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Welcome to the IT Club Newsheet!

This month the main topic is gardening, a bit late in the summer perhaps, but early for next spring!

There is quite a lot of information here, but if you want more detail on any topic, or would like a new topic covered, just let me know at steven.p.dow@me.com.

We have requests to send this newsheet to other people so you can either send their email address to me or you can simply email this pdf.

Information

We are currently looking at how to restart home visits, suitably protected and distanced of course. Hopefully it will not be too long before our volunteers can help you with your problems and issues in the comfort of your own home.

Our website is here : <https://ageconcernepsom.org.uk>

The coronavirus update is here: <https://ageconcernepsom.org.uk/coronavirus-update/>

If you have IT problems you can still get telephone help by ringing our office on **01372 732456** between the hours of 9.30 – 1.00, Monday to Friday. An IT volunteer will then ring you back and hopefully solve your problem.

<https://ageconcernepsom.org.uk/coronavirus-update/>

Useful Links

Government advice: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Age UK: <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/coronavirus/>

The NHS has lots of information: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
111 phone line website: <https://111.nhs.uk>

Livi information: <https://www.livi.co.uk>

As you can imagine, fundraising for Age Concern Epsom and Ewell has come to a virtual halt, however our amazing fundraising team has come up with this:

A Drive in Movie!

The team at The Silent Cinema Company are providing us with the UK's largest 42ft outdoor Cinema Screen on Saturday 19th September at our 1st ever drive in Cinema Event.

Please let anybody you know who might be interested about this event and help to make it a success!

To find out more and to book tickets :

<https://ageconcernepsom.org.uk/drive-in-cinema/>

nb use Book Here button at bottom.

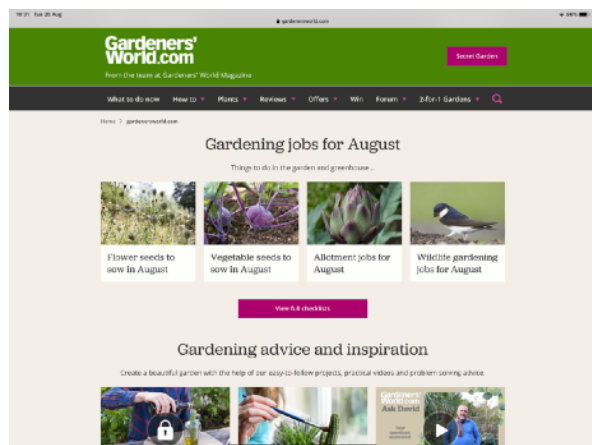


Gardening

BBC Gardeners World website

This is the companion website to the popular BBC. It has lots of interesting sections including:

- What to do this month (which always makes me feel guilty)
- How To, which offers advice
- Plants, how to identify and grow
- Reviews of gardening equipment
- Offers
- Competitions
- Forum to converse with other gardeners



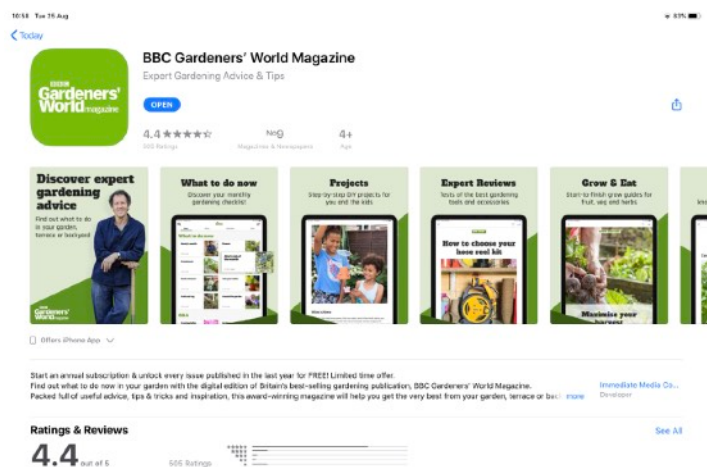
It is a very comprehensive and professional site (and free) and is well worth a visit

<https://www.gardenersworld.com/>

BBC Gardeners world Magazine

The magazine is available as an app from Apple App Store and from Google Play.

This is the same as the printed copy but probably a bit more interactive.



However, like the printed copy, it costs money. A six month subscription is £21.99

Amazon Prime

If you have Amazon Prime membership (and there are about 15million in the UK!) then there are always a number of gardening magazines available free. Its worth trying them before you subscribe.

Look for the **Newsstand** in [amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk) or try this link which may or may not work:

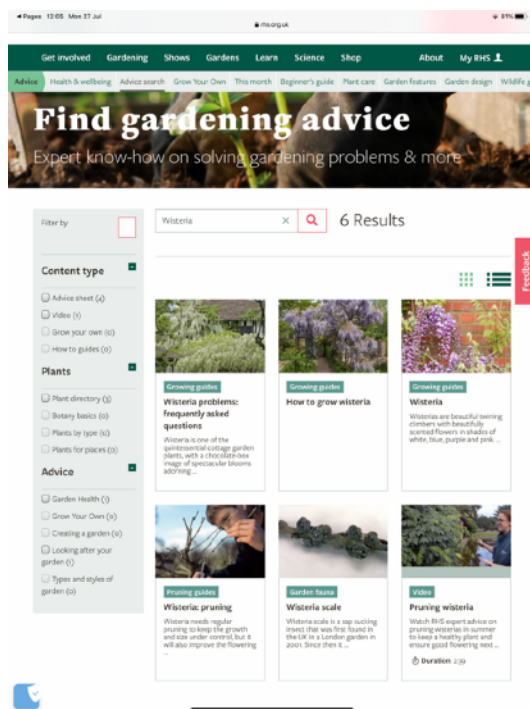
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Royal Horticultural Society

There are many websites devoted to gardening and one of the best is the Royal Horticultural Society here : <https://www.rhs.org.uk>

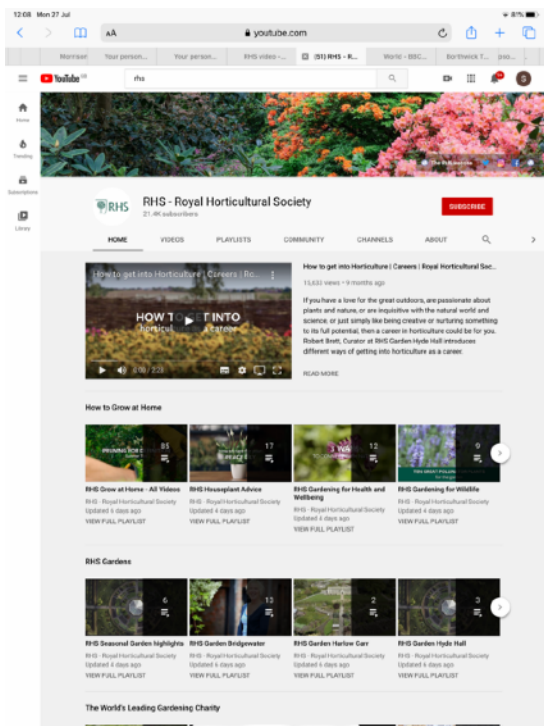
As expected it has a wealth of information about plants and how to care for them

In this example for wisteria:



Here is the Pruning Wisteria video shown in the list.

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/videos/advice/pruning-wisteria>



The RHS has also uploaded many videos to YouTube.

Go to YouTube via the YouTube app or by the website here :<https://www.youtube.com>

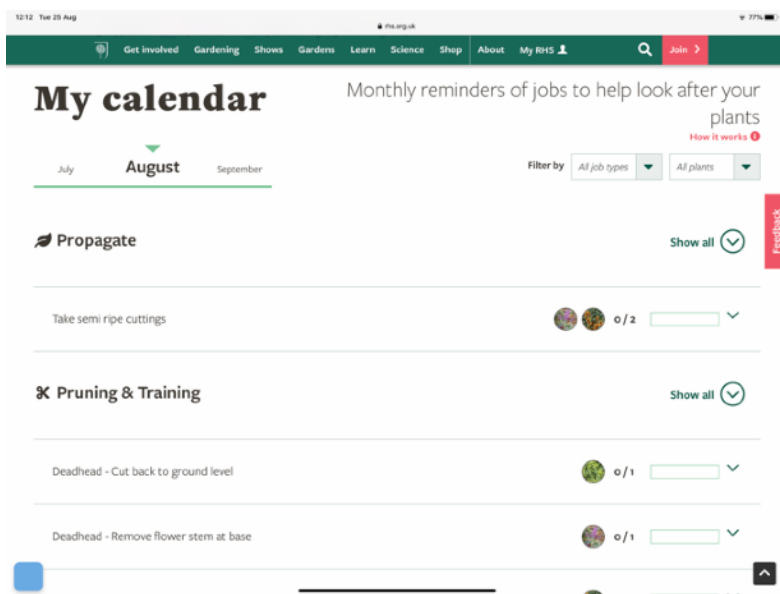
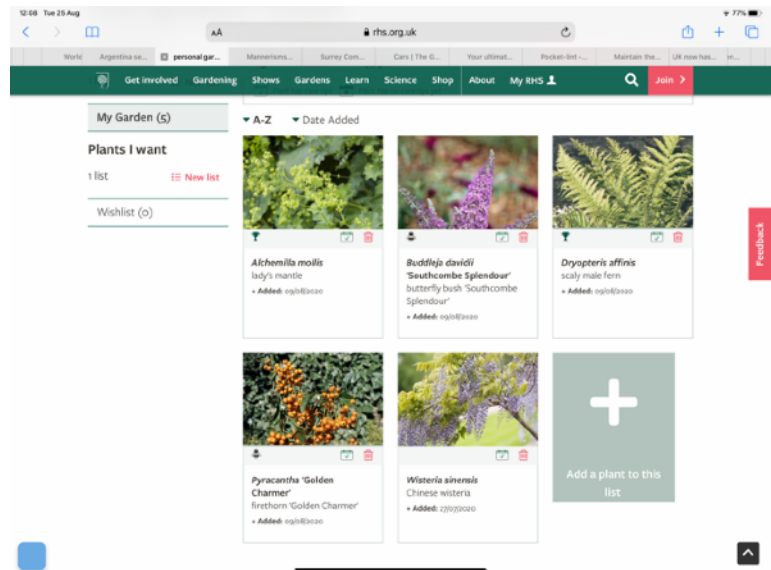
In the search box type “rhs” (Nb when you are searching anywhere the case, upper or lower, doesn’t matter. It definitely does with passwords though!)

You can subscribe (remember, subscribing on YouTube is free) to the RHS channel and you will be reminded when new videos have been uploaded.

My RHS

In this area you can record the plants in your garden (if, like me, you do not know the names of some of your plants, then you can use a plant identification app like Plant Snap or Picture This - see below).

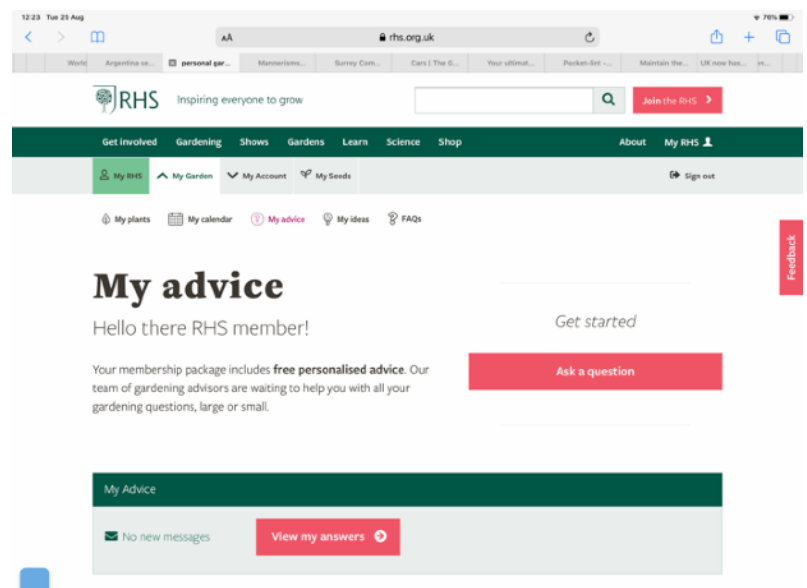
It is very easy to add plants - simply select "Add a plant" then type in the name and it will search its huge database and present you with matching plants and their pictures. Select the correct plant and it will be added to MyPlants.



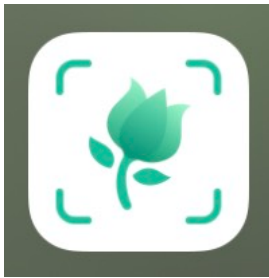
This may seem to be a bit of a needless effort but what MyRHS does is create a calendar of things to do tailored exactly to your plants.

So now there is no excuse to miss deadheading the Alchemilla mollis!

If you are a member of the RHS then MyRHS will offer you additional benefits, including the option to ask the gardeners at RHS questions.



Picture This



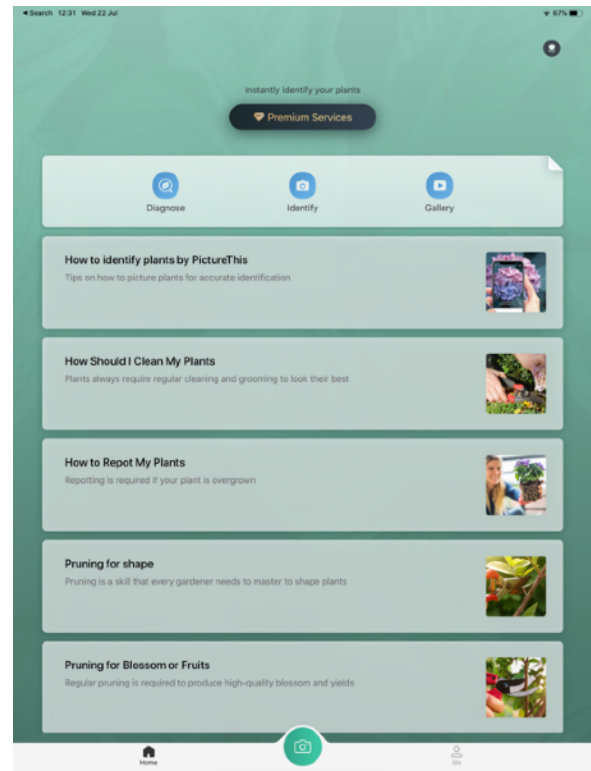
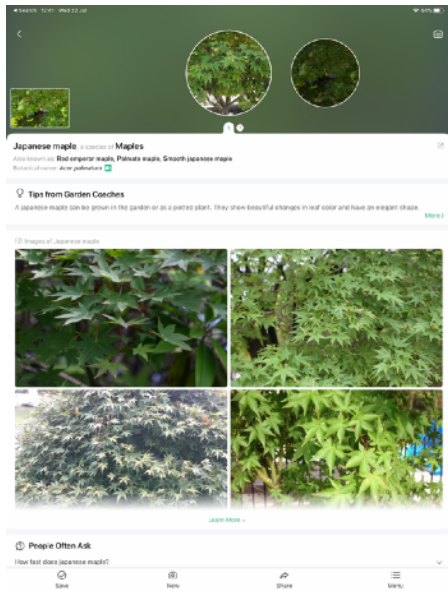
In a previous newsheet we looked at a plant identification app called Plant Snap.

However I have discovered Picture This which ,so far, appears to be better at plant identification.

It has more functions than Plant Snap and lots of gardening advice.

It is still not 100% correct with identification but it's getting better.

Below is the screen shot of the app identifying a Japanese Maple.



After identifying the plants it will give you information about the plant and care advice.

However it costs £20 a year, but you can have a one week free trial to see if it is of benefit to you.

Apps

Would you like to learn Spanish or brush up your French?
Then try an app such as
DuoLingo



DuoLingo has a very high rating (almost 5 stars) from 196000 ratings, which suggests a very good app.

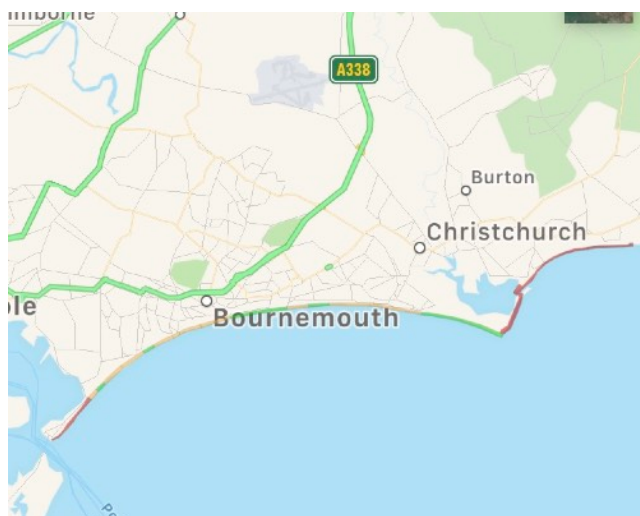
It is very easy to use, is fun and most importantly it is free (although you can pay to have advertisements removed).

BCP Beach check

Technology to the rescue!

Do you remember the pictures of a crowded Bournemouth beach? (incidentally, despite media outrage, there was no spike of infection afterwards).

To avoid this happening again the local council have launched an app (available in App Store and Googleplay) which indicates the up-to-date crowding position on all of the beaches in the area:



Red means Crowded beach so do not go.
Yellow means busy so stay alert.
Green means not busy.

Download it if you wish to monitor Bournemouth beaches this bank holiday - it is free!

If you have a favourite App you would like to share, just let me know at steven.p.dow@me.com

Scams

Two of our group have sent these scams:

Here is one of those emotional blackmail scams one of our group has received:

Note the use of Friend, not a name because they only have your email address.

Use of illness is so often used to make you feel guilty if you don't do what they say.

Bad grammar again.

And why would anyone legitimate send such an email!

From: "Kathy A." <cathyagust@gold.ca>
Date: 14 August 2020 at 09:14:00 BST
To: undisclosed-recipients;;
Subject: I'm Waiting=
Reply-To: cathyagust@aol.com

Dear Friend,

My name is Mrs. Catherine Agustsson from Ottawa Canada, am a dealer on Gold and diamonds. I know my message will come to you as a surprise based on the fact that we have not met before, i got your e-mail contact on a private search on the internet while i was searching for a trusted person. I am going on a cancer surgery 5 days from this day. You should contact the Security Company listed below this message with this information: Personal Reference Number SKT-MCA-BSL-JUL19 of my trunk box that I saved with the Security Company The boxes contains Twelve Million Three Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars. The above mention sum was the proceed of my last Gold business transaction before i was diagnosed of cancer, I here by donate this money to you help the poor and for the good work of our lord on earth. Because I am not sure of marking it alive from this surgical procedure.

Note: The Security Company doesn't know contents in the trunk box as CASH it was declared Family Treasure & Valuables; so do not disclose this to the Security Company when you are contact with them it is important for you be conscious and make it a top secret.

Please if you know deep in your mind that you can help me archived my aim for these funds, you should forward Your Full Name, Contact Address and Your Direct Phone Number upon receipt of this mail. This will enable communicate with the Security Company to release the trunk boxes to you on my behalf.

Thank you for your anticipated co-operation.

Yours Truly,

Mrs. Catherine Agustsson

Please update your payment information



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Dear customer,

Your Amazon Prime Membership is set to renew on August 4, 2020. However, we've noticed that the card associated with your Prime membership is no longer valid. To update the default card or choose a new one for your membership, please use [this link](#) or click on the button below and follow the on-screen instructions.

To prevent interruption of your benefits, we will try charging other active cards associated with your Amazon account if we can't charge your default card. If we can't process the charge for your membership fee, your Amazon Prime benefits will be suspended.

Sincerely,
The Amazon Prime Team

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Please note: this email was sent from a notification-only address that can't accept incoming emails. Please do not reply to this message. If you have any questions and wish to contact us, click [here](#).

Amazon, 410 Terry Avenue N., Seattle, WA 98109-5210.

Here is an Amazon Prime scam.

If you get this type of email, DO NOT use the link in the email but go to amazon.co.uk then go to your payment details and check everything is correct.

nb The link in the email was <https://reurl.cc/Mvn9d4> which is definitely not Amazon!

Finally



If you have any ideas, comments, suggestions please email them to me at steven.p.dow@me.com

See you next month!