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## Where to eat at RHS Chelsea Flower Show – The Surprise, Chelsea

Excitement is building and flowers are beginning to bloom all over Chelsea as the illustrious neighbourhood gears up to celebrate the **RHS Chelsea Flower Show** (Tue 20<sup>th</sup> – Sat 24<sup>th</sup> May). A hidden gem and one of Wildflower's favourite pubs is The Surprise in Chelsea and we agree that there's no better spot to soak up the atmosphere as the flower show and all it entails comes to town. It's just a short walk from the showground at Royal Hospital Road, so perfect for reviving after a day at the show.



A local landmark since 1853, the recently refurbished The Surprise is now as established part of the local community. Whether your pleasure's a quiet pint with the papers, a casual weekday supper with friends or a sumptuous celebration in the Hamilton Room, the smart private dining space, this truly is a hidden gem.

Fresh from his success with The Pheasant, a country pub with acclaimed cooking and smart guest rooms near Hungerford, Berkshire, landlord Jack Greenall has overseen a casually elegant, top-to-toe refurbishment of the building whose every inch celebrates its place at the heart of the local community. With rich colours, characterful upcycled details, a quirky collection of art, books and board games and

plush, cosy seating, Isabella Worsley, formerly interior designer to top London addresses including Ham Yard and Covent Garden Hotels, has created an effortlessly relaxed setting, with the dapper Hamilton Room, the light-filled upstairs private dining space, its crowning glory.

Cooking style is described as 'flavoursome, well-priced, British-inspired cooking' with 'imaginative drinks menu and the warmest of London welcomes.' We like the sound of that!

To celebrate the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, a specials menu will elevate the occasion as dishes are paired with a floral-inspired cocktail, enjoyed amongst the community pub atmosphere. Available during RHS Chelsea Flower Show week, specials include:

- **Cocktail** – Moatwood Meadow Spritz, Moatwood gin, St Germain elderflower liqueur, orange bitters, mint, soda, viola flower – £14.50
- **Starter** – Puglian Burrata & Wye Valley Asparagus, radishes, yellow tomatoes, toasted sourdough, pea shoots – £12.50
- **Main** – Half Baked Garlic Cornish Lobster, mixed leaf salad and Koffmann's fries – £35
- **Pudding** – Strawberry Eton Mess, Chantilly cream, meringue, Viola flowers, strawberry coulis – £9.50



To celebrate RHS Chelsea, this year The Surprise façade becomes a beautiful installation of delphiniums, peonies and foxgloves, a floral tribute to the hive of activity happening just down the road.

To book your table, go to The Surprise Freehouse, 6 Christchurch Terrace, Chelsea, London SW3 4AJ

To find out more about the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, go to RHS – UK's leading gardening charity / RHS





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