



Summer 2015



Hello, welcome to our summer newsletter



Happy Pinks!

We have done it! 100% of our summer crop of scented pinks are growing happily with their roots in sustainable coir (coconut fibre) rather than the old system of growing in less sustainable peat bags. To make sure we got it right and didn't jeopardise quality, the transition has been steady but we finally reached our goal.

This year, we've also introduced a rather natty, temporary polytunnel system (actually we pinched the excellent idea from a strawberry grower friend of ours!). The tall hedges around the farm provide great shelter for delicate flowers, but at times our scented pinks benefit from a little extra protection and warmth. The problem is that during a winter gale or a lovely hot, sunny spell a polytunnel is not always a good idea, so our new tunnels can be rolled-up, removed and replaced quickly and easily to suit the weather and the flowers.



WIN FLOWERS EVERY WEEK (P.T.O)



GREAT VALUE FLOWERS

Posy Pack £10.50 | 30 flowers £15.00 | 40 flowers £17.00
50 flowers £18.50 | 60 flowers £20.00

FREE P&P

Whatever reason you have for sending flowers this summer, scented pinks make the perfect gift. Everybody loves to receive flowers, and a gift box of scented flowers direct from where they are grown is an extra special treat. Please remember all our flowers are guaranteed so if you ever have a problem, let us know straight away so we can put things right.

Order your flowers today online at scillyflowers.co.uk or call 01720 422169 and speak to our friendly phone team here at Churchtown Farm.







Send a postcard and win flowers

Visitors enjoying Scilly often ask us, 'Where do you go on holiday?' - which got us thinking about our summer competition: Send a postcard to us here at Churchtown Farm from any far flung or fun places you visit this summer and every week from May until September we'll choose the one that amuses, appeals or intrigues us the most, and reward the sender with a box of flowers. Remember to include your contact details on any postcard you send. We'll also share the best postcards on social media, talking of which...

...save flowers from the bin!

Mother Nature doesn't always play ball for farmers and sometimes we end up with a flower glut. We hate binning good flowers so when it happens, we hold flash sales or offer special deals that we put out on social media first. So be in the know and keep in touch via  &  [scillyflowers](https://www.facebook.com/scillyflowers)



SHELTER BOX

This January saw Ben, in his role as a disaster responder with international charity ShelterBox, deployed to remote parts of Malaysia in the aftermath of severe flooding. Although this humanitarian disaster did not attract much media attention, Ben and his team found places deep in the Malaysian rainforest where exceptional monsoon rains had caused rivers to rise by over 40m, sweeping away homes and destroying lives. Happily, the ShelterBox team was able to provide shelter and essential items quickly to help these people start to rebuild their lives with dignity in an area not reached by other humanitarian aid efforts. To find out more, please visit www.shelterbox.org.

Triathlon Trio

This year we have mustered a team of three to swim, cycle and run around our neighbouring island Tresco, in June. Simon from the outside picking team is our strongest hope having youth, experience and a healthy physical job on his side. Triathlon newbies Zoe and Dave will be happy simply to make it round in one piece. All three are raising money for Cancer Research and we wish them the best of luck.



ST MARTIN'S BUZZ

The summer season kicked off at Easter with the Seven Stones Inn hosting the Day Mark music festival. The hotel opens with a new look this summer. It's now run by Karma Resorts who have hotels

in Bali and India. Word about St Martin's is spreading far and wide. And a big change: our island boatman, Terry Perkins, is hanging up his seaboots. For nearly 50 years, Terry has taken residents and visitors safely between the islands. Fortunately we won't have to swim as Terry's business has been bought by Tresco Boats. If you're interested in coming to St Martin's have a look at the new community website stmartinsscilly.co.uk.



Scented pinks will be available until October when our scented narcissi season starts. Don't forget to send us a postcard!

Best wishes,

*The Julian Family
and the Churchtown Team*