

## **GARDEN UPDATE AS AT 18TH JUNE 2009**

### **Walled Garden**

The roses are at their peak and their scent is particularly strong. The central rose arbour is the best it has ever looked.

In the flower garden, the blues of the campanulas, veronicas and delphiniums are particularly vivid. Phlomis russeliana and cephalaria gigantea are two strong yellows out at the moment. The mass planting of tagetes starfire mix is just beginning to flower in the centre of the garden.

The White Garden, framed by two glorious viburnum plicatum mariesii, looks peaceful and tranquil and a relaxing place to sit. The foliage from the silvery leafed plants is looking very good, e.g. stachys, cerastium tomentosum and miscanthus sinensis variegatus.

The herbs are still looking fresh and green and this is a good time to enjoy the many scents throughout the garden.

### **Organic Fruit & Vegetable Garden**

Strawberries, gooseberries and raspberries are ripe. Most of the currants, such as redcurrants and blackcurrants, are also ripening nicely.

Spinach, peas, beetroot, lettuces, new potatoes and onions are ready.

Cornflowers, poppies, Californian poppies and chive flowers are all looking magnificent. Of the cut flowers, sweet peas and alchemilla are in full bloom.

The gardeners are busy planting runner beans and many varieties of brassica, including broccoli and Brussels sprouts.