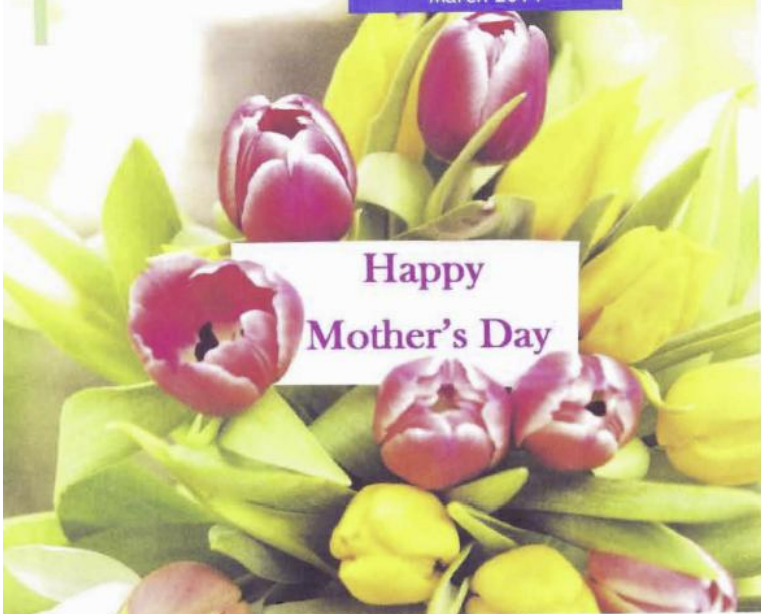


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## Spring is the time to get out into the garden

The days are warming up so now is the time to get out into the garden and here are 5 top tips that you could be doing now:

1. Start removing dead growth from plants before new spring growth appears
2. Now is the time to divide any perennials that have become too congested. Split them and plant elsewhere or give surplus to friends or neighbours
3. Insert supports for herbaceous plants that will need them later in the season
4. Prune all bush roses back by about a third, to an outward-facing bud and give them a good mulch of compost
5. Plant out summer bulbs eg. Lilies, Gladioli or Fresas.



And here are 10 plants looking great in March:

- Hellebores
- Erysimum cheiri 'Blood Red'
- Aubretia 'Purple Cascade'
- Bergenia 'Bressingham White'
- Clematis 'Early Sensation'
- Clematis armandii
- Camellias
- Edgeworthia chrysantha 'Grandiflora'
- Viburnum x bodnantense 'Dawn'
- Magnolia stellata

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### The Joys of April

With the long break over Easter, hopefully the sun will shine and allow us all to get out into the garden as it really wakes up. Things to do now:

1. Hoe off weed seedlings as they appear in the veg and flower beds
2. Tie in new growth of climbers such as clematis and honeysuckle to trellis or wire supports
3. Sow a wild flower meadow - it doesn't have to be a huge area - but it will give you such pleasure over the coming months
4. Remove winter grime from your patios using a pressure wash, but be careful not to wash out the grouting between the pavers
5. Remember to book your tickets for the RHS shows, such as Chelsea, Hampton Court or Malvern.



Ten plants looking great in April:

1. Aubretia - to cascade over walls
2. Peris 'Flaming Silver' and
3. Photinias will have their fabulous new red shoots
4. Forsythia, for that bright yellow
5. For fabulous scent, try a Daphne or Osmanthus delavayi
7. Camellias
8. Wall flowers
9. Daffodils brighten up any corner
10. Euphorbias characias subsp. wulfenii look great all year

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### Did Chelsea flower show inspire you?

Chelsea can seem an impossible dream, but there are many ideas and plants that you could transfer to your own garden, but on a smaller scale:

1. Would any of the paving or other hard surfaces they used look good in your garden?
2. Have you got room for a pond, a trickle or full water feature?
3. What about some interesting trellis or fixtures to train climbers up your boring walls or fences?
4. Are you getting the most out of your garden or do you need to make some changes or have it re-designed?
5. And of course there were loads of plant ideas, such as those listed opposite, which you may or may not have seen.



Ten plants looking great in June:

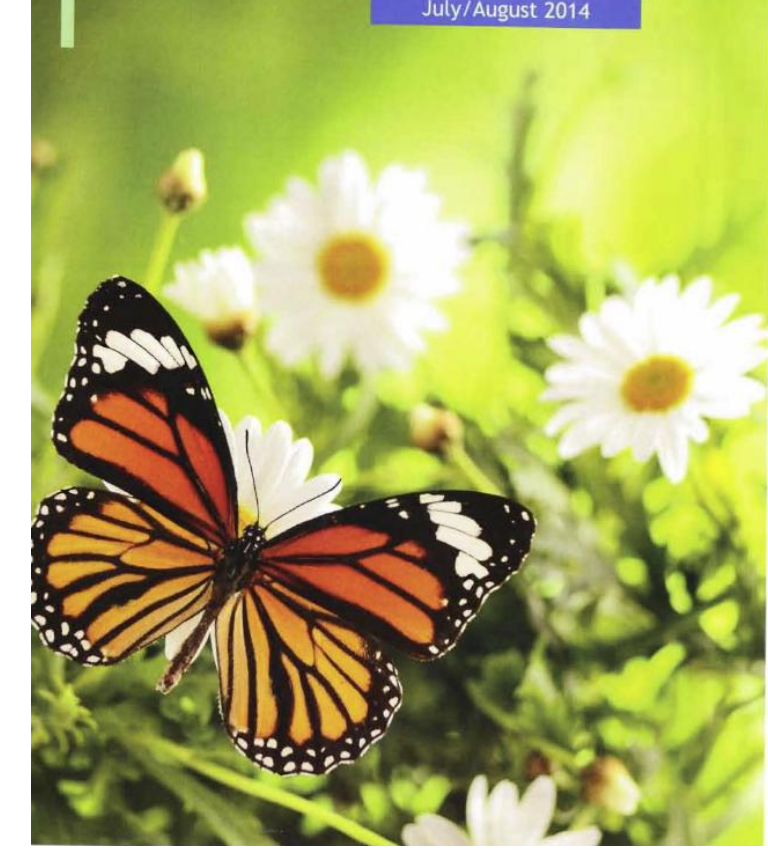
1. Gaura will flower from now until September and look gorgeous
2. Aizoemeria - for exotic colour
3. Roses start blooming now
4. Salvias eg. Salvia nemorosa 'Caradonna'
5. Geraniums eg. 'Johnson's Blue'
6. Ceanothus for amazing blues
7. Peonies
8. Many Iris eg. 'Black Swan'
9. Achilleas
10. Zantedeschia for upright elegance

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### Hopefully no hosepipe ban this Summer

With all that rain over the winter we should be safe this Summer and the hosepipe ban should stay away, but do remember to keep watering if it's dry and get friends, relatives or neighbours to water if you're away. Here are some other Summer jobs:

1. Raise mower blades and reduce mowing frequency in dry weather
2. Top up water levels in garden ponds if they are getting low
3. Deadhead roses, bedding plants and repeat-flowering perennials to encourage more flowers
4. Keep feeding container plants with high potassium for continued flowering
5. Trim hedges to keep them in shape, but avoid a really sunny day which could scorch the leaves.



Ten plants looking great in July/Aug:

1. Penstemons flower for months
  2. Leucantheums for big daisies
  3. Scabiosa for bees and butterflies
  4. Vinca to cover the ground
  5. Lavender for scent and bees
  6. Myrtle - an evergreen with silver
  7. Stachys byzantina for soft silvery foliage which is great to stroke
- and for tall spikes of colour chose:
8. Lupins
  9. Veronicastrum
  10. Digitalis

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