

ROYALTY ATTEND OPENING OF CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

The Honourable David Bowes-Lyon, escorting the Queen Mother, made it almost a family affair at the Royal preview of the Chelsea Flower Show. It's now 40 years since the Royal Horticultural Society held its first show here in the grounds of the Royal Hospital on Chelsea Embankment. With the Queen Mother were Princess Margaret, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and the Duchess of Kent. Skill untold goes to the transforming of this corner of London into the semblance of a ducal garden,

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The weather, unkind to almost everything else, has been perfect for the Chelsea Show; cool and wet it has preserved the blooms almost perfectly. Many of the finest came from the Colonies and Dominions, ice-packed till the time of display. A Royal Show indeed.