

Meopham Garden Association
Garden Forum Meeting 14th February 2011

Questions	Answers
What is the best way to remove a weed from the middle of a shrub? (Enid Lander)	Remove by brushing the top and underside with products such as Roundup or any weed killer containing glyphosate. Be careful not to contaminate the shrub
Q:- Ann Kneif has several Wisteria planted on a pergola have thrived except for one which has been replaced several times. What is the problem?	Roots and soil had been checked and found clean. Only answer to try something else.
Advice requested on planting a Morello Cherry against a NE facing wall and will it work? (Roy Lingham)	Definitely give it a go. We will all be interested in progress.
How to grow chillies and peppers? (Keith Wagland)	Best results would be to grow in pots in greenhouse and start sowing the seed now. Need plenty of water once established.
What is causing hellebores to disappear when about to flower. (Nicola ?)	Either squirrels, foxes or even pigeons are causing the damage.
How should a rigorous hybrid tea rose be pruned? (Enid Lander)	Cut it right back to ground level or if not brave enough then prune to half the size
Hazel Borrow has planted several acers which have partially died back and are showing signs of silver leaf.	Acers do not like to be planted in open spaces but like to be clumped together, nor do they like wind.
Anne Nicholson had a 3' high cordyline planted in a pot which has died and would like something to replace it.	Try planting a Daphne Odora Aureomarginata
Elizabeth Thomas has a 30' red sycamore, 40 years old which last summer showed signs of leaf wilt and the bark was splitting at base of trunk where orange/yellow fungus grew. Is this honey fungus?	Yes and the advice is to cut down as soon as possible before it spreads to other trees. Hawthorn hedge nearby which could be affected. Nothing can be planted in its' place.
Is it ok to plant out Oleanders that have been pot grown until now? (Enid Lander)	Advised to keep in pots in the greenhouse and bring out onto the patio for the summer months.
What can be planted in a dry border and needs very little watering? (Elizabeth Thomas)	Most alpines, salvias, cistus, geraniums, Mediterranean herbs, nerines, lychnis, winter flowering iris, eryngiums. lavender, most plants with grey foliage.
Connie Smith's agapanthas not doing well planted in front of a wall	Do well in pots as like to keep their roots in a confined space.

David Pritchard would like advice on pruning his plum and pear trees?	Not plum trees. Take out dead and damaged wood from the pear trees.
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