

# *Sedlescombe and District Garden Society*

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## Suspension Of Events.

Dear Members it is with regret that we came to the decision to have to cancel our meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, the Spring Show and the Plant Market. We cannot take the risk of endangering members lives, due to the implications of the corona virus.

The large majority of our members are in the high risk age group with other underlying illnesses which may complicate their situation.

We will keep members informed via this Newsletter of events that will take place as soon as the dangerous implications of the virus have passed. In the meantime you may have more time to devote to your garden. Please carry on with all your gardening activities in preparation for the next show.

Good Gardening and Keep Well. Rod.



Spring Show alive and well!!

Our President Chris Hone has sent in his entry for Class B2 in the Spring Show, see right.

All members are invited to send photos of the items you would have entered. These will be put into subsequent Newsletters to brighten our lives and to keep our gardening alive.

Photos can be sent to me at [sdgs.showsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:sdgs.showsecretary@gmail.com)



Please join us and send in photos of the great flowers and veg in your gardens. Many of us will be confined to our house and garden for the next few months which will give us more time to spend tending our plots once the weather improves with no-one to see the fruits of our labours. So, please, think about sharing your garden with other members.

**Would you like to make a rockery?**

**Chris Hone has a quantity (20+) of sandstone rockery stones up to about 18 inches in size free to anybody who wants them and can collect. They are easily accessible.**

## Garden Society Seed Co-Ordinator.

Can I please remind you that previously I requested you to keep any seeds you may not use for our seed bank. We have tried to get this idea going for some years now, but have not succeeded to date for various reasons. In certain cases you probably will not use all the seeds you find in a packet, so please keep them.

We have been fortunate that one of our members, Reg Glew has offered to be the co-ordinator for this project. May I ask you to spare a few seeds that you will not be using this year, and drop them on my or Reg's doorstep. I live at 15, Park Shaw and Reg at 36, Park Shaw. If your seeds are not in original seed packets please label them for us to be able to identify them easily. We had hoped to give out seeds at the Plant Market but although that is now cancelled we will still maintain a seed bank for future use. Regards Rod

## NEWS

As Rod has said, it is a shame to have had to cancel events but hopefully there will be time at the end of the year to make amends and we will endeavour to continue to produce a Newsletter every month, however small, to keep you up to date. The article below was sent to us by the RHS to share with all members and some of you may wish to be involved. I will pass on any other ideas they may have to pass the time this summer. We have also heard that the Kent County Show, scheduled for July has been cancelled and the next Kent County Show will be Friday to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Editor

### From the RHS

A big warm hello to all our Affiliated Societies I hope you are all safe and well. It's such a difficult time social distancing and trying to maintain some semblance of normality. Are you and your gardening friends managing to keep in touch? Have you or anyone in your group come up with any fun ideas to keep morale up? I am intending sending regular notes to you to keep you up to date with RHS news, but it would be great to hear from you too. Tell me about any fun ideas you have and what you are doing to reach out to your community. As always send everything to [affiliated@rhs.org.uk](mailto:affiliated@rhs.org.uk)

At the RHS we are continuing to support our communities as best we can. If you would like to contact us about any aspect of your affiliation please email [affiliated@rhs.org.uk](mailto:affiliated@rhs.org.uk) Please don't phone as picking up messages can be a problem and we don't want to miss anything important.

If you, or anyone you know, give garden based talks and have either got a link to pre-recorded talks, or can deliver a 'live' talk via Zoom please let me know. If I can get a few together I will forward details. It might be fun to tune in to a cosy talk on behind the scenes at a famous garden or what it is like to work at Chelsea, or interesting planters.

Sadly, all our events up until the end of June have been cancelled, an unprecedented situation, but do look out for information about other initiatives to be announced later.

Stay safe, **Susie**





# ***TRIPS***

The trip to Leonardslee has had to be cancelled and the organisers are at present working on returning any monies paid by members.

We are hoping that our trip to Wisley will still go ahead in August but we will keep you informed as the months go by.