

# Crawley Horticultural Society

## NEWSLETTER

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Spring 2018

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Hello to all our members. Hope everyone had a good Christmas and not too many of you had the cold virus over the festivities that hit our household. Hopefully it is all behind us now and we can look forward to a good gardening year.

Roll on the warm weather when we can stop sitting indoors and get back out to our gardens and allotments.

Our show secretary, Pauline Chiappori has decided to hand over the reins to Anne Overton. I would like to thank her for all her hard work in the past, and welcome Anne to the fold. Please support our shows in 2018.

Sadly, we lost one of our long-standing members in 2017. Mick Reed was show secretary 1989-1998. He did a lot for the society, along with his wife, Pam.

Last, but by no means least, I would like to say a big thank you 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 2018.

I have taken over from Pauline as show secretary.

There have been a few small changes to the show schedules this season, with the addition of a children's class in the Spring and Summer shows for 9 years and under. Last season was well attended with several new exhibitors showing for the first time.

Please continue to support these events, as without your support there would be no shows.

If anyone wants to help with teas/coffees at the shows, please let us know, as helpers are gratefully received. Hope to see you all there.

## **SHOW INFORMATION**

1. Entries will now only be accepted up to 8pm on the Thursday prior to show.
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 (07922196133)

## **2018 SHOW DATES**

Spring show	Saturday 7th April	1:30-4:00pm
Pelargonium & geranium show	Saturday 23rd June	1:30-4:00pm
Summer show	Saturday 23rd June	1:30-4:00pm
Fuchsia show	Saturday 21st July	1:30-4:00pm
Floral group show	Saturday 21st July	1:30-4:00pm
Autumn show	Saturday 1st September	1:30-4:00pm
	Sunday 2nd September	9:00am-12noon

## **THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The sixty-fifth Annual general meeting of the society will be held in the society hall on Thursday 22nd February 2018 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.

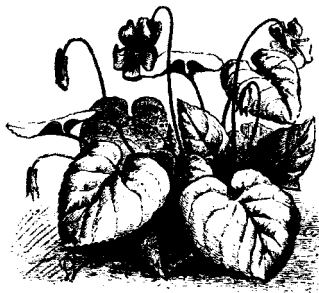
We hold meetings, quizzes, shows and private functions. Various organisations book regularly, such as West Green W.I., Crawley Museum Society & Reigate Cats Protection. We also held our first Macmillan coffee morning in 2017. All enquires please contact as below.

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

## GROUP PROGRAMMES FOR 2018

### ALPINE GROUP

(3rd Monday of every month at 8pm)



Our small group is still going. Sadly, last year Mick Reed, one of the stalwarts of the group passed away. He will be greatly missed by the group and the society.

Our group Chairman Nigel Gravett moved to the Isle of Wight but we will carry on with a mixture of workshops, talks and slides. All are welcome

JOHN GREEN (07813720090)

### BONSAI GROUP

(3rd Thursday of every month at 8pm)

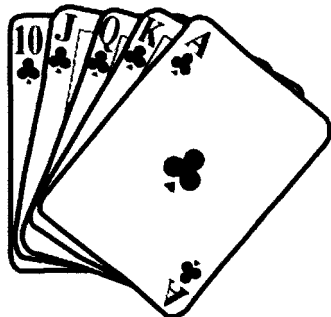


Come and join us and meet members who are happy to share their expert knowledge with beginners and others.

BARBARA ELLIOTT (01293 542312)

### BRIDGE GROUP

(Every Monday at 1:30pm)

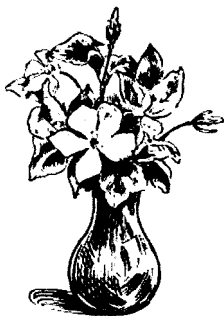


New members are very welcome. Do come along and join our merry group.

BERYL MAKINSON (01293 402868)

### CRAWLEY FLORAL ARRANGEMENT GROUP

(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)



Our group is doing well, with lively discussions and help with problems. Exhibits at the Autumn show keep growing!! Our group-supplied onion exhibits are still doing well. This year we are doing the heaviest elephant garlic. Should be interesting. All growers are welcome. Enjoy a nice cup of tea or coffee, and a piece of cake.

JOHN GREEN (07813720090)

## **FUCHSIA AND PELARGONIUM GROUP**

(3rd Wednesday of every month at 8pm)

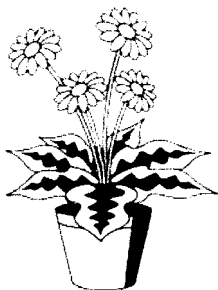


We are a small friendly group of people. We are very interested in growing and showing fuchsias and geraniums. We have allocated cuttings for both which are sold to members at the February & March meetings. Members are expected to show them at the shows.

We hold a fuchsia show at the end of July with the Crawley flower club and their floral art show.

TED LYON (01293 402867)

## **PLANT SALE**



Plant sale is the weekend of May 19th and 20th, during shop opening hours

## **BULB SALE**



Bulb sale is the weekend of August 25th and 26th, during shop opening hours

## CHS CALENDAR 2018

FEBRUARY	Monday 12th	Fruit & Vegetable group	8:00 PM
	Saturday 17th	Quiz night (BOOKINGS ONLY)	7:00 PM
	Monday 19th	Alpine group	8:00 PM
	Wednesday 21st	Fuchsia group	8:00 PM
	Thursday 15th	Bonsai group	8:00 PM
	<b>Thursday 22nd</b>	<b>Society Annual General Meeting</b>	<b>7:45 PM</b>
MARCH	<b>Saturday 3rd</b>	<b>Saturday shop opens</b>	<b>9AM-12:00 noon</b>
	Monday 12th	Fruit & Vegetable group	8:00 PM
	Monday 19th	Alpine group	8:00 PM
	Wednesday 21st	Fuchsia group	8:00 PM
	Thursday 22nd	Bonsai group	8:00 PM
APRIL	<b>Saturday 7th</b>	<b>Spring show</b>	1:30-4PM
	Monday 9th	Fruit & Vegetable group	8:00 PM
	<b>Wednesday 11th</b>	<b>Wednesday evening Shop opens</b>	<b>6:30-8:00 PM</b>
	<b>Monday 16th</b>	<b>Alpine group show</b>	8:00 PM
	Wednesday 18th	Fuchsia group	8:00 PM
	Thursday 19th	Bonsai group	8:00 PM
MAY	Monday 14th	Fruit & Vegetable group	8:00 PM
	<b>Saturday 19th</b>	<b>Plant sale</b>	9AM-12:00 noon
	<b>Sunday 20th</b>	<b>Plant sale</b>	9AM-12:00 noon
	Monday 21st	Alpine group	8:00 PM
	Wednesday 23rd	Fuchsia group	8:00 PM
	Thursday 24th	Bonsai group	8:00 PM
JUNE	Monday 11th	Fruit & Vegetable group	8:00 PM
	Monday 18th	Alpine group	8:00 PM
	Wednesday 20th	Fuchsia group	8:00 PM
	Thursday 21st	Bonsai group	8:00 PM
	<b>Saturday 23rd</b>	<b>Summer &amp; Pelargonium shows</b>	1:30-4:00PM
	<b>Wednesday 27th</b>	<b>Last Wednesday night opening</b>	<b>6:30-8:00PM</b>

JULY	Monday 9th	Fruit & Vegetable group	8:00 PM
	Monday 16th	Alpine group	8:00 PM
	Wednesday 18th	Fuchsia group	8:00 PM
	Thursday 19th	Bonsai group	8:00 PM
	<b>Saturday 21st</b>	<b>Fuchsia and Floral Art show</b>	1:30-4:00PM
AUGUST	Monday 13th	Fruit & Vegetable group	8:00 PM
	Monday 20th	Alpine group	8:00 PM
	<b>NO MEETING</b>	<b>Fuchsia group</b>	
	Thursday 23rd	Bonsai group	8:00 PM
	<b>Saturday 25th</b>	<b>Bulb sale</b>	9AM-12:00 noon
	<b>Sunday 26th</b>	<b>Bulb sale</b>	9AM-12:00 noon
SEPTEMBER	<b>Saturday 1st</b>	<b>Autumn show</b>	<b>1:30-4:00PM</b>
	<b>Sunday 2nd</b>	<b>Autumn show</b>	<b>9AM-12:00 noon</b>
	Monday 10th	Fruit & Vegetable group	8:00 PM
	Monday 17th	Alpine group	8:00 PM
	<b>NO MEETING</b>	<b>Fuchsia group</b>	
	Thursday 20th	Bonsai group	8:00 PM
	<b>Saturday 29th</b>	<b>Saturday shop last day</b>	<b>9AM-12:00 noon</b>
OCTOBER	<b>Sunday 7th</b>	<b>Winter opening times in shop</b>	<b>9:30am-12:00 noon</b>
	Monday 8th	Fruit & Vegetable group	8:00 PM
	Monday 15th	Alpine group	8:00 PM
	Wednesday 17th	Fuchsia group	8:00 PM
	Thursday 18th	Bonsai group	8:00 PM
NOVEMBER	Monday 12th	Fruit & Vegetable group	8:00 PM
	Monday 19th	Alpine group	8:00 PM
	Wednesday 21st	Fuchsia group	8:00 PM
DECEMBER	Monday 10th	Fruit & Vegetable group	8:00 PM
	Monday 17th	Alpine group	8:00 PM
	Wednesday 19th	Fuchsia group	8:00 PM
	<b>NO MEETING</b>	<b>Bonsai group</b>	
	Sunday 9th	Shop last trading day of 2018	9:30AM-12:00 noon
JANUARY	<b>13th January 2019</b>	<b>Shop reopens on Sundays</b>	9:30AM-12:00 noon

# SECRETARY'S REPORT

## FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING

### PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

### PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

### PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

### NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS

1. Turnip for meeting
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

### TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN, WE MUST HAVE THYME

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends
4. Thyme for prayer

WATER FREELY WITH PATIENCE AND CULTIVATE WITH LOVE

JEANNETTE ALLEN



## ARKWRIGHTS ARCHIVE

1993

100 Litres Irish moss peat £5.05

John Innes 1/2/3 £2.70

3Kg Bone meal £1.90

3Kg Growmore 85p

3Kg Blood/fish/bone £1.30

You could still buy Derris dust at £1.10, & Malathion dust at 92p

And all the things that worked, unlike today, where wood preserver doesn't preserve, and Weed killer doesn't kill weeds.

BARRY MORTON  
Archivist



### VOLUNTEERS WANTED

I would like to thank 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**

### **MICK REED**

Mick Reed, amongst other tasks undertaken, was show secretary 1989 - 1998. He was very active with the society and attended regularly with his wife Pam, all our shows, even in ill health. He will be sadly missed by many of our members.

### **FRED SMITH**

Fred Smith was the chairman until 2015. He was always part of the Thursday Gang, restocking, cutting grass and stocktaking. He was always first to help get the hall ready for functions. He will be greatly missed and leaves a large void in the society.

## **NEWSLETTER**

We try to issue two newsletters a year, but, due to spiralling costs of printing, stationery, stamps etc, this will now be just once a year on a trial basis.

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.

## **WEBSITE**

*[www.crawleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://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, quizzes and any functions for local organisations and charities.

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.

## **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.

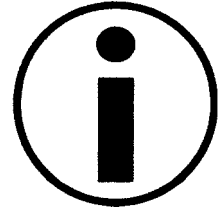
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### **E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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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 30th September	(9AM to 12 noon)
SUNDAY 7th October until 9th December	(9.30AM to 12 noon)
SATURDAY 3rd March until 29th September	(9AM to 12 noon)
WEDNESDAY 11th April until 27th 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. Ray Bell, Membership Secretary.

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