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SLIDESHOW

SHRUB ROSES

William Lobb	Jacqueline du Pre	Belle Herminie
Tuscany Superb	Chapeau Napoleon	Mutabilis
Charles de Mills	Jacques Cartier	Scabrosa
Complicata	Goldenwings	President de Seze
Plaisanterie	Ville de Bruxelles	Hansa
De Rescht	Scarlet Fire	Sally Holmes
Lucky!	Caroline's Heart	Ferdinand Pichard

GROUND COVER

Centre Stage	Kent	Lancashire
Surrey	Grouse	Flower Carpet

CLIMBERS/RAMBLERS

Vielchenblau	Meteor	Peach Melba
Gardenia	Blush Rambler	Open Arms
Sanders White	Laure Davoust	Mermaid
Maigold	Clair Matin	Rambling Rosie
Adelaide d'Orleans	Ghislaine de Feligonde	Camelot
Mme Isaac Periere	Paul's Scarlet	Albertine

Chris Warner roses discussed.

Open Arms	Angel Eyes
For Your Eyes-Only	Centre Stage
Peter's Persica	

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Breeders' abbreviation examples:

Kordes: Kor Chris Warner: Chew Poulsen: Poul

Harkness: Har Horner : Hor

UK SUPPLIERS USED

Trevor White Old-Fashioned Roses

Henry Street

Peter Beales

Cottage Memories

Eastcroft

Pococks (Cornwall Roses online)

Gardens visited in the talk

Whatton House

Loseley Park

Mottisfont

Fonthill House

Borde Hill

Thenford

The Grange, Northington

West Dean

Hever Castle

ROSE TALK 2026 Tools information sheet

As we gardeners mature aches and pains arrive, and for me, dodgy knees and a creaky shoulder have become part of my gardening life.

I now shorten each session of active work and am always on the lookout for tools to help me work more efficiently.

Two at the top of my list are an old favourite – **Jakoti hand shears** and a new kid on the block, **Spear and Jackson Razorsharp Easyreach Pruner**.

I use the **Jakoti hand shears** for numerous tasks including deadheading, cutting back perennials, lawn edges, light hedge tidying ,almost every time I work in the garden. Their ergonomic design means there is no wrist or finger strain , but best of all, they are self-sharpening, a wonderful attribute. They are a delight to use.

Best bought direct www.handshears.co.uk or telephone 01749 938008

Reaching up to prune climbing roses and fruit trees can become a strain and I used to stand on a ladder or step stool to help get closer. My knees do not like this now, but this is no longer a problem. Using the **Easyreach Pruner** I can stand on the ground and still cut the branches that need attention. Lightweight, left or right handed, with a flexible head and a coated blade I find it easy to use. I now use it at ground level , in borders, as it saves the bending and reaching that is necessary when removing old flower stalks from Hemerocallis, Phlox etc. An important feature is the ‘ cut and hold’ facility so the cut material can be put directly into the wheelbarrow or bag- no more bending down to pick them all up! **Widely available online**

Definitely two for the wish list.

Other tools and sundries that I recommend and use regularly are:

Felco Secateurs [world of Felco website often has offers](#)

Burgon and Ball Hand Shrub Rake, [short or long handled , other makes available](#)

Burgon and Ball Razor Hoe [left and right handed**](#)

Clonex rooting gel – [online mainly](#)

SB Plant Invigorator – [for pest control and plant health](#)

Uncle Toms Tonic - [The Rose Society UK website often a good price](#)

Safety sleeves (sold in pairs) – [KUTLASS XRSL CUT D SLEEVE 18” or 22” - ADP Safety Supplies website](#)

Darlac Asparagus knife(perennial splitting) [widely available garden centres and online](#)