

Newsletter

SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL!

At the end of the year there's little urgency for gardeners to do anything but relax, perhaps review the previous 'garden year', but more positively, start to plan for the next, 2018.

Here are some thoughts and some outline plans and ideas to consider for next year – full details will be in our January 2018 bumper newsletter.

THE WINTER GARDENS 'OPEN SEASON'

12th February to 27th March 2018



On our website, in articles and in photographer Cedric Pollet's new book *Winter Gardens*, both our Bressingham Winter Garden and Foggy Bottom are shown in vivid images, most pictures (except those in Cedric's book) have been taken by Adrian's son Richard Bloom, named International Garden Photographer of the Year 2016. Great photography by great photographers of course, but if you can, why not plan a visit? Visit [our website](#) and, to get an idea, join Adrian Bloom on a short but informative [tour by video of the Winter Gardens](#).



The Bressingham Gardens



WHY NOT?

Stay a winter or early spring night or two at Bressingham Hall?

Any dedicated group of friends or family could enjoy a winter break and be able to view the gardens. Central heating, en suite rooms, self or organised catering – see www.thebressinghamgardens.com for more details.

2018 BRESSINGHAM GARDENS INSPIRATION WEEKEND Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th September

Following the success of the 2017 anniversary weekend, we are delighted to announce an equally special event for 2018. 'Inspiration' for gardeners, plus inspiration for a competition for artists, will cover the two days. Both programmes will be given in detail in January, but for now PLEASE can we suggest you reserve the dates in your diary of the 8th and 9th September!

BRESSINGHAM GARDENS NURSERY NEWS

Behind the scenes in 2017 there's been a lot of work going on as Jason's nursery – both on and off the 'field'. First, he and his staff have some great plants ready for late winter, early spring despatch. Secondly, the Nursery website is being redesigned and will be moving within the overall [Bressingham Gardens website](http://www.thebressinghamgardens.com), simplifying access and linking more closely with the gardens. For the moment, no need to do anything – a full launch will be outlined in our January newsletter as well as directly to customers.



'It's all on the website'

www.thebressinghamgardens.com

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Plants to add to your 2018 order

Harbinger of spring ... a joyous plant for life shouldn't be this cheap! Can you hear a snowdrop? Perhaps not, but you can enjoy this one's fragrance...

Galanthus 'S. Arnott'

Recognised as one of the best of all snowdrops, planted extensively in the gardens at Bressingham. 'S. Arnott' has an interesting story ([read our blog here](#)), and with its large fragrant flowers and robust habit 'S. Arnott' should be the snowdrop for every garden. [Buy 'S. Arnott' here.](#)

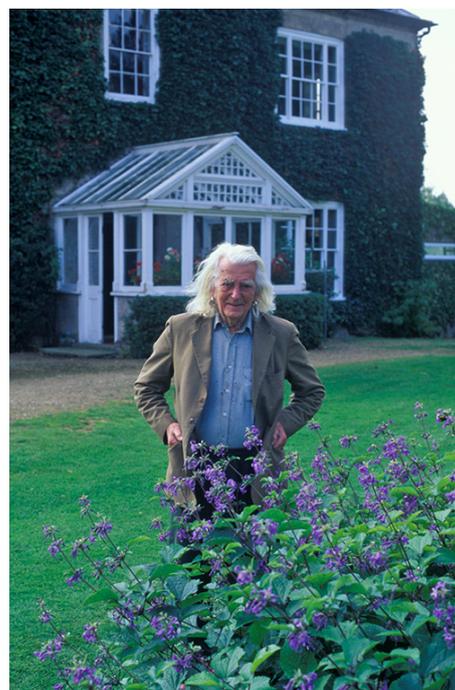
Food for thought ... Who's the Grandad?

Rheum palmatum 'Grandad's Favourite'

Obviously not any ordinary grandad, but Alan Bloom did like his rhubarb and had it with his breakfast cereal most mornings of the year. We think it even went back to Alan's father, Adrian Bloom's grandad Charles. Confused about grandads? Adrian (also now a grandad) will also tell you that this special rhubarb, freshly picked and cut into short lengths, sugar on top, a little water on the bottom of the oven dish, cooked at 140°C for 40 mins) makes a great and tasty (fruit or vegetable?) to go with any cereal.



Keep the tradition going and enjoy Grandad's Favourite too by adding it to your spring order. [Buy 'Grandad's Favourite' here.](#)



Alan Bloom in 1995, in front of the Clematis named after him

2017 comments from some of our younger visitors

"Your garden is cool."
Noah

"Amazing, looked for a troll under the bridge!"
Emily

All photos by
Richard and
Adrian Bloom

