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Welcome!



I gather that there's something called summer happening down south; Shetland, it appears, has made other plans. I'm just back from a mad weekend in Edinburgh, where we had searing heat, torrential rain and raging hayfever – and we'll be in Somerset, which I understand is in the

process of melting, before the month is out. Meanwhile I'm spending a fortnight glued to the computer screen in the middle of the next ice age. Gardening is in abeyance on the grounds that it is just too depressing; the last gale has rendered everything flat and flowerless. The only redeeming feature is my potatoes; new first early 'Vales Emerald' (from Thompson & Morgan) is superb, and digging under the plants for the first tubers is a delight that no number of gardening years can blunt.

For gardeners putting a more positive spin on the summer, this is a busy month, in and out of the magazine: we've articles on raspberries, overwintered onions, the amazing new Sarpo potatoes (I'm also trialling those this year, and they're looking good), back garden chickens, and water conservation (edited with gritted teeth on a day of non-stop horizontal drizzle).

Enjoy the magazine – and your garden, whatever your weather! And if you haven't taken a look at our new website yet, do pay us a visit; you'll find us at www.organicgardeningmagazine.co.uk