

Let it grow

A FESTIVAL FOR BEGINNERS TO THE EXPERT

This new garden event 'Let it Grow' is not just about flowers, trees and composting it also seeks to explore how a garden/an allotment/container or an area given over to producing edible crops can produce enough to feed a family.

Whether you are a seasoned gardener, have an allotment or a complete novice daunted by planting a few vegetables in the back yard this is the gardening event for you.

Spend time with the experts. Explore how wildlife can help your garden. Understand why bees are so important. Check out about keeping poultry. Find out about composting. How to preserve Yorkshires apples. With a packed programme of demonstrations and talks plus a gardening question time (Sat only) with an expert panel that includes Pippa Greenwood and Joe Maiden 'Let it Grow' is a fun event for all the family.



Tickets:
Advance bookings £2.50,
Door: £3.50
Children: free (under 16yrs).

Tel: 01756 791411,
Mon- Fri, 10am -4pm
Online:
www.themarttheatre.org.uk

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This innovative event represents a natural progression from the high quality exhibitions, visual art fair ART IN THE PEN and theatre that are staged on the Craven Cattle Mart site and is part of the Craven Agricultural Arts Initiative.

How to Find Us: Look for 'Auction Mart' signs. Let it Grow is in the pen area of Craven Cattle mart situated just off the A65 Bradford/Harrogate roundabout. The main bus station and the railway station are in Skipton centre.

Free Car Parking: There are 220 designated car parking places including disabled to the front of the building with ample overflow car parking at the rear.

Sponsors
Thompson & Morgan
Craven Court
Shopping Centre



Park & Ride:

The LITTLE RED BUS have kindly offered to run a free shuttle service into Skipton offering you the opportunity to park for free at LET IT GROW. This is a community service and donations can be made directly on the bus.

Programme: Every effort is made to avoid programme changes but The Mart Theatre reserves the right to cancel or change events if this is unavoidable.

Funders: LET IT GROW acknowledges the support of the following for their valued contribution to this new event



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SKIPTON GARDEN EVENT
SKIPTON AUCTION MART

Fri 7 & Sat 8 May 2010
10am – 4pm each day

With
Pippa Greenwood
(Sat only) BBC Radio 4 Gardeners Question Time

Joe Maiden
BBC Radio Leeds

Two days filled with:
Workshops
Talks
Demonstrations
Container gardening
Gardening Question Panel (Sat only)
Plant Swop and a host of other activities

FREE parking

Shuttle Service:

A service will be run by the LITTLE RED BUS into Skipton Town

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Programme (subject to change)

Talks and Demonstrations

Ling Field Theatre

Time	Friday 7th May	Saturday 8th May
11.00	Chicken & Egg	Chicken & Egg
11.30	Bee Keeping	Composting
12 noon	Vegetable Rescue	Cooking Your Own
1pm	Going to Pot	Vegetable Rescue
1.30pm	Composting	Testing Times

Pen Area

Time	Friday 7th May	Saturday 8th May
10:30	Fruit Growers	Beekeeping
11.00	Going to Pot	Going to Pot
11:30	Composting	Fruit Growers
12.30	Growing with Grace	Growing with Grace
2pm	Testing Times	Chicken & Egg
2.30pm	Chicken & Egg	
3.30pm	Bee Keeping	

Vegetables

Vegetable Rescue will aim to offer invaluable advice on all the headaches and perils faced by both novice and experienced gardeners.

Chicken & Egg

With an increasing interest in producing our own healthy food keen amateur gardeners are looking at keeping chickens. The prospect of free range and hormone-free eggs and meat (not to mention their benefits in weed and pest control and their droppings for fertiliser) make them an option worth considering in complementing your Grow Your Own adventures. Experts from Craven Poultry Keepers Club discuss the benefits and the considerations that need to be made before putting poultry production up the pecking order.

Bee Keeping

Bees are a key ingredient in a healthy garden and there are few rules to keeping bees and the good news is that expert Alan Thompson will be on hand to discuss the best way to get started and the do's and don'ts of the beekeeping world.

Cooking Your Own with Inspirational cook Yesmien Rahman of Amaali (Sat only)

The secret of Kashmir demonstrates how to make the most out of your garden produce.

Testing Times

The success of any growing can often depend on your soil balance. At Let it Grow our expert will spell out the differences between acidic and alkaline soil, highlighting what's best for different crops.

Why not bring along a sample of your home soil and the team will carry out analysis, then guide you through the ideal crops to grow – whether acidic-loving potatoes and strawberries or alkaline-loving brassicas

Going to Pot

Experts are on hand to show how it's possible to grow your own produce using just a small patio, yard or a few pots. Whether it's tomatoes, beans or fresh herbs – there are some excellent varieties that are just right for growers with limited space... and very little time on their hands.

Fruit Growing

Northern Fruit Growers take you through the process of preserving Yorkshires apples by grafting and how to grow fruit in containers

Composting

What to compost? How to compost – are there more ways than one? Find out from the experts what you can do with your household waste – part of Craven District Council's Composting Week.

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SATURDAY 8 MAY ONLY

Plant Swap

Club. 11am – 2pm

Too many plants of the same species? Why not bring it along to our Plant Swap and see if you can find something else to exchange it for?

Supported by Skipton Gardeners

Gardening Question Time

The Mart Theatre @ 2.30pm

With Pippa Greenwood & Joe Maiden, Plus Mike Myers of Craven College, Clifford Cain of Northern Fruit Growers
FREE TO TICKET HOLDERS

Highlights

Chris Myers – RHS Gold Medal winner and Best in Show Award winning garden designer at BBC Gardeners World Live 2009, builds a garden display showing the use of herbs and fruit.

Craven College – students from the college Horticultural Department will be selling plants and competing for the best stall display.

Stepping Stones – create a sensory garden.



Steve Woodhead, Creative Garden Designs – showing how using recycled materials can make an impact in your garden.

Riverford Home Deliveries – a fine selection of fresh produce to purchase.

Growing with Grace – selling their organic produce.

Let it Grow - Working with Schools

Supported by Tesco & Extended Schools.

Working with an Outside Practitioner Christchurch School has a series of workshops that look at the practical skills of working on raised bed gardening. Through building, planting and sowing these raised beds they will gain an understanding of how to grow food to eat.

Free Childrens Workshop

Supported by Skipton's BID Group & Tesco

Craven Court
Sat 17 April, Sat 24 April & Sat 8 May,
11am – 3pm each day.

(Pippa Greenwood will visit the workshop on Sat 8 May).

With Outdoor Practitioner Annie Berrington.

Children will be able to engage with planting seeds, design their miniature garden or produce their own grasshead.

Bring coffee jar lids for your grasshead, small seed trays to make your miniature garden, old yoghurt pots or similar for seed planting.