

Portstone

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Newsletter for June

ROSES ARE HERE NOW

We have a selection of lovely favourites, all expertly pruned ready to plant.

They are all excellent quality, two year old, grafted roses, disease resistant, guaranteed to perform.

Your established roses can be pruned anytime through June, July and early August. Start by spraying your roses late Autumn to early winter with **Yates Lime Sulphur** (available in 200 and 500ml bottles). Spray the bare soil as well, so long as there is nothing planted underneath. This will defoliate the roses and burn off fungal disease, reducing fungal problems in the following summer.

Right after pruning, spray with **Yates Conqueror Oil** (also available in 200 and 500ml bottles). This helps to seal the fresh cuts as this is where air borne diseases enter the plant.

Avoid pruning in very damp or drizzly weather as this can increase the chance of disease.

Next, spray with copper which is a fungal preventative. **Wally's Liquid Copper** is the easiest to use. The oil and copper can be mixed together but may be slightly less effective.

Coriander is easier to grow in winter than summer as it doesn't bolt so quickly. We have plenty of seedlings in store in both herb and vegetable sections.

Keep feeding your **rhubarb** with plenty of chicken pellets.

If you are not planting a winter crop then apply some lime to the soil in preparation for spring planting.

Then consider sowing a green manure crop for the winter, in order to feed the soil and to suppress the winter weeds. Try our Lupin, Mustard and Grain Mix which provides nitrogen, carbon and a clean up of soil.

The Flower Garden

Prepare now for your new roses that will be in store by Queen's Birthday weekend. Dig in compost and rotted manure which will feed the soil and encourage worms, so by the time your roses arrive, your plot will be nutritious and well draining. Ask at the counter for our rose catalogue and be sure to order early to avoid missing out on your favourite variety.

Oriental & Asiatic Lily Bulbs are in store now. Many are wonderfully scented plus they come in a lovely range of colours.

Colour up your winter with our potted colour, some only **99cents**. Polyanthus, primulas, pansies and more. For indoor colour you can't go past a cyclamen. They will flower through winter, then put them outside under a tree when they stop flowering. Feed all these plants with dried blood to keep them flowering.

Order your FRUIT TREES now as some Varieties will sell out quickly.
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