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A Quiet Walk Through April

The shadows are retreating; and the days are inviting us out.

Welcome to our April newsletter 😊

Now really is the time to get stuck into our gardens in preparation for the warmer months ahead! The jumpers are definitely still being taken on and off and on and off with the changing temperatures; sunshine one minute, then hail the next! 🌧️

Nevertheless, it is so worthwhile and satisfying to get ahead, not to mention enjoying the gorgeous scent of fresh new growth and blossoms, and the delight of all the bulbs and daffodils while you are out there. 🌸

At home, we have been focusing particularly on our vegetable area. Scarlett has been taking it on with gusto...read ahead to see what she has been up to!

Have a wonderful spring, and remember all your efforts will reap beautiful rewards! 🌸🌿

What we've been up to...

April has started busy! After a lovely long weekend, our teams are back working hard on lots of exciting projects 🙌🌿



Louis has been working hard leading a project in Cambridge over the last few weeks. 💪

The compact space aims to pack a punch! It features a stunning specimen tree, lush planting and a practical space for seating that folds away when not in use to maximise the space.

Louis has done a fantastic job so far and we can't wait to see how this garden develops! 🌿

To coincide with our website update (coming soon 👁️), we took some fresh team photos. 📸

Tom from Fraser-Cave Photography joined us all at Caldrees Manor to capture our good sides surrounded by lots of beautiful greenery and blossom! 🌿🌸 Keep your eyes peeled to see how the final photos came out! 🙌🙌





✨ We also welcomed a new team member! ✨

Henry joined us last month and we are so pleased to have him on board! As part of the Landscaping Team, he has already been working hard on some of our exciting projects in Clare, Cambridge and Widdington.

Head to our [Instagram](#) to learn more about him! 🙌🌿



April Garden Showcase

A Traditional Pond for a Traditional Home

Completed in 2025, this Traditional Garden is a celebration of craftsmanship, heritage materials and sensitive design - a space created to sit effortlessly alongside the character and history of the client's home.

What began as an underused corner of the garden has been transformed into a timeless, tranquil focal point that feels as though it has always belonged.

One of the defining features of the project is the handcrafted dry-stone pond, built using traditional materials to achieve a natural, enduring aesthetic. The structure is finished with Yorkstone capping, each piece hand-bevelled by our team to create a refined edge that elevates the overall finish.



At the centre of the pond sits a beautifully weathered millstone, thoughtfully repurposed as a water feature. Its gentle movement and soft sound bring life and atmosphere to the space, while the pond itself now supports fish and aquatic planting, adding depth, biodiversity and year-round interest.

The surrounding planting has been carefully selected to enhance the traditional feel of the garden, offering colour, texture and seasonal variation without overwhelming the space. A collection of old stone pots complete the composition, their patina and form echoing the timeless feeling of the wider design.



This project is a testament to how careful craftsmanship and thoughtful design can create a garden full of character and tranquility. We are so happy with this project and enjoy watching it develop as our team maintain it.

If you'd like to start your own garden transformation, get in touch! ✨



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Take a Breath of Fresh Air

Seeking out clarity in the middle of a cluttered work week.

To the garden we go...

We have been working hard in our vegetable garden! 🍅

Scarlett has cleared out the potting shed, painted it, cleaned the greenhouse, weeded all the beds, created some new areas, and has been busy sowing seeds and nurturing all the little seedlings. Every day there is something new to see. 🌱

It has taken her a lot of effort and graft, but the garden is now in hand (for the time being!) and is such a pleasure to be in. 😊



We are looking forward to all the abundant produce. We will probably have too many courgettes and not enough cucumbers, but it's always so lovely to share with friends and swap recipes.

We will share photos in the coming issues! ✨🌸



Something to Read:

📖 Rough Patch by Kathy Slack

This book is so inspiring and life-affirming. It follows the author's journey of recovery after burnout and depression, finding solace in her vegetable garden ❤️

I love the blurb on the back cover: "Growing vegetables is, for me, a powerful antidote to the pressures of reality. A way to rewild my mind, reconnect with nature, and lift myself out of the barrel of treacle that is life."

We are all doing so much more than simply gardening when we are working in our gardens; we are nurturing ourselves too.



"April hath put a spirit of youth in everything."

William Shakespeare

Grilled Asparagus with Olive Oil, Lemon and Parmesan



We always make this when we go camping, it is delicious! 😊

Jamie Oliver's grilled asparagus with parmesan on toasted ciabatta is a simple, rustic dish featuring snapped asparagus spears dry-griddled until marked, then dressed with lemon juice, extra virgin olive oil, and shaved Parmesan.

Get the recipe here: www.food.com/recipe/grilled-asparagus-with-olive-oil-lemon-parmesan

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