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Please read and share with your members

Hello everyone 😊

I hope you've all been enjoying the sunshine and have managed to enjoy your gardens or walks if you are able. It's such a lovely time of year with everything bursting into bloom.

Chelsea Flower Show

Whatever your particular gardening interests, have you been watching the BBC coverage of the '[Virtual Chelsea Flower Show](#)' this week? There's been so much to watch every day, plus practical talks, garden tours and videos on the RHS website with gardening celebrities like Monty Don, Adam Frost and Sarah Raven. Unlike the real Chelsea, these pages will be available for a while, so enjoy them at your leisure.



Banksian and Grenfell Medals

We've been hearing from many of you about your local shows that have also been cancelled this year, but if you ordered a medal we will get it to you as soon as the factory re-opens and we are all back to work. Just for this year, if you aren't running a show, we're encouraging you to award the medal to someone who has been especially helpful and kind – a credit to your group. It might be someone who's been keeping in touch with anyone living on their own, or who has kept allotment plots thriving whilst their owners are unable to leave their house, or who has organised food deliveries for neighbours. Or, if your club had a virtual show, the person who organised it may well deserve a medal. *This year we are doing things differently, who do you know deserves a medal?*

Speakers offering online or recorded talks

I have attached again the list of speakers that Susie sent last time if you are looking for something that will interest your members.

Blooming Brilliant

I have also attached the latest Community newsletter which is a really lovely inspiring read. It's written for our Britain in Bloom and It's Your Neighbourhood groups but much of it is relevant to Affiliated Societies. Please do forward this to your members and if you, or they would like to receive future editions, please subscribe by clicking the link at the end or clicking [here](#).

This is the first and last newsletter from me as, like Susie, I will be going on furlough leave from 1 June. Things will therefore be a bit quiet from us but you can sign up for regular copies of Blooming Brilliant (details above) and the affiliated in-box will be checked regularly, so do get in contact via affiliated@rhs.org.uk should you need to. For anything non urgent, we will be very happy to hear from you once we are all back to work.

So cheerio for a while, stay safe and enjoy your gardens

Helen

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The Royal Horticultural Society is the UK's leading gardening charity. We aim to enrich everyone's life through plants, and make the UK a greener and more beautiful place. This vision, expressed through our Greening Great Britain campaign, underpins all that we do – from inspirational gardens and shows, through our scientific research, to our education and community programmes. We are committed to inspiring everyone to grow.

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