

Herb Robert



Latin name: *Geranium robertianum*

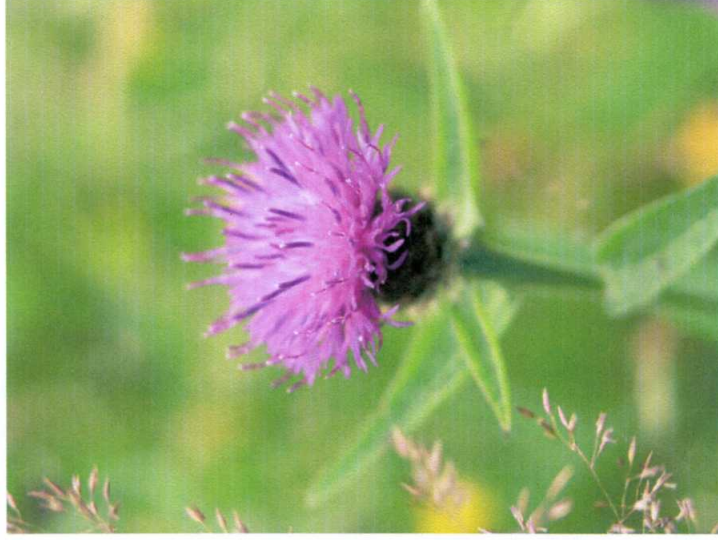
Flowers: May – September

Height: 10-50cm (4-20 ins)

Where: Shady places around edge of churchyard.

This plant will grow taller if it is competing with other plants. It is just like the hardy geraniums found in gardens, but the pink flowers are much smaller. The Robert in its name may be a corruption of the Latin *rubra* which means red.

Common Knapweed



Latin name: *Centaurea nigra*

Flowers: June - September

Height: 30-60cm (12-24 ins)

Where: almost anywhere!

A purple pink relative of the cornflower, knapweeds are vigorous self seeders that will quite quickly crowd out anything else

Creeping thistle



Latin name: *Cirsium arvense*

Flowers: July – September

Height: 30-150cm (12-60 ins)

Where: Almost anywhere.

Butterflies love thistles, so if we can we leave them to flower.

Arum



Latin name: *Arum maculatum*

Other names: Lords and ladies, cuckoo pint

Flowers: April – May

Height: 30–45cm (12–18 ins)

Where: Around edge of churchyard.

The spotty leaves of the arum are easy to spot and they are quickly followed by the spear like flower which dies back to reveal the head of bright red berries. The roots of arum are very starchy and were used in Elizabethan times to stiffen the ruff collars which were fashionable then. The berries are very poisonous and eating them can be fatal to children.

