



Welcome to the first monthly issue of "Gardens and Grounds at Grim's Dyke". Spring is most definitely in the air, mornings are getting lighter and here at Grim's Dyke our team has been working hard over the past few weeks to transform our beautiful gardens, and as Spring has blossomed our gardens have come alive with colour.

Plant of the month

Name: Begonia Masoniana
Family: Begoniaceae
Soil: Well drained
Aspect: Semi shade



This rhizomatous tender perennial is native to extreme southern China near the border of Vietnam. It prefers warm humid environments and prefers well-draining fertile soil. It is perfect for pot culture and is a common house or tender patio plant.

Gardening tip of the month

"Spring cleaning"

Weeds have germinated and are the vital signs showing us that the new growing season is here. With the new season, you will find that there will be plenty to do, so spring cleaning perennial beds and mixed borders will save weeks of work over the next few months



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GRIM'S DYKE?



Beyond the beautiful formal gardens a Great Pride and Joy for W.S Gilbert was the large lake (above) he had built to the west of the house. Work began in the summer of 1899 and to give the whole scheme a well established look to match the rest of the property, large numbers of bulrushes and forget-me-nots were planted with pink, white and yellow water lilies. After W.S Gilberts tragic accident in 1911 Lady Gilbert had the lake drained.

Grim's Dyke gardens and grounds were just as apart of Grim's Dyke 100 years ago as they are today. A special thanks to Mrs Allard who kindly gave us the pictures of Grim's Dyke gardens in the 1930's. Lady Gilbert being such a keen gardener, these stunning gardens have consistently and lovingly been maintained over the many years.



A cold, snow covered winter has passed and has made way for our full blooming Cherry tree. Our flower beds have also come to life all around Grim's Dyke.





Here at Grim's Dyke we are always trying to keep our gardens current, trying new flowers as soon as the season and weather permits. This year we have experimented with a variety of Tulips from Single Early Tulips to Emperor Tulip Bulbs.



As the Bluebells have started to carpet the woodland areas, the Rhododendrons are also coming into bloom and the vibrant Azalea's are looking resplendent. We look forward to seeing a long lasting, spectacular display of colour flowers.



Being a proud producer all year round of vegetables in our kitchen garden, we always strive to home grow what we can, when we can. Recently we have just started producing rhubarb for the hotel.