

### **Jobs for the Month – July**

- Thin out apples after the “June drop” to ensure good sized fruit for harvesting later in the year; leaving a multitude of apples in clusters will lead to smaller, inferior crops;
- Cut out the fruited stems of summer raspberries to encourage new shoots which will carry next year’s crop;
- Cut back sideshoots of gooseberries, redcurrants and whitecurrants;
- Now is the last opportunity to sow crops of runner and French beans;
- Plant out leeks and winter brassicas in their final cropping positions;
- Sow seeds of biennial flowers such as foxgloves, sweet Williams and wallflowers;
- Regularly clip fast-growing hedges such as Leyland cypress, privet etc;
- Start pruning the excess growth on wisteria;
- Prune deciduous magnolias if required;
- Trim overgrown clematis Montana;
- Cut out the reverted green foliage on variegated shrubs;
- Large blackish spots on apple and pear leaves indicates scab; remove and burn affected leaves;
- Re-pot cyclamen that have been left out for summer;
- Trim lavender after flowering;
- Watch out for gooseberry sawfly damage on gooseberry leaves and stems;
- Divide bearded iris after flowering