The Garden Doctor's Jobs for the Month – August

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- Lift onions, shallots and garlic when the leaves turn yellow and fall over; do not bend the leaves over to pre-empt this as storage problems may result from damaged necks
- Transplant summer-sown cabbage, broccoli and kale plants
- Sow green manures on vacant ground
- Tie in new canes on raspberries and blackberries
- Complete summer pruning of trained fruit trees
- Prepare new strawberry beds
- Clip over lavenders after flowering
- Cut back hardy geraniums to encourage fresh foliage and a second flush of flowers
- Complete division of bearded irises
- Take cuttings of fuchsias, pelargoniums, osteospermums and penstemons
- Continue summer pruning of wisteria
- Prune rambling roses after flowering
- Lightly trim hebes
- Give hedges a final trim
- Take cuttings of Buddleia, Holly, Hydrangeas and Pyracantha
- Remove fruit affected with brown rot

- Spray apples with calcium nitrate if bitter pit has been a problem
- Cut back summer fruiting raspberries