

Four Seasons in One Day

Chestnut Nursery



Last month saw some untimely weather. Heavy rains, high winds, bright hot sunshine and chilly nights, often on the same day. Such fluctuations don't make ideal conditions for growing and as a result some crops were late establishing

this year, which is brilliant news because it means we now have a wide range of hardy perennials, shrubs and exotics just coming into their prime.

Dazzling daisies come in all colours. Arctotis just keep on giving, flowering with majestic profusion, they are ideal for pots and containers. Osteospermums are perfect for beds and borders, while erigerons cascade over walls and through gravel beds. Dreamy dahlias offer up surprising contrast with bright flowers held on dark black foliage.

Our salvias never fail to impress, and this year we welcome a new species, called *Salvia nutans* the 'nodding sage' it's quite unlike any other. The towering yet graceful plants have purple, pendant-like flowers which hang in clusters at the top of long, long stems.

As always, we have a wide selection of southern hemisphere shrubs and exotics, many of which thrive in local conditions. We have often been tempted to grow a range of Australian eucalyptus trees, and this year we went for it. Now you can choose from six different species. Each one is different to the other but of equally high merit. One might say, a little like us... hooray!

Don't be shy and pay us a visit, we are open every day, regardless of the weather.

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Nursery Manager

Chestnut Nursery is a registered charity providing meaningful work for adults with enduring mental illness through the therapy of horticulture. Visit our new garden centre at our nursery site next to Poole Park; 75 Kingland Road, Poole, BH15 1TN.