

**Hello from Churchtown Farm...**

**...and welcome to our winter newsletter...**

The scented narcissi were a little late starting this year, a legacy of the chilly spring before all that fantastic summer sun. Now they're growing great guns and we'll be out in the fields picking right through until April.

But the work won't stop then; there is plenty of work to be done in the summer months to ensure we grow top quality flowers.



To keep a tip-top quality stock of narcissi, we lift the bulbs out of the ground every four years. We used to pick the bulbs up by hand, which was a dusty and time-consuming job, but this year we decided to invest in a bulb-picker-upper, a wonderful bit of kit that literally flings the bulbs into giant bins.

Next, the bins of bulbs are emptied onto our sorting line, a rather Heath-Robinson affair put together by Ben from various bits of machinery, so that the bulbs can be cleaned, bagged and finally sterilised in hot water. This gives us a strong healthy bulb stock from which to grow the quality Scented Narcissi you expect.

## Keep Christmas simple

Lots of people really appreciate the simplicity of our gift boxes of Scented Narcissi.

No fuss, no flounce, just a smart, simple box of the freshest scented flowers sent direct from where they are grown in our mild climate, outdoors

in small sheltered fields, here on the Isles of Scilly.

So, to take the hassle out of Christmas, why not simply place your orders and leave the packing and posting all to us? We're sure your friends and family will love this simple floral treat.



## Small is Beautiful

Most of the flowers we send reach the mainland in one of the small Skybus planes that buzz to and fro between Scilly and Land's End. In April this year, Land's End Airport got



a smart new terminal building with lovely artwork, comfy seating and fabulous picture windows looking across the airfield out to sea. It even has a gorgeous wood-burning stove – not many of those at Heathrow!

Their next job is to replace the grass landing strips with hard runways to ensure this busy little airport is able to provide an even better service for both our postal flowers and passengers. For information on travel to the Isles of Scilly go to [islesofscilly-travel.co.uk](http://islesofscilly-travel.co.uk)

## Summer of Love

Churchtown Farm is proud to boast two weddings this year. In July, we enjoyed a big island wedding when Jon, our field manager married Steph, our farm florist. So there was more than a little bit of pressure on the farm team to get the flowers just right for Steph!



Then in September, Josie and Matt, who met whilst working at the farm, tied the knot in a relaxed ceremony on St Mary's. They wrapped up their big day back on St Martin's with a party at Adam's Fish and Chips, complete with a jelly sand castle wedding cake! Sadly for us, Matt and Josie have now left the farm

and chosen to go travelling to start their adventure together.



*The Julian family and the Churchtown Team*

## Meet Neil Wood

Neil joined our team a year ago as operations manager when he took over from Will. His previous job was front of house manager at the St Martin's Hotel, so he is a whiz when it comes to organisation and people skills.



He has had to work hard to get up to speed with farming and flowers, a challenge he certainly has not shied away from. Now, as he heads into his second busy winter season, he is proving to be a real asset to the farm.

Away from work, Neil is quite keen on keeping fit. This year he took part in the Tresco Triathlon and organised the annual Daymark Dash fun run. We're not sure how much time he'll have for sport in the near future, however, as he has just become a dad for the first time!

## Don't Forget...

Don't forget, our simply beautiful Scented Narcissi will be available to send to your family and friends all through the winter months.

Never miss a treat or special offers... follow Scilly Flowers on Facebook or Twitter! Wishing you a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year,

## Order beautiful Christmas Scented Narcissi

Go to [www.scillyflowers.co.uk](http://www.scillyflowers.co.uk) to order.

Pick up the phone and call **01720 422 169** and speak to our friendly phone team 7 days a week 8am – 8pm (5pm weekends)

Or use the enclosed FREEPOST order form – it's so simple!

All of our flowers are fully guaranteed and include postage and packaging along with your own special message.



**Last orders for Christmas by 19 December please**