



Crawley Horticultural Society

NEWSLETTER

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Spring 2019

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Happy new year to all our members. Hope everyone had a great Christmas and you are all having a good start to the new year.

I am hoping for the better weather so I can get back out in the garden and my allotment.

Our show secretary, Anne Overton did a great job in her first year in the role. Well done Anne. Please come along and support our shows in 2019.

Sadly, we lost one of our long-standing members in 2018. Ray Bell was a member of the committee. He was our membership secretary and was a keen member of the bridge club.. He did a lot for the society behind the scenes and will be missed by many.

Again, a big shout out to all the committee members and our very valued shop helpers for all your time and commitment. Without you all, none of this would be possible.

If you would like to give up some time and help, please see someone in the shop. Don't forget you will also get 10% discount on any purchases.

BARRY MORTON

TRADING REPORT

Welcome to the new season. Hopefully we will have a good gardening year. Compost prices very similar to last year. One new compost "Jacks Magic" is said to be very good. Our usual selection of seeds @ 20% discount.

Bulbs, Corms, Dahlias when in season.

JOHN GREEN

SHOW REPORT

Welcome to the new show season 2019.

This year we made some changes to domestic classes. All are now own recipes with some additions and some classes taken out.

Last year was a poor one for entries. Even the Autumn show struggled. Please enter the shows, as the groups are getting smaller in number and we don't want them to close. The fuchsia show is now under John Greens care.

Your support is vital to continue our shows.

SHOW INFORMATION

1. Entries will now only be accepted up to 8pm on the Thursday prior to show. Prior to Thursday please feel free to email me your entries, or leave me a message on my phone.
2. You will no longer be able to stage entries on the Friday evening prior to the show.

We would love to see more of our members coming along to admire the exhibits, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, and a slice of homemade cake (or two) We also have a raffle; donations very much appreciated.

ANNE OVERTON (01293 405061)

2019 SHOW DATES

Spring show	Saturday 6th April	1:30-4:00pm
Pelargonium & geranium show	Saturday 22nd June	1:30-4:00pm
Summer show	Saturday 22nd June	1:30-4:00pm
Fuchsia show	Saturday 20th July	1:30-4:00pm
Floral group show	Saturday 20th July	1:30-4:00pm
Autumn show	Saturday 7th September	1:30-4:00pm

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The sixty-sixth Annual general meeting of the society will be held in the society hall on Thursday 28th February 2019 at 7.45 pm prompt.

Refreshments will be served after close of business. Please stay and have an informal chat with your committee. Your views are appreciated for the benefit of all.

JEANNETTE ALLEN

HALL HIRE

The hall is available for hire on an agreed basis at very competitive prices.

We hold meetings, quizzes, shows and private functions. Various organisations book regularly, such as West Green W.I, Olive Tree Cancer Support & Reigate Cats Protection. We also held a Macmillan coffee morning in 2017 and 2018. This year we are looking at a change and holding a coffee morning for St Catherines Hospice, as it is a local charity.

All enquires for hall hire, please contact as below.

GRAHAM JONES (01293 537588)
chsbookings@hotmail.co.uk

GROUP PROGRAMMES FOR 2019



ALPINE, FUCHSIA & PELARGONIUM GROUP

(3rd Monday of every month at 8pm)

The Fuchsia and Pelargonium group has amalgamated with the Alpine group.

The Fuchsia and Pelargonium group grow and show their fuchsias and geraniums. They have allocated cuttings for both which are sold to members at the February and March meetings. Members are expected to come along and show them at the shows. This is held, usually at the end of July, with the Crawley Flower Club and their floral art show.

The Alpine group have a mixture of workshops, talks and slides,

All are welcome

JOHN GREEN (07813720090)

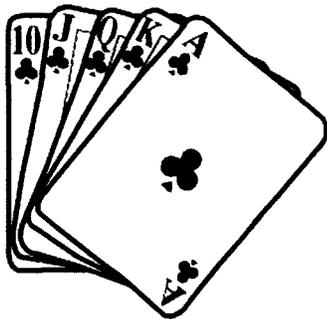


BONSAI GROUP

(3rd Thursday of every month at 8pm)

Come and join us and meet members who are happy to share their expert knowledge with beginners and others.

BARBARA ELLIOTT (01293 542312)



BRIDGE GROUP

(Every Monday at 1:30pm)

New members are very welcome. Do come along and join our merry group.

BERYL MAKINSON (01293 402868)



CRAWLEY FLOWER CLUB

(2nd Thursday of every month at 8pm)

We have many workshops and demonstrations by various people.
Please feel free to come and join us.

JEAN SMITH (01293 402905)

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GROUP

(2nd Monday of every month at 8pm)

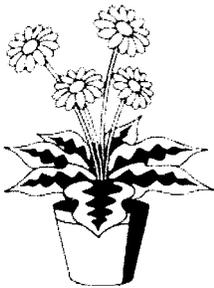


We are a group of people who enjoy good food at reasonable prices and what better way than grow your own, as well as good food you will get fresh air, sunshine and exercise.

We like to show off the fruits (and veg) of our labours by having little competitions throughout the year. We are not as serious as our friends in the NVS, but we have found that to grow and share makes us take a bit more care and become a better gardener and with so many different categories to enter, we grow a wider range of crops so it is much easier to get your 5,7 or 9 a day.

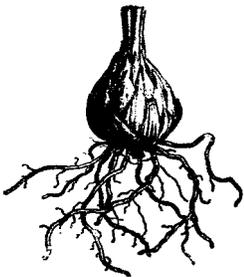
Hope to see you there.

ALAN HOLBROOKE (07742699473)



PLANT SALE

Plant sale is the weekend of May 18th and 19th, during shop opening hours



BULB SALE

Bulb sale is the weekend of August 24th and 25th, during shop opening hours

CHS CALENDAR 2019

JANUARY	Sunday 13th	Shop re opens	09.30 -12.00 noon
FEBRUARY	Monday 11th	Fruit & Vegetable group	8:00 PM
	Saturday 2nd	Quiz night (BOOKINGS ONLY)	7:00 PM
	Monday 18th	Alpine group	8:00 PM
	Monday 18th	Fuchsia group	8:00 PM
	Thursday 14th	Bonsai group	8:00 PM
	Thursday 28th	Society Annual General Meeting	7:45 PM
MARCH	Saturday 2nd	Saturday shop opens	9.30-12:00 noon
	Monday 11th	Fruit & Vegetable group	8:00 PM
	Monday 18th	Alpine group	8:00 PM
	Monday 18th	Fuchsia group	8:00 PM
	Thursday 21st	Bonsai group	8:00 PM
APRIL	Saturday 6th	Spring show	1:30-4PM
	Monday 8th	Fruit & Vegetable group	8:00 PM
	Wednesday 10th	Wednesday evening Shop	6:30-8:00 PM
	Monday 15th	Alpine group show	8:00 PM
	Monday 15th	Fuchsia group	8:00 PM
	Thursday 18th	Bonsai group	8:00 PM
MAY	Monday 13th	Fruit & Vegetable group	8:00 PM
	Saturday 18th	Plant sale	9.30-12:00 noon
	Sunday 19th	Plant sale	9.30-12:00 noon
	Monday 20th	Alpine group	8:00 PM
	Monday 20th	Fuchsia group	8:00 PM
	Thursday 23th	Bonsai group	8:00 PM
JUNE	Monday 10th	Fruit & Vegetable group	8:00 PM
	Monday 17th	Alpine group	8:00 PM
	Monday 17th	Fuchsia group	8:00 PM
	Thursday 20th	Bonsai group	8:00 PM
	Saturday 22nd	Summer & Pelargonium shows	1:30-4:00PM
	Wednesday 26th	Last Wednesday night opening	6:30-8:00PM

JULY	Monday 8th	Fruit & Vegetable group	8:00 PM
	Monday 15th	Alpine group	8:00 PM
	Monday 15th	Fuchsia group	8:00 PM
	Thursday 18th	Bonsai group	8:00 PM
	Saturday 20th	Fuchsia and Floral Art show	1:30 -4:00PM
AUGUST	Monday 12th	Fruit & Vegetable group	8:00 PM
	Monday 19th	Alpine group	8:00 PM
	Monday 19th	Fuchsia group	8:00PM
	Thursday 22nd	Bonsai group	8:00 PM
	Saturday 24th	Bulb sale	9.30-12:00
	Sunday 25th	Bulb sale	noon 9.30-12:00
SEPTEMBER	Saturday 7th	Autumn show	1:30-4:00PM
	Monday 9th	Fruit & Vegetable group	8:00 PM
	Monday 16th	Alpine group	8:00 PM
	Monday 16th	Fuchsia group	8:00 PM
	Thursday 19th	Bonsai group	8:00 PM
	Saturday 28th	Saturday shop last day	9.30-12:00
OCTOBER	Monday 7th	Fruit & Vegetable group	8:00 PM
	Monday 14th	Alpine group	8:00 PM
	Monday 14th	Fuchsia	8:00 PM
	Thursday 17th	Bonsai group	8:00 PM
NOVEMBER	Monday 11th	Fruit & Vegetable group	8:00 PM
	Monday 18th	Alpine group	8:00 PM
	Monday 18th	Fuchsia group	8:00 PM
DECEMBER	Sunday 8th	Last shop opening 2019	9.30-12:00
	Monday 9th	Fruit & Vegetable group	8:00 PM
	Monday 16th	Fuchsia group	8:00 PM
	Monday 16th	Alpine group	8:00PM
JANUARY	12th January	Shop re-opens on Sundays	9.30-12noon

WHAT IS A GARDENER

A gardener is not instantly recognisable because he blends in with the background, especially if the background is a compost heap.

His features, human enough during the week are blurred at the weekends by two day stubble. His hair falls uncombed, full of bits of straw and twigs. Sometimes he wears a floppy hat thing, that can't be described as anything else, owing to it's shape, which is roughly that of a dead cat draped over a gatepost.

Around him is a permanent fug, emanating from a filthy old pipe fuelled by a revolting thick twist which he is not allowed to smoke indoors. The fug is not just for pleasure - it keeps the flies off.

His upper person is draped with a set of drooping pockets held together by what used to be Harris tweed. His lower person supports, just about, a former pair of trousers, worn low for comfort and ventilation.

Jacket trousers and wellies might seem easy enough to identify, but recognition is complicated by the layer of dried mud, twigs, bark, bits of leaf and grass clippings which cover the whole shoot. This makes it all the more essential to differentiate fully between a gardener and a compost heap.

STEAMING

A compost heap is a motionless pile of rubbish, sometimes gently steaming. A gardener is a moving pile of rubbish, sometimes gently steaming.

If the heap is mobile and vertical, it is likely to be a gardener in a reasonable state of health. If the heap is motionless and horizontal it is likely to be a compost heap, an unsupported gardener or a gardener to whom something untoward has happened.

Once your suspicions have been aroused, check by (a) Looking at both ends of the heap. If it is a gardener there will be wellies one end and a floppy hat thing the other end. (b) In the absence of either, shout in a loud voice "Hey up - they're open!" If the heap is a gardener, in any condition but stone dead, it should stir.

PAULINE CHIAPPORI

ARKWRIGHTS ARCHIVE

1996

100 Litres Irish moss peat	£4.50
John Innes 1/2/3	£2.70
3Kg Bone meal	£2.10
3Kg Growmore	90p
3Kg Blood/fish/bone	£1.40

The annual trip to Wisley cost £4.

A trip to N.E.C Birmingham 13th June was £17 to go and see Gardeners World Live.

This year we decided to open the shop for the first time on a Saturday for a trial.

The Autumn flower show was held at the Hawth theatre on the 7th and 8th September, and the late Mick Reed was show secretary.

BARRY MORTON
Archivist



PLEASE COME AND VOLUNTEER

Thank you to all our loyal and hard-working shop helpers, who, with their help, keep the shop operating. We are always in need of helpers, either in the shop or the compound.

Come and join us behind the scenes and take advantage of the 10% discount off shop purchases for volunteers.

IN MEMORIAM

RAY BELL

Ray Bell was very active behind the scenes. He was on the committee for many years. He was also our membership secretary and did a grand job on finding the cheapest deals when we needed our janitorial supplies. He was a keen bridge player. He will be sorely missed.

NEWSLETTER

We now only issue one newsletter a year, due to spiralling costs of printing, stationery, stamps etc.

Doing this will help us keep the costs down for things like the memberships, which haven't been increased for years. Copies are always available in the shop, or on line.

WEBSITE

www.crawleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Our website is full of all the information you should need as a member. It keeps you up to date with all the news and dates of events throughout the year.

We put up all the show and quiz posters as soon as possible, to let members know of our up and coming shows, trips, quizzes and any functions for local organisations and charities, whether it is a coffee morning for Macmillan, St Catherines or Crawley open house.

If you wish something to be mentioned on the website or you are a group who have a poster to be displayed, please e-mail the webmaster.

FACEBOOK

There is also a facebook page for people to visit.

Like the website, it has all the information there for you to look at.

TWITTER

There is also a Twitter page for people to visit.

Like the website, it has all the information there for you to look at.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

As with the newsletters, we are trying to do more via e-mails, for those that have given us permission to use them. Again, this is due to the crippling costs and we want to keep offering great prices in the shop.

When you first join, and renew, please give us an up to date e-mail, and remember to let us know if you change it.

Your inbox is a great way of keeping up to date and helps save money.

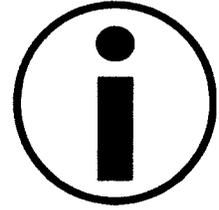
Thank you

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION



THE CHS SHOP

The Crawley horticultural shop in Ifield avenue, West Green, Crawley is open:

SUNDAY 13th January until 8th December	(9.30AM to 12 noon)
SATURDAY 2nd March until 28th September	(9.30AM to 12 noon)
WEDNESDAY 12th April until 26th June	(6.30PM to 8PM)

Telephone number 07546970594 (during shop hours only)

NEW MEMBERS

The CHS policy for recruiting new members is by word of mouth by you, the members. Why not pass the word about the benefits of membership to like-minded friends and family?

A perfect present for a birthday or special occasion would be a CHS gift voucher/token to be spent in the shop.

Our membership prices are a bargain, at just £4.00 for one year or £14.00 for four years.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that our membership year is from 1st January to 31st December and any annual or four-year subscriptions that are due should be renewed as soon as possible. This can be done in the shop, or by post to the shop marked f.a.o. Graham Jones, Membership Secretary.

Crawley Horticultural Society, Ifield Avenue, West Green, Crawley, RH11 7AJ