

# The Bressingham Gardens

September 2017

## Newsletter



### Following the headlines

BBC Gardener's World comes to Bressingham Gardens,

featured presenter Carol Klein acclaiming "not one, but two" of her horticultural heroes, the late Alan Bloom and his son Adrian. Carol spoke with Adrian about his father and his passion for perennials, then walked in part of Adrian's Foggy Bottom garden looking at ways of using conifers in the garden.

**The episode is currently available for viewing on the BBC iPlayer - Gardeners' World. (the Bressingham Gardens feature starts at 05.45 into the programme).**



## The 50th Anniversary of Foggy Bottom Garden on the weekend of September 9th-10th

Despite the weather a lot of people turned up to listen to talks by Adrian Bloom and Jaime Blake, Head Gardener of Alan Bloom's Dell Garden, enjoy the gardens, and buy not only perennials and grasses from Jason Bloom's Bressingham Gardens Nursery, but also some special conifers and shrubs for a small 'pop up' plant stall.

## The Gardens

Visitors were amazed that there was so much colour in the gardens 'this late', and plants like Rudbeckia 'Goldsturm', Aster x frickartii 'Monch', Geranium 'Rozanne' and Hydrangea 'Annabelle' walked off the plant stall benches. Here are a few comments from our visitors at the weekend;

*"Absolutely stunning! Here's to the next 50 years!!"*

*"Came from Brentwood Essex today. I am just beginning gardening and this has spurred me on even more! Well done and thank you."*

*"Excellent garden. Great planting ideas 'out of the box'. Well done! Well kept. Best I have seen."*

*"What can I say, WOW, just loved every bit! Thank you for letting us in."*

# And what now? Is that all there is? No, time to plant and plan – the early autumn

Our next news item presents an opportunity for you to get some autumn planting done, whilst the soil is still warm. It's a great time to plant most conifers, some shrubs and some perennials, and get them established so they can race away in spring.

So we are offering a few selected conifers and shrubs and recommending some perennials that will either look good this autumn or will give a better display in spring if planted now.



## Conifers

We have just a few, mostly dwarf conifers, which were very popular at our Open Weekend plant display. Popular too was Adrian's new book *Gardening with Conifers*, an indispensable guide book as to how to use conifers in your garden. Check the videos on conifers and the gardens on our website too!

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## Shrubs

Just a few select items on offer. The late summer flowering Hydrangeas, *Hydrangea arborescens* 'Annabelle', and *Hydrangea paniculata* selections were a wow too. These are great plants and, unlike most other Hydrangeas, flower on new growth each year.

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*"They are all on the website."*

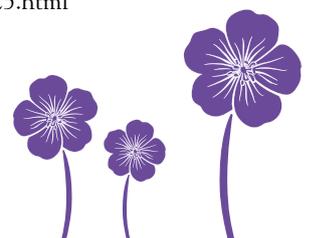
## Recommended perennials

There are several hundred different perennials grown and offered by Jason Bloom and the Bressingham Gardens Nursery. Why wait until spring if you can get some established now? We highlight both dependable, tough plants, and some early spring flowering forms which, like spring flowering bulbs, are best planted now.

[View recommended perennials](https://www.bressinghamgardens.com/ecommerce/spring_flowering_perennials_for_autumn_planting_c225.html)

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