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### Latest news and update:

Here's hoping that this week finds all of you keeping fit and well.

When Dave and I went to the wonderful OSGB show a fortnight ago, we little thought that less than two weeks later there would probably be no orchid shows or meetings this side of September/October. Instead of looking forward to a very busy show season with virtually no free weekends, my calendar is effectively empty!!

So, this is being sent out to as many delegates and other people that I have emails for, in order to keep everyone up to date with what is happening in the orchid world. When the new committee was elected at the AGM, no one foresaw the depth of the crisis that was coming.

Please look after yourselves, stay safe and well – I want to meet up with you all again before too long.

Love to everyone –

*Helen (new Chair BOC)*

**KEEPING IN TOUCH** - the most important thing that we can do for societies after the coming months!!

Please check your emails, Facebook, Twitter for any updates or orchid news and trivia that is posted. If you know anyone in your Society who is on their own, or self-isolating, please give them a ring just to have a chat with them and check that they are OK.

We will be sending out updates with news, nonsense and chitchat every week or so, please look out for these in your inbox and forward them to the rest of your society members.

Any contributions will be very welcome!



### Meetings and shows:

*The latest position is that ALL shows have been cancelled until September. Society meetings are also cancelled. This includes both Malvern and the Southport Congress.*

*All RHS shows have been cancelled, including Chelsea, Chatsworth. It is doubtful that Tatton Park and Hampton Court will go ahead. In additions all RHS Gardens are now closed.*

### Southport Congress

It is not all bad news, after a LOT of work last week, George Barnes has managed to change the booking for the Congress to:

*July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2021 - (set up 23<sup>rd</sup>)*

If you have made hotel bookings, you will need to update these with the Congress hotel. If you have booked with Premier Inn, please see their web site for details of refunds/rebooking.

So, look after your orchids in the meantime, we want to make this a wonderful Congress to remember.

Next year also marks 50 years since BOC was founded, so there is even more to celebrate!

We need everyone to work together to make the Congress the success that it deserves to be.