

GARDEN NEWS

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This has been quite a challenging year for me. A broken ankle, earlier this year, threatened to slow my plans for the garden but fortunately the Garden Team managed to pull together and deliver a beautiful garden for the summer.

Garden maintenance is a year long project and this summer it involved planting of thousands of Zinnia haageana 'Aztec Sunset', along Paper Buildings, to create a field of colour and perhaps distract people from the loss of the Magnolia tree, which finally had to be removed. Other highlights this summer have been the planting of dahlias and tender salvias in the High Border. Particularly beautiful is the Dahlia Dovegrove, with its dark fuchsia petals and yellow centre.

The rejuvenation of the Mediterranean Border earlier this summer, should also be mentioned; its spectacular bold display enticed people into the garden during the marquee season. Lastly, the new greenhouse, replacing the old, leaking eyesore, will greatly improve our ability to grow annuals, bi-annuals and cuttings from our tender plants.

This autumn we are looking forward to the National Garden Scheme (NGS) Open Day on Sunday 4 October, 12.30-4pm. We hope that our windswept borders will stand up against the elements until then. One of our major tasks this autumn will be tidying up the borders in preparation for the planting of 4000 tulips throughout the garden, for a striking Spring display.



STAFF NEWS

As part of the Inn's ongoing pest control initiative, we welcome Hunter and Nimrod to the garden team. We wish them every success in their battle against vermin.