

# Darfoulds Newsletter



Spring has sprung, the garden is starting to come alive and bloom again after a long, dark winter. We have much more sunlight to look forward to thanks to the clocks going forward at the end of the month, giving us all some extra sunlight to get the garden ready for the changing seasons.

You can expect a mix of weather conditions through March, some days you'll find mild sunshine and others you'll find rain and heavy winds, as always use the optimum weather days to get any outside jobs done. Remember to keep on top of weeds, catching them while they are young is much easier than once they have established.

Keep on top of any pest control from March as they will begin to show an interest in your greenhouse plants as the temperatures warm up – we stock a full range of biological controls to protect your plants, from slug and snails to aphids there is a full range of products to help with all pest control requirements.



## Chris' Tips For March

### Ornamental Garden:

- A general fertiliser could be applied over borders if felt necessary.
- Lightly rake lawn if mild and not waterlogged to remove moss.
- Remove any dead, diseased or damaged growth from trees and shrubs.
- Put manure/rose feed around all roses and check for dead, diseased or dying shoots.
- Deadhead bulbs regularly.
- Now is a good time to plant: new perennials and summer-flowering bulbs.
- Re-pot or top-dress all containers.
- Weed regularly.
- Plant roses.
- Sow hardy annuals for summer colour.
- Harden off hardy annuals sown under glass.
- Cut back any remaining growth from herbaceous / grasses leftover from the winter.
- Divide summer-flowering perennials like astrantia, hemerocallis, hosta, coppice dogwoods/willows etc. if not done before now.



### Vegetable Garden:

- Prune gooseberries and red and white currants. Remove deadwood and then spur prune all side shoots back to 2 – 3 buds from the base. Shorten branch tips by one quarter.
- Plant shallot and onion sets.
- Harvest the last of the winter crops and compost any un-diseased debris.
- Sow aubergines, cucumbers, tomatoes and chillies in an indoor heated propagator but only if you have a heated glasshouse for growing on seedlings.

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## Upcoming Events

*Mothers Day*

MENU

*Starters*  
CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP  
SERVED WITH HOME BAKED CRUSTY BREAD  
OR  
VELVETY DUCK LIVER PATE  
SERVED WITH TOAST AND CHUTNEY

*Main*  
SLOW COOKED LAMB SHANK WITH RED WINE SAUCE  
SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & GARLIC  
ROASTED POTATOES  
OR  
ROASTED PEPPER AND GOATS CHEESE TART  
SERVED WITH SALAD AND POMMES FRITES

*Dessert*  
PROFFEROLS  
OR  
CHOICE OF HOMEMADE CAKE  
FROM OUR DISPLAY

*Free Glass of Fizz or drink  
of choice for mums*

2 COURSES £19.95  
3 COURSES £24.95

PRE BOOKING IS REQUIRED  
INFO@DARFOULDS.COM

*Mothers Day*

TAKEAWAY  
AFTERNOON TEA

Choice of 1 Sandwich per person

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Cheese & Chutney  
Tuna Mayonnaise  
Egg Mayonnaise (Free Range)  
Prawn Marie Rose  
Home Cooked Ham  
Home Cooked Chicken

BLT  
Cream Cheese & Smoked Salmon

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Selection of Homemade Cakes

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Glass of Fizz option £18.95pp  
Hot drink of your choice £15.00pp

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**MOTHERS DAY  
27TH MARCH**

Join us for Mothers Day  
2 & 3 Course Meal options  
available  
&  
Takeaway Afternoon Tea  
Pre Booking is essential  
Free drink of choice for every  
mum!  
call 01909 472881  
email info@darfoulds.com



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Nursery, Landscaping & Spraying

WE WILL BE CLOSED ON  
*Good Friday*

WE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE DAY  
BUT RE-OPENING ON SATURDAY  
NORMAL WORKING HOURS

**Whats Happening in April!**

During Easter Week we will be selling  
Easter Treat Boxes, Cheesecake filled  
Easter Eggs and Hot Cross Scones

Easter Sunday Lunch  
Easter Afternoon Tea

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