5.50

CALAMAGROSTIS x acutiflora 'Karl Foerster'. The vertical thrust of this plant, together with the bleached biscuit pallor of the spent flowers and stems provides a unique and highly effective feature from summer onwards. 180cm. £5.50

C. x a. 'Overdam'. Finely variegated leaves form a bold clump and in spring are attractively tinted with pink. The spent flowers are as effective as the above. 1.8m. £5.50

C. varia. Possesses all the attributes of the above. However, the flowers of this species are held on graceful, arching stems. 60cm. £5.35

CAREX elata aurea. Bowles's Golden Sedge demands retentive soil to prosper. Quite brilliant in its golden foliage effect, the flowers in contrast are almost black. 45cm £5.75

***CAREX muskingumensis 'Little Titch'**. The Palm Sedge in its smallest form, a fuzz of fresh greenery for the border front. 15cm. £5.35

***C. m. 'Oehme'**. A striking form with a swish golden band to the edge of the leaf. 45cm. £5.50

C. species ex KYOTO. A fresh green 'designery' looking sedge with good potential from Dutch colleague Coen Jansen. What's good enough for Coen and Kyoto is good enough for us so hopefully you too. 40cm? £5.75

***CHASMANTHIUM latifolium**. The intriguing flat flowers of Wood Oats are green on opening and persist in winter when they become copper flushed. Admire them in the garden or better still, pick them for the house. £5.75

CHIONOCHLOA rubra. Only when this plant had increased in girth here did we realise it was alive! The fine copper coloured leaves form handsome dense tussocks. Effective in the border or pots. £6.70

DESCHAMPSIA cespitosa 'Tautrager'. New to us from the continent it grows to 90cm and has proved to be a strong upstanding plant. Effective both singly and in drifts. £5.50

D. flexuosa 'Tatra Gold'. Forms low, tufted mounds of narrow foliage, a lively gold-green through winter and spring. 25cm. £5.50

ERAGROSTIS curvula. S&SH 10. Far superior to the form we have been offering, by mid-summer the flowering stems knit together into a billowing airy mass which persists long into the winter months. 90cm. £5.50

Eragrostis spectabilis. Purple Love Grass. A North American native producing an attractive froth of pinkish inflorescences before fading to buff. Prefers hard living to soft and is dependent on sunshine to flower well. 60cm. £5.50

***HAKONECHLOA macra**. The fresh, plain green leaves of this form make a welcome contrast to the ubiquitous variegated form. £5.70

HELICOTRICHON sempervirens. A classic grass, forming a tufted mound of steely grey foliage. The stems bow gracefully under the sheer weight of the flower panicles. 70cm. £5.50

MISCANTHUS. My conversion to this Genus happened many years ago on a visit to Ernst Pagels' Nursery in North Germany where he had spent many years selecting seedlings. The result of his work has provided us with some of the finest autumn flowering grasses available today. This also accounts for the large number of German names one battles to get ones tongue around.

Flowering at the same time as Pampas Grass, they do not suffer the same unfortunate suburban connotation and are much easier to accommodate in mixed borders. Their beauty lasts long into the winter, as long that is as their bleached stems are able to resist the vagaries of winter's inclement weather. Flowering on their annual growth, Jan/Feb heralds the start of the shearing season when they are carefully cut back (we use a hedgetrimmer here) to 15cm or so before the new seasons growth begins. £6.80

Miscanthus nepalensis. This possesses the most beautiful flowers of any Miscanthus, small fountain-like tresses of braded gold silk. We struggle with it in cold winters but many find it quite easy. 120cm.

M. sinensis 'Adagio'. At 1.2m this American selection has proved to be the shortest in our collection and is thus ideal for the smaller garden. Makes a tight, narrow leaved clump and covers itself in silvery buff, thin plumes.

- MISCANTHUS sinensis 'Beth Chatto'**. The last Miscanthus from Ernst Pagels, nostalgically named after his dear friend. The very fine leaves arching at their tips and narrow light brown flowers make for an elegant grass. 1.5m+.
- M. 'China'**. Like the following, one of the darkest, but just a notch later. 1.5m.
- M. s. 'Dixieland'**. A classy variegated, American selection. A refreshing addition.
- M. s. 'Ferne Osten'**. An early display of dark purple flowers held well above narrow leaves, continues thereafter over a long season. A great favourite here. 1.5m to any border. 2m.
- ***M. s. 'Ghana'**. A distinct narrow habit, upright brown flowers and superb reddish, purple-brown autumn colour make this a real winner. 150cm.
- ***M. s. 'Grosse Fontäne'**. The 2.5m stems support great arching silvery-buff flower plumes, always a great sight. AGM.
- ***M. s. 'Heiku'**. An uncommon selection from the stable of Ernst Pagels. 2m.
- M. s. 'Kleine Fontäne'**. Drooping flower heads in shimmering pink. This is indeed a very beautiful 'Small Fountain'. 120cm. AGM.
- M. s. 'Malepartus'**. The stir this plant caused when it arrived from Germany continues to this day. Dramatic, upright spikes of purple flowers in bold contrast to the broad, arching leaves. The foliage takes on glorious amber/apricot tints in late autumn. 180cm.
- M. s. 'Professor Richard Hansen'**. Another Ernst Pagels selection, with upright foliage and sentinel, silvery flower plumes held on lithe stems well above the leaves. 2.75m.
- ***M. s. 'Rosi'**. A very handsome newcomer from Germany, bolt upright and with a dark, smouldering look about it. Fine autumn colour comes as a bonus. 2m+.
- ***M. s. 'Rotfuchs'**. Deep rust-red narrow plumes, fading to a bleached charcoal-purple. 2m+.
- ***M. s. 'Rotsilber'**. A handsome selection, the strict, upright stems terminate in a fantastic display of reddish-purple croziers, equally beautiful when they fade to grey-silver. 2.2m+.
- M. s. 'Sarabande'**. Extremely fine elegant leaves form an erect column, erupting in September in a display of copper-gold plumes. An American selection. 180cm.
- M. s. 'Silberspinne'**. The vertical thrust of elegant narrow leaves and upright flower heads of brown-purple make this selection one of the finest. Splendid winter structure. 180cm.
- M. s. 'Silver Sceptre'**. Bolt upright with arguably the finest foliage among Miscanthus of medium height making it a particularly good grass for statement making. Marvellous in flower too. A lucky Marchants seedling. 1.8m.
- M. s. 'Yakushima Dwarf'**. Extremely productive, casting up masses of golden plumes. Its narrow foliage, compact habit and beautiful shape, lends it to punctuation planting. Classy. 120cm eventually.

MOLINIA. The following are without exception among the most atmospheric of grasses. Arising from non-invasive clumps, their erect stems bear in summer slender spikes of black-purple or brown/tan flowers. Their transparent nature makes them ideal candidates for the border front, enabling the eye to pass through to vistas beyond. To cap it all, their bright, bleached stems make a strikingly beautiful addition to the late autumn/early winter garden.

- Molinia caerulea ssp. arundinacea 'Bergfreund'**. Tiny bead like flowers in silvery brown create a floral mist and are at their most entrancing when suspended with droplets of water after rain. 2m.
- M. c. a. 'Cordoba'**. Upright thrusting stems and dense spikelets of purple-brown flowers. Impressive. 2m.
- M. c. a. 'Fontäne'**. An appropriate name given the fountain-like nature of this plant's arching stems. 2m+.

From
£6.80

From
£5.70

- MOLINIA caerulea arundinacea 'Karl Foerster'**. Handsome purple flower inflorescence. The perfect choice for a one man show at the border front! 180cm. Highly recommended. From £5.70
- M. c. a. 'Transparent'**. Only a pedant would argue about the differences between this and M. 'Bergfreund'. They are both highly effective garden plants.
- The following forms (ssp. caerulea) require the same cultural conditions as the above but are much shorter in growth.
- M. c. c. 'Dauerstrahl'**. Guilt leads me to confess this grass suffered neglect here for years. A reappraisal followed replanting and last summer few were the days when its soft arching beauty wasn't appreciated at the border front. 70cm.
- M. c. c. 'Dark Defender'**. Marina Christopher's recent selection has proved itself a real star, the dark bronze heads unusually persisting well into winter. 90cm.
- M. c. c. 'Heidebraut'**. As ethereal as the following but at 1.2m just a notch taller.
- M. c. c. 'Moorhexe'**. At 1m and with wispy panicles this is a useful intermediary between the short and tall Molinias.
- M. c. c. 'Poul Petersen'**. This is Piet Oudolf's choice for planting 'en masse'. Who am I to argue. 70cm.

PANICUM. The 'Switch Grasses' of North America are a valuable addition to our flower borders. Strictly clump forming and trouble free, they erupt in September/October into a shower of tiny reddish-purple, bead like flowers. At the same time, the foliage assumes crimson-purple hues, contributing greatly to the general effect.

From
£5.80

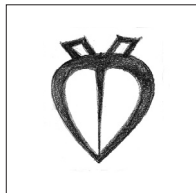
- P. amarum 'Dewey Blue'**. Differs from the following selections in being paler in both leaf and flower colour and with a more arching habit. We love it. 120cm.
- P. v. 'Dallas Blues'**. Excellent broad blue green leaves, making it a foliage plant of due merit. The flowers are nothing to boast about. 2m+.
- P. v. 'Heavy Metal Mk 2'**. A seedling of 'Heavy Metal' which has grown stronger than its parent with us but with all the attributes, particularly the grey foliage.
- P. v. 'North Wind'**. We so enjoy this plant with its strong vertical habit, forming a green column in the border. Good bronze and copper tints in autumn too. Flowers? Hmm-ask another question. 120cm.
- P. v. 'Rubrum'**. An old variety, but one which performs very well with us, flowering profusely and with superb autumn leaf colour. 1m.
- P. v. 'Shenandoah'**. Particularly dark red flowers in this form and characteristic red staining to the foliage also. 1m.
- P. v. strictum**. Bolt upright with a particularly airy flowering inflorescence. We love it! 120cm.
- P. v. 'Warrior'**. Produces a great misty head of ruby flower spikelets that remain attractive in winter long after their colour has been sapped. 120cm.

PENNISSETUM. The Fountain or Feather Grasses might better be called the Animal tail Grasses, their flowers mimicking in a cute sort of way Squirrel, Rabbit, Lamb, Deer, even Rat. We think them versatile and easy to grow but drainage is important and in harsh winters 1 or 2 may quake. They are grown for their spectacular flowers, less so for their plain foliage.

From
£5.50

- ***P. alopecuroides 'Black Beauty'**. A selected clone of the following with spectacular dark, busby-like flowers in autumn. Admired by all. 90cm. This and the following forms of P. alopecuroides enjoy moist, not dry soil.
- P. ex 'Black Beauty'**. Seedlings of the previous entry. We've hardly noticed a difference between them.
- P. a. 'Herbstzauber'**. Looking like an obese pincushion, and softer toned than the above, the brown bottlebrush flowers of this fine German selection always draw positive comments. 50cm.

- PENNISETUM macrourum.** Unequivocally one of the most interesting grasses we grow. The flowers, not unlike cream-white pipe cleaners, are held aloft on stiff 180cm stems. Need we say more.
- ***P. orientale.** Beth Chatto's description '– pink and mauve caterpillars on wiry stems' takes some beating. A beautiful grass when grown well and holds its own against the following newer introductions. Loves chalk. 45cm.
- P. o. 'Fairy Tails'**. An American selection which has performed well in the garden here. Bolt upright, it is the last of the orientales to come into flower with us. 75cm.
- ***P. o. 'Shogun'**. Similar to the above but taller and better able to hold itself well. 1m.
- ***P. thunbergii 'Red Buttons'**. A newish fountain grass with conspicuous, big bug sized copper-red flowers through summer. Has proved hardy here. 90cm.
- ***P. villosum.** Spectacular long display of huge white Caterpillar-like flowers, irresistible to kids (and adults too!). Hardy here but doesn't get its annual haircut in until spring. 50cm.
- ***SPOROBOLUS heterolepis.** The grass Piet Oudolf uses so well en masse not only for its looks but scent too – crushed coriander. Ours is the strong Pensthorpe Wildfowl Park form. 60cm.
- ***STIPA capillata.** An airy-fairy thing, over fine clumps of foliage its silvery hair-like awns create a delicately woven gauze. 70cm. £5.35
- S. gigantea 'Gold Fontäne'**. A German selection. Our parent plant performs very well here normally producing a copious number of flowering stems. For us, the foliage seems noticeably compact.
- From*
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Calling Galantho-maniacs

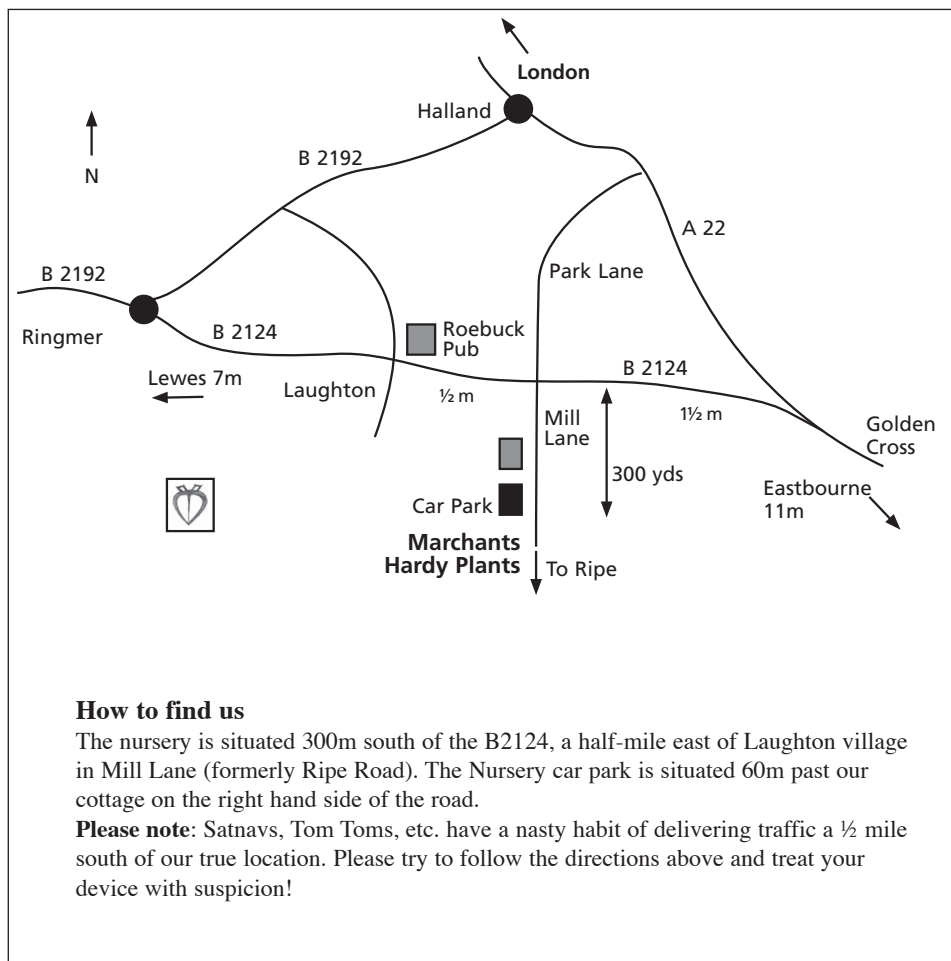
Our collection of Snowdrops at Marchants has grown considerably over the years: gifts from friends, purchases from the increasing number of snowdrop catalogues and sales together with promising seedlings which have occurred here, the result of winter bee activity.

Each year in early February we hold a week end sale of snowdrops drawn from our collection, normally offering up to 40 or more different varieties, some rare, others less so with prices varying accordingly. Therefore we offer plants for the beginner, collector and connoisseur alike.

If you would like details of our snowdrop sales do keep an eye to 'Graham's Blog' on our website www.marchantshardyplants.co.uk through January or better still, fill in a request for a snowdrop availability list on the appropriate web page. By using this latter method you will find your way onto our snowdrop mailing list and will be informed of future snowdrop events at Marchants.

A plea for carry bags and strong boxes

We spend many hours collecting boxes from a number of sources for you to take your plants home safely in. It is an enormous help therefore if you can provide your own boxes or bags and moreover a sure way of becoming a favourite customer. Many thanks for your consideration



Notes

Spring Plant Fair at Southease

The Plant fair at Southease, takes place on the village green against the remarkable backdrop of the Southdowns and charming Saxon Church. It has gained quite a reputation over the years, not only for the quality, choice and range of plants sold, but for the quality of the weather too. Give yourself a treat and join us. Bring your brolly though – just in case!

Monday 1st May 2017 12.30 – 4.30 pm

**Marchants Hardy Plants,
Usual and Unusual Plants,
Southease Plants**

Teas and refreshments available

Parking and entrance to Plant Fair free.

Southease village is situated on the C7 road mid-way between Newhaven and Lewes
For further information please contact Adrian Orchard (Southease Plants) on 01273 513681