WELCOME TO BLOG NUMBER 5A

WE SEEM TO BE ALTERNATING BETWEEN BEAUTIFUL SUNNY AND WARM DAYS, FOLLOWED BY SUNNY DAYS BUT WITH A COOL BREEZE OFF THE SEA, **BUT NO RAIN.**

MY ALLOTMENT IS NOW TERRIBLY DRY ON THE SURFACE, BUT AT LEAST WITH ALL THE RAIN WE HAD DURING THE WINTER, THERE IS STILL PLENTY OF MOISTURE DOWN BELOW. WE DID HAVE A NASTY FROST ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, BUT FORTUNATELY POTATOES WERE STILL EITHER BELOW GROUND OR COVERED WITH FLEECE SO NO HARM WAS DONE, AND THE NEXT WEEK OR SO LOOK TO BE FROST FREE

ENOUGH OF ME RAMBLING ON, THIS BLOG FEATURES MEMBER’S GARDENS, CAROLL WALLACE’S, SALLY GALLANT’S, CHRISTINE WELL’S AND MY ALLOTMENT JUST TO MAKE THE POINT THAT GARDENING ISN’T ONLY ABOUT PRETTY FLOWERS

**JEREMY**
THESE WONDERFUL BLUE SKIES WE’VE BEEN HAVING PROVIDE A FANTASTIC BACKDROP FOR TREES AND SHRUBS. 

THE NEXT FEW PAGES ARE FROM SALLY’S GARDEN

LOVELY MAGNOLIA, SUCH A SHAME THEY DON’T LAST VERY LONG THE PETALS ARE NOW ALL ON THE GROUND AFTER THE WINDS

BERBERIS MAKING A NICE CONTRAST AGAINST THE SKY
Most of Sally's tulips have been eaten by squirrels hence the trap in the picture above.

Apparently this marguerite has been flowering since last summer.

Fruit bushes in pots make a very nice feature.

Iris flowering really well in our Mediterranean climate.
IN THE BACKGROUND IS “HEAVENLY BAMBOO”, NANDINA DOMESTICA I THINK IT SHOULD BE MORE WIDELY GROWN, IT HAS FRESH RED FOLIAGE IN THE SPRING, GOOD AUTUMN COLOUR, AND REALLY BRIGHT BERRIES WITH DELICATE DISSECTED FOLIAGE. HERE CONTRASTED WITH A DARK RED WALLFLOWER. BUT IT ISN’T REALLY ANYTHING TO DO WITH BAMBOO, WHAT’S IN A NAME?
THE NEXT FEW PAGES ARE FROM CAROLL’S GARDEN

CAROLL BOUGHT THIS ACER 20 YEARS AGO 20CMS TALL

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A BIT OF TLC CAN DO!

GERANIUMS THAT HAVE BEEN LEFT OUT ALL WINTER

AJUGA WITH EUPHORBIA LOVELY COLOUR COMBINATION
GLAD YOU’VE GOT A SENSE OF HUMOUR CAROLL
AND FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO CAN’T GET TO THE SEA ON YOUR DAILY EXERCISE ENJOY THIS WONDERFUL PICTURE OF THE DESERTED BEACHES IN FELIXSTOWE. THANK YOU CAROLL FOR THESE GORGEOUS IMAGES
AREN’T WE ALL VERY FORTUNATE TO LIVE IN FELIXSTOWE?

WHEN YOU SEE A PICTURE LIKE THIS WITH THE SEA LOOKING LIKE THE MEDITERRANEAN YOU CAN FORGET ABOUT THE COLD EASTERLY WINDS AND THE CHAOS THAT WE ARE LIVING THROUGH AT THE MOMENT
THIS PRISTINE WHITE MAGNOLIA UNTouched BY FROST AND WIND
TWO MORE PAGES OF WONDERFUL TULIPS
SHINING IN THE BRILLIANT SUNSHINE
THANK YOU CHRISTINE FOR THESE SUPER PICTURES
FROM THE SUBLIME....... 

TO MY BONE DRY ALLOTMENT, AS I SAID JUST TO MAKE THE POINT THAT GARDENING ISN’T JUST ABOUT PRETTY FLOWERS!