



## OXFORD PLANTERS JOINERY

The Very Best in British Outdoor Products

Designers and manufacturers of planters, tables, benches and all wooden products for outdoor living.

### Welcome

Welcome to our latest newsletter. What extraordinary times we live in the last few months have been challenging beyond belief but the future is all to play for. It is very easy to be dragged down by all the recent events but here at Oxford Planters Joinery and Oxford Lawns and Gardens Alex and I, along with all the team, are determined to maintain our high standards but change and adapt to embrace the future.

We have so many exciting plans and ideas and a few are shared here with plenty to show at Chelsea. We would love to welcome you to our workshop anytime you are passing (tea and coffee always available) to discuss any thoughts and projects you might have in the bizarre world we now live in.

As I write I am looking out at a beautiful Oxfordshire winter garden, the planters and topiary have all taken on an ethereal snow capped transformation; the raised beds lie dormant for now but will soon provide us with an abundance of food throughout the year. All this looks simply stunning in the snowy landscape.

Looking ahead Alex and I are passionate about working with you to provide the products that you want and the service that you need. Please remember that we are both qualified horticulturalists and can provide advice on your planting requirements.

*Martin Adams*



- **RHS Chelsea Flower Show**

2008 was our third year at Chelsea and most successful to date and we were awarded a Commendation from the RHS show judges. We are delighted to say we will be at the same site **MW/4** for the 2009 Chelsea Flower Show from the 19th to the 23rd May and look forward to seeing you.

- **RHS Inner Temple Show**

In September Oxford Planters Joinery was invited by the RHS to exhibit at a unique show held at the Inner Temple to commemorate 400 years of the legal profession. Held in the beautiful gardens the show was friendly and intimate with music, song and the occasional glass of champagne!

- **Keble College—Oxford University**

A substantial commission was secured to replace eight large tree planters containing standard *Magnolia grandiflora* with oak (Wadham not Keble!) planters with metal straps to allow future root pruning. As part of our remit we replanted the Magnolias and carried out rejuvenation pruning.



- **Prince Charles—60th Birthday**

In November we were commissioned by a friend to produce a wooden planter to celebrate HRH Prince of Wales 60th birthday. The planter chosen was an oak Wycliffe Planter (beehive shaped) and is now situated in the garden at Highgrove planted with a new variety of *Choisya*.

- **Bicester Retail Village**

Oxford Planters Joinery was pleased to supply the shopping outlet with Oak Regent planters to dress their recently opened venue. We hope further projects will follow, including total replacement of hardwood gates, benches and other wooden structures.

## Accoya in the Lake District

Our first commission to provide all the windows in Accoya (a new modified wood) for a restoration project in the heart of the Lake District will certainly test the product but we have no doubt that the windows will with stand all the inclement weather the Lake District has to offer. Alex added: 'the use of Accoya in the project will demonstrate its practical application which requires quality, sustainability and flexibility and reflects the growing popularity of Accoya in both commercial and private sectors. It will provide further evidence of Accoya's remarkable qualities both in how it looks, and its strength. It is perfect for projects that require a long life, low maintenance and sustainable timber options".

## Accoya

- 60 Years minimum service life
- Up to 12 years coating guarantee
- The most durable timber



## Big or Small!

Remember Oxford Planters Joinery can make all wooden products to any individual specification and design, in any wood including iroko, oak and Accoya. Our product range includes planters, obelisks, benches, curved benches, indoor and outdoor tables, gates, doors and windows. We have also carried out commissions to produce storage boxes, and indoor furniture. We are also able to provide an extensive number of finishes both paint and stain which is undertaken in our own paint shop.



## Sister Company—Oxford Lawns & Gardens Expert in high quality garden maintenance and design, plant sourcing, installation, roof top and terrace design.

With the interest in self sufficiency we are able to provide kitchen garden designs, installation, (including irrigation systems), raised beds and expert advice on production methods.

All our team are qualified horticulturalists and are available for a wide variety of tasks including regular garden maintenance programmes.



## New Products to be launched at Chelsea 2009

### The Oxford Porter

A prototype displayed at the Chelsea Flower Show 2008 has now been refined and modified and will be ready for production from the 2009 Chelsea Flower Show in Accoya or Iroko. This clever design combines a integral storage space, table top and parasol holder which can be moved easily and ideal for the pool side, large patios and a variety of commercial applications. The design is very clean and is available in a number of finishes and colours.

### Accoya Decking

With the advent of designer interest in developing the smooth transition "from indoor to outdoor living", Oxford Planters Joinery, in association with Accoya BSW Timber, are developing a 8" Accoya profiled decking board which can be stained in a choice of exciting new colours all of which are UV protected, tough and durable. This opens up a whole new look for designers and developers alike, far removed from the standard narrow boarded softwood decking. We will be using this product for the flooring for our Chelsea Stand.

Other new products to be seen at Chelsea will include new planter designs.

## News in Brief

With the help of our joiner manager Leon Pierce we continue to expand the workshop and in July 2008 we recruited our first apprentice on the National Diploma in Bench Joinery at Warwickshire College.

In 2008 we continued to expand our markets with exports to Sweden, Spain, Mallorca, France, America and Japan. We hope to continue to increase our export sales particularly in the European market.

Oxford Planters have worked in conjunction with some of the country's leading designers in return for a donation to a charity of their choice. In 2008 a significant amount was raised for Anthony Paul who donated the monies to Concern who specialise in supporting children in Ethiopia.