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Golden Hour All Month Long

Sunlit afternoons, starry nights, and one amazing eclipse in between.

Welcome to our August Newsletter! 

The month of August is a time where all our efforts of nurturing, sowing seeds and hard work through spring and summer come to fruition. Flowers bloom, vegetables grow ending up in flavourful homemade recipes and the shift towards autumn is beginning. During August the strong bird song quietens as many birds prepare to make their journey south for the new seasons. We have been loving using all our produce from the garden in yummy recipes, we have so many onions and courgettes this month! 🥰🌿

A magical event this month has been the total solar eclipse. We spent the evening with friends in our garden, researching the eclipse, listening to music and witnessing the sun changing, safely through the use of our colander! The meeting of the moon and sun can be seen to represent deep inner transformation and a reset or fresh start, interestingly something that the end of summer and start of autumn offers us. 🌞

What we've been up to in August...



📸 Earlier this month we got some great pro-shots of The City Escape garden! We completed this project back in March and is very much a favourite of ours.

Thanks Fraser-Cave Photography for capturing it!



Head to our Instagram to see all the photos! 🌿 ⭐

🛠️ Our Landscapers have been busy on a new project in Wimbish over the past week!

The design they're building aims to create comfortable social spaces that include an outdoor kitchen and a patio perfect for relaxing. We can't wait to see this design come to life! ✨ 🌱

Head to Instagram @jacqandwillslandscapes to see the renders! 😊



🌸 A lovely day out!

Jacqueline, Will, Sasha, Reuben and Scarlett all headed to Regent's Park earlier this month!

They had a lovely day walking around the gardens and spent some time sketching the beautiful plants and scenery. 🖍️





A Beach Inspired Garden

Our clients were looking for a calm and serene space that was reminiscent of their favourite beaches. The goal was to create a space that translated beautifully from inside out and was fully accessible. The result is a garden that captures the effortless retreat of the seaside.



With the beach in mind, plank paving was used to resemble a boardwalk surrounded with light coloured gravel and coastal planting. Glacial boulders, combined with some of the client's own rockery, keeps the garden dynamic and textural.



To continue the nautical theme, a compass was engraved into the paving next to a brand new garden room. At the centre of the garden is a stunning mosaic water bowl made from blue and green tiles, bringing tranquil and ocean like colours to the design.



The garden, combined with the garden room installed by Cambridge Garden Studios, creates a home away from home, allowing our client to head back to the seaside whenever they like.

Looking for your own garden transformation? **Get in touch!**



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Protecting Our Natural World & Staying Positive

I think we can all see that our gardens and wildlife are looking different to what we have been used to. Our plants, flowers and lawns are suffering with the lack of rain and hot sun.

Our hearts at Jacq and Wills go out to all nature and any victims of the wildfires that have happened throughout the UK.

Beautiful, magical wildlife spots like Dunwich Heath in Suffolk have been tragically affected by the changing climate, below we have linked the charities if you can share or donate money in order to help protect and rebuild this special place.

This issue can feel too big to handle, and we can feel powerless, but tiny acts such as starting conversations around these topics, living more sustainably in ways that work for us and looking after our own green spaces all make a difference. Although this is incredibly disheartening it's important to remember just how resilient our natural world is and how it regenerates again and again and again...

Donate and Prevent

If you'd like to donate to support key charities with caring for and protecting our nature and wildlife, head to these links:



- National Trust (Recovery at Dunwich Heath)
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/support-us/appeals/dunwich-heath
- Woodland Trust (Supporting Wildlife and Woodlands)
www.woodlandtrust.org.uk
- RSBP (Supporting Birds and Wildlife) www.rspb.org.uk/donate

“If you see someone without
a smile, give them yours.”

Dolly Parton

A Perfect Summer Day Out

This month we discovered Benton End Hall, located in the peaceful Suffolk countryside.

This sixteenth century home and gardens was the beloved home of the artist & gardener Sir Cedric Morris & his partner, artist, Arthur Lett- Haines. The couple created the East Anglia School of Painting & Drawing, a place for artists to study peacefully, surrounded by nature and connect to other likeminded artists - some students having been Lucian Freud & Maggi Hambling!



Through his life, Cedric developed his love of gardening, focusing most of his efforts into his home garden, creating a space known for naturalistic planting.

Benton Hall is only open during the summer season, so do book your places for next year! We met the lovely gardening team, who are all incredibly invested in the development of the garden, wanting to honour the history of the space whilst creating new aspects - one of which is a dry garden that wraps around the back of the house, complementing the historical plum coloured property. Sarah Price, the landscape designer, has been in collaboration with Benton End on their refurbishments too!



Broccoli & Anchovy Orecchiette

Pasta has been a staple dish for us over the years! 🍝

We've been loving this delicious, fresh and light Jamie Oliver recipe for the perfect summer pasta. We even add some home grown courgette too.

Find the recipe here! 😊

www.jamieoliver.com/recipes/pasta/broccoli-anchovy-orecchiette



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