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Autumn 2010 STOCK CLEARANCE

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DALEFOOT COMPOSTS
Mail Order Compost

Autumn 2010 Newsletter

The Innovator!
 Lucy Seagle, environmental journalist and ‘The One Show’ presenter, picked Simon as her innovator, featured in the Sunday Observer on the 10th August. Lucy interviewed Simon, by phone, as he drove his tractor baling bracken on the fell (he was lucky to have a signal) and then the photographer arrived on the same day that the shearing team were here. Nothing stops for fame. Simon is featured with Rosie (a grown up pet lamb), who was happy to pose for her picture, before she had her haircut.

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Hello and welcome to old friends and to new customers. It was lovely to meet everyone and talk to you at Shows around the country - from the south of England, to Wales and Scotland .

Stock Clearance

We have had a very busy year, thank you, and we now have limited stocks which we would like to clear before the winter to make way for building refurbishment work. **Therefore we are offering an excellent deal for existing customers and show prize draw entrants!**

- 12 bags for only £100 (save £25)**
- 20 bags for £142 (save £53)**
- 50 bags for £294 (save £86)**

Prices include delivery to mainland UK

Grab a bargain

Why not get together with your gardening club or allotment holders to get this extra special deal? Offer ends on 31.12.10 or whilst stock lasts!



Mulch for the Autumn

Autumn is the best time of the year to add a compost mulch to your garden, when the soil is still warm but also moist. When you add the mulch it will gradually break down, helped by the microbes and worms, so it improves soil condition and release nutrients into the soil.

Lakeland Gold is fantastic at breaking up a clay soil. It does this by utilising the lignin contained in the bracken. A clay soil contains many good nutrients, but they are locked into the clay particles, and hence by breaking it up, you are releasing them for use by the plants.

Horsepower also works well as a mulch on lighter soils as it will add bulk and substance to the soil. Unlike traditional horse manure, it is composted in a controlled environment, thus eliminating weed seeds.

So how best to apply mulch?

Remove all weeds and put a 2 - 3 inch layer of compost onto moist soil. No need to dig it in.

In a new bed, you can dig, add mulch and then add plants through the mulch. To mulch individual plants (tree or shrub), add mulch to the area around the base equal to the canopy area. In an existing flower bed, mulch around the plants, being careful not to cover them.

The real difference will come in the spring, when there will be fewer weeds, an easier soil to dig, or hoe, and better plant growth and flowering.

Present time.....

Be it Birthday, Wedding, Anniversary or even Christmas, believe me - compost is the perfect present, the answer to "what do you give to the person with everything?"

Just a simple email or phone call will order your personalised delivery for that special person(s).

We will attach a suitable, attractive card with your message - nothing could be simpler! Problem solved.....

RHS CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW Linda's blog.....

Three intrepid country folk ventured "South" to LONDON for RHS Chelsea. It was a steep leaning curve. First we had to negotiate traffic, one way systems, congestion charges, speed cameras, security and this was just to get the stand unloaded. However, having arrived, we were pleasantly surprised. We were situated in a leafy avenue, the sun was shining, and every morning as we crossed the river Thames, we could see the sights of London. We were probably not prepared for the mass of people who surged along the avenues all day and just the sheer length of time that we were there. We had to arrive by 7.30 am for the early birds and the show did not close until 9 pm so it was a very long day—without Pimms! The sunny weather meant the lovely lime trees above us started to shed their pollen, so hoarse voices and coughing were common. As our stand was "en route" to the hospitality tent, it was a great sight to see everyone dressed in their finest, with HIGH heels (not your normal footwear for most garden shows). We met people from all over Europe, countless Australian sheep farmers, and lots of interesting folk from all over the UK. Obviously not all of them were in the market for buying compost, but they were all interested and liked the ethics of our sustainable peat free products. It confirmed that there is a global awareness of current issues of peat use. We talked to some of the prize winning growers and garden designers and arranged for our products to be trialled by them and will welcome their feedback. We returned to our rural hideout and breathed fresh air again, exhausted. Will we do it again? Of course - I am just filling out the application forms, and hope to get a place next year. Do get tickets if you can and we will see you there !

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COMPOST PRICES Autumn 2010 STOCK CLEARANCE

ALL PRICES INCLUDE VAT

WE CAN DELIVER MIXED PALLETTS AND WILL CHARGE THE COMBINED RATE

**Wool Compost, WC Double Strength , WC Ericaceous Mix,
Lakeland Gold, Horsepower**

2-5 bags £10.99 each
6- 11 bags £10.50 each

Plus delivery charge of £ 3 per order

12 bags £ 100.00 total
20 bags £ 142.00
50 bags £ 294.00

Price includes VAT and delivery



Please note that larger deliveries will come on a lorry with a pallet lift. Please inform us if you may have problems with access.

OFFER ENDS 31.12.10



RAISED BED KIT MADE FROM CUMBRIAN FSC LARCH

Complete raised bed kit (1.2 sq m) plus compost mix to fill (15 bags)
delivered on a pallet to your home.

£180.00

Raised bed kit only (without compost)

£ 55.00

Extension kit (2 posts and 6 boards)

£ 38.00

Extra boards each

£ 5.00

Extra corner posts each

£ 6.00

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Autumn in your garden - time to start putting your garden to bed zzzzzzzz

But before then there is still planting to do, dividing and moving too.

While the soil is still warm it is a good time to plant out conifers and evergreens whilst they can still grow and take hold. Remember to add compost to the planting pit—either Lakeland Gold in clay soils or Wool Compost if sandy.

Spring bulbs should start to go in over the next few weeks and your spring bedding plants too. Once the leaves have fallen it is safe to move your trees, shrubs and climbers and plant out bare rooted stock such as hedging and roses. Either Lakeland Gold or Wool Compost forked in to the planting pit will nurture the roots providing a strong start to the new growing season in Spring.

Remember to add a little grit or shell to the planting pits of plums and other stone fruit!!

And so to lawns. After your last cut and after you have scarified and raked out the dead grass and moss from your lawn (as I know you all do)! do two jobs in one - treat your lawn to a soft dressing of Lakeland Gold, a high potassium feed which will also help aerate your soil. Look forward to a refreshed lawn next spring.

It is also a good time to lay new lawns before the ground gets too wet. Rake some Wool Compost into the prepared bed to help feed the new turf and aid water retention next summer - just in case we have that long hot summer.....

After all that hard work settle down to plan next years flower and vegetable garden, reading all those seed catalogues and don't forget your compost

COMPOST CHOICES:

All our products are peat free and sustainable - made from renewable crops.

Wool compost™

Ready to use in pots and when planting out. High, slow release natural fertility 30 litre bags

Double Strength Wool compost™

Designed for the real gardener to mix your own potting medium, using soil or spent compost. Buy one 30 litre bag and mix at 1:1 ratio to make 60 litres for fully rooted plants or mix at the ratio of 1:2 to make 90 litres for younger plants. Use on borders and is especially beneficial on lighter soils.

Ericaceous Mix - double strength wool compost.

A double strength wool compost but with ph levels suitable for acid loving plants. Use when planting your azaleas, rhododendrons or heathers, or add around the plants as a top dressing mulch. To use in pots mix 1:1 with spent compost or good loam. 30 litre bags.

Lakeland Gold

Bracken based compost with a high level of natural potash. Top dressing for clay soils and good in planting pits. Excellent for fruiting and flowering. 40 litre bags

Horsepower

Traditional rose gardeners favourite. Fully composted for top dressing or when planting out.. 40 litre bags

Show Time - We invested over 80 days this year exhibiting at Garden Shows across the country. - making the time to meet our customers and hear first hand the tremendous results you've had using our composts - in fact you are often our best sales people endorsing the composts to other interested visitors.

Our highlight this year was of course being invited to exhibit at Chelsea - a very different experience indeed (read Linda's log to find out more). We found Hampton Court just as busy but with more space. We travelled to Edinburgh to Gardening Scotland where we met up with our Scottish gardeners as well as the Scottish Environment Minister Roseanna Cunningham. A great family show where Arabella enjoyed a morning on the 'Cooking Bus' as well as joining many 'make-it' sessions, story telling and some very interesting tasting opportunities!

Cardiff, Bath and Malvern shows ensured our presence in the West, Gateshead and Harrogate took us both north and east. Many miles later we've reached the end of our showing season and are now busy applying for our spaces for 2011.

New for next year the 'Grow Your Own Show' 1st -2nd May Loseley Park, Surrey . See you there!!

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Dalefoot Diary

Where does the time go?

Arabella is now in Year 1 and has all the attitude, self-assurance and 'know-how' that goes with being 5 and 1/2 years old! The move from play based learning to a more formal regime has proved a challenge for her and the days seem so much longer for her – it must be the cranking up of all that grey-matter.

Spring brought not only a busy lambing time and five new foals, but also my Secretary of State Appointment to the Lake District National Park Authority. I often think we take living in one of the most beautiful parts of the country for granted – and we do, so I feel privileged to have an opportunity to be involved in the future planning and caring of this wonderful area.

On the home fruit we have had such a bumper harvest of top fruit this autumn – all the more surprising after the rabbits ring-barked the apple trees during the long winter snow. Any ideas as to what I might do with all the apples? My freezer is already full! And I hate to see them waste, though the birds are making the most of the bounteous feast.

However, on the farm it looked as though it was going to be a difficult year for crop - made all the more anxious remembering that we ran out last winter. Some neighbours snatched a little June hay but our ground was still too wet (we do after all farm on a water catchment area!) Simon began getting twitchy by the middle of August threatening to simply mow all the fields and make round bales of silage. Having persuaded him to hold fire and not turn a wheel of his big blue tractor, we eventually took a fine sweet smelling hay harvest in early September – duly rewarded with a 'proper' harvest tea! The ponies will enjoy all those lovely herbs.

We took our showing to another level this year travelling beyond our local agricultural show and qualifying for two big national events. Haweswater Gypsophilia (Gypsy) stood third at the Pony of the Year Show in early September, In fact we've always been in the tickets. For a homebred novice mare (and that is just the pony) it was a completely different league.

I should be a whole lot fitter with all the 'bog-hopping' I've been doing this year but not so! Our peat-bog restoration work takes me from the blanket bogs of remote Pennine uplands down to sea-level and the raised mires of the Cumbrian plains. We're into what we call the 'tendering silly season' when we have to assess and then generate appropriate solutions for a range of conditions in quite extreme locations (that is when you are talking about 7.5 ton excavators and helicopters!)

There's never a dull moment in my job and really, I wouldn't have it any other way!!



Ericaceous Compost was launched at RHS Chelsea and is one of the only peat free ericaceous composts. However it is still in the development stage . The present batch has been tested at 5.3 ph and is a double strength wool compost, hence it will arrive in wool compost bags, with an Ericaceous sticker on it.. This has caused some confusion to customers, who do not notice the sticker, so we apologise for this. It can be used when planting your azaleas, rhododendrons or heathers, or it can be added around the plants as a top dressing mulch. If you want to use it in pots, mix 50:50 with spent compost or good loam. It comes in 30 litre bags. We also have some smaller 12.5 Litre tubs as advertised in the press. Our aim is to produce it with recognisable purple branded bags.