# **UPDATES**

# StevenKelvin **Gardens**



Welcome to the latest Updates newsletter from Steven Kelvin Gardens

# RECOMMEND

If your after good quality natural stone for your landscaping then Mike at Miety Stone is worth getting in touch with.



Excellent range of products available and expert knowledge to help with your choices. www.mietystone.co.uk

# GARDENS TO VISIT

The Arts & Crafts garden run by the National Trust at Hidcote Manor is pretty amazing at any time of the year...



August is as good a time as any, with the flower boarders still giving plenty of interest, especially the wonderfully vibrant red border.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk

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#### FEATURE

### Meltone Make Over

The Meltone Gallery is one of the busiest and best picture framers in Bath. Colin, the owner, asked us to create a low maintenance high impact entrance to the gallery. Situated in a quiet residential area, the long neglected garden was in desperate need of a make over. Ripping out the tangle of existing hedge and wire fencing we redefined the boundary with a combination of smart new fencing from Jackson's and Yew hedging either side of the entrance. We used reclaimed York stone for paving and a simple plant scheme including two Ornamental Weeping Pears - Pyrus salicifolia "Pendula"

# OTHER NEWS

This spring we had an interesting commission for a client near Cirencester. Sara is a keen gardener but suffers from the degenerative disease Parkinson's. Our challenge was to create a design where the maintenance levels are reduced over a number of years without losing the gardens impact, whilst allowing Sara to indulge her passion on a manageable scale. We have created three separate areas, including a kitchen garden and a series of beds with inbuilt flexibility to the planting schems that will allow for a reduction of maintenance over the passage of time.

Early in May I made an inspiring trip to the Bordeaux region of France to design a private garden in the lovely village of Le Puy. Many thanks to Andrew for looking after me so well on this trip and looking forward to the first stage of implementation in the autumn.

We continued to build our commercial client base in Bath this year with the addition of works at "The Windsor House Hotel" in Great Pulteney Street, Beckford Guest House and the stylish cocktail bar "Sub 13" in the city centre.

# SEASONAL TIPS

Watering! Thoroughly soak drought - stressed plants and shrubs, especially containers and new plants.

Prune Climbing and Rambling Roses that do not repeat flower.

Deadhead flowering plants to encourage repeat flowering and extend the season.

Give hedges a final trim.

Summer prune Wisteria.

#### FENCING, DECKING & MAINTENANCE

We have always implemented high quality fencing and decking projects as a part of our landscaping service but have increasingly been asked to provide this as a separate service. So we are now offering the best quality fencing and decking as a stand-alone service for our customers. Get in touch via email or call 07793 562 702

Due to increasing demand we now offer a bespoke maintenance service. So make the most of your garden with expert help and advice.

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