



Hello everyone

I hope that you are all fit, well and surviving lockdown. The Prime Minister is soon to announce plans to ease our way back to normality but realistically I feel that nothing will change too much until a vaccine is available for us all.

With that in mind it looks like our 40<sup>th</sup> Summer Flower Show will now not happen until 2021. The Committee are planning a 'State of the Society' meeting via Zoom in the next few days but again, I cannot foresee meetings resuming in the very near future.

By way of compensating the lack of activity we have set up a new Facebook Group. I know many of you are not keen on Facebook, and with good reason in many cases, but it does provide us with a platform to meet up, if only virtually, by sharing our pictures and thoughts about the plants in our gardens which would otherwise only be seen by ourselves. The Group is slowly gathering new members and it's my hope that this will also encourage new members for the society once we have our meetings again.

You will need a Facebook account to join in but there is no need to share any personal information; just sign up and meet up with everyone in our Group. Please click on this link [FELIXSTOWE GARDEN CLUB](#) and you should be directed straight to the Group page. We have to keep talking to one another and try and keep our spirits up. Thank goodness that most of us at least have our gardens.

Some of you may already have seen my efforts at film-making? I did a little demonstration about making up hanging baskets. I don't imagine that Monty will feel threatened about his position on Gardeners World but hope that it at least made you smile (especially at the end). As Jeremy said in his last Blog, we do have some basket plants (small ones that are just right for planting baskets) and a few other bits and pieces for sale. We had intended having a stall at the OFCA Saturday market in May but like everything else, it has been cancelled.

I also have a lot, and I do mean a lot, of dahlia cuttings for sale. Pompons, small medium large and giant decorative, water lily and collerette. I have some small (not leggy) tomato plants; a few Tumbling Tom plus several Alicante, Cappriccica and Orange Queen.

Some of you have seen me peddling around town on my bike! So, if any one would like a plant or two, give me a bell and I can probably deliver a small order to your driveway (ensuring facemasks and proper social distancing of course).

Stay safe everyone and we will get through this and maybe even come out the other side, stronger and with a better sense of community.

Kind regards

Ray

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