



September Jobs

- Continue to harvest raspberries and freeze. They freeze well.
- Dry off and check stored onions.
- Check early potatoes regularly. Dig late potatoes at the end of September and store.
- Check pears and apples to see if they are ripening. One can never tell when it is the right time to pick pears. Get it wrong and it seems they rot inside when still OK on the outside or they shrivel. A suggestion on the Web is “Pears are picked unripe and left to ripen in a cool, ventilated, dry, dark place (like a basement or garage). If you wait for them to ripen on the tree, you probably won’t harvest many – they will rot and be attacked by bugs and birds.
- I find it very important to stake Brussels Sprouts with strong canes close and behind the main stem up to about 2’ to support them from the South/West winds. Protect the buttons from slugs – it is very well worth doing. Often, though, the damage is done before it is noticed.
- Towards the end of the month onwards is a good time for using preservatives to sheds and fences. Also, garden furniture before storing away. It is a good time to plan any changes to the garden that needs to be made in the Autumn in preparation for next year and September/October is the time for planting bulbs – check the labels for depth of planting.
- The leeks are planted and I shall keep a look out for leek moth damage and spray if necessary. Keeping the soil moist can help deter the moth.