**Handy Reminder:**

**How to Deadhead Roses**

To prolong their flowering season, whilst keeping disease away from the plants

(info gleaned from the RHS)

Be aware of the thorns.

Use reasonably sharp cutters that don't hack at the plants.

Cut the stems on a downwards slope rather than straight across.

Snip off just above the next leaf down from the spent flower/cluster.

Cup the spent flowers in your hand before you cut the stalk, to prevent old petals from going everywhere.

Remove all cuttings and old petals to a compost heap.