

# snippets

September to  
November 2011  
news!

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the plant plot



Dave Muir, owner (with wife Diana ) of The Plant Plot nursery, sadly died after a long illness on Friday 8th July aged just 61. Dave had been the owner of this lovely garden nursery for the past 9 years when their 3 children, Duncan, Zoe and Mel, grew up and left the family nest in Yoxall. Dave served the local community through his presence on a variety of business committees and associations and also through the fundraising work of the Plant Plot for St Giles Hospice and

Macmillan Cancer and many other worthwhile causes.

Dave was passionate about bringing the concept of growing your own vegetables and had spent a couple of years cultivating a piece of land here at the garden nursery into a model allotment where he encouraged people to visit.

Dave enjoyed traveling, golf and was a devoted family man who adored his 4 grandchildren: Will, Isi, Ollie and Dylan. Sophie, his 5th grandchild was born shortly after his death.

Diana would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes and thoughtfulness, particularly also for helping to raise over £2000 for Midlands Air Ambulance in Dave's name.



## Visit The Pantry!

It's all change at the Plant Plot's Coffee Shop. We have decorated, upgraded the kitchen and have new signage, aprons and an updated menu. We've kept some of the most popular dishes but we've also added platters to ring the changes - have a look at the daily specials on our blackboard to see what's new! Our food is beautifully prepared by Jackie and the team using the freshest, most locally sourced ingredients we can find - come and see for yourself! Oh and you can always have your car valeted by our car park valet company while you wait - what luxury!



## Flora brings home the bacon

Our Lichfield Festival pig, Flora, painted by Jules Cadie, raised £1020 at auction with 50% of the proceeds going to Dave's chosen charity fund: Midlands Air Ambulance and 50% going to the Lichfield Festival.





## Firework fun!

We will be selling fireworks in the Plant Plot car park from October 18th until November 10th. We will have a huge selection - ranging from sparklers and small domestic boxes to everything you need for big displays. Remember to always use fireworks safely.



## Yes it's that time again..!

We make no apologies, Harrods and Harvey Nicks opened their Christmas department back in July! Here at the Plant Plot we do Christmas very well, from our legendary charity Christmas cards to the very best, fresh Christmas trees right through to the most delicious festive lunches. See below for the Plant Plot Christmas countdown:

- 1 **Christmas Trees:** in store from end November
- 2 **Charity cards:** in store from 6th October (we raise over £17,000 year on year for national and local charities)
- 3 **Gifts galore** - from hampers to gardening accessories
- 4 **Tree ornaments and decorations** - we have a superb selection of all styles of Christmas adornments - come and browse and add to your own collection!
- 5 **Late night opening** - we will be open until 6.30pm on Friday 9th December. 10% off all Christmas trees and houseplants bought on the day. Free mulled wine & mince pies for all!
- 6 **Festive fayre** - come and enjoy a traditional lunch on Thursday 15th and 22nd (booking recommended) - just £9.95 for 2 courses plus £3 for extra course.

# Is it too late to be growing your own?

Of course not! Here is our list of suggestions for a veg filled winter allotment...

however don't forget to

keep on top of the garden pests (slugs and snails can still make their presence known) and use plenty of fleece or perforated polythene if you're sowing outdoors. Having a weed-free, well prepared plot will make all the difference to your winter gardening. The combination of lovely fresh air and outdoor exercise is also a great way to spend a brisk British morning!



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Let us know how you get on and please do ask in the shop if you have any gardening questions. We're always happy to help.



## Special Offer

25% off all **Raised Beds** bought in September, October and November

Offer ends 30 November 2011

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