# NEWSLETTER

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#### **CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE**

A very happy new year to all our staff and customers. Thank you to all our volunteers for all your hard work last year. Looking forward to seeing you all this year. Also a big thank you to all our members for their custom. Without volunteers and members we would not have a society. Heres to a successful 2023. Looking forward to the shows and other things like trips and special events.

Information will be updated on website, Facebook and (emails -if you signed the GDPR)

**BARRY MORTON** 



CHAIRMAN

#### TRADING REPORT

Hello everyone. I'm Helen Partridge, and I've taken over from John Green as the new Trading Secretary. I have some big shoes to fill and hope I can do as well as John did.

Trading last year was very steady despite the hot weather, and we thank you for your continued support to the society.

Our compost from Westland for 2023 season will see all varieties change to either peat free or peat reduced and regrettably, their prices have risen as have most things. I will try to keep our prices for compost (and other gardening sundries) as low as I can whilst trying to be competitive with most local garden centres and suppliers. We try to stock as many gardening supplies as we can but as you have seen our little shop has limited space. One new product for the new season will be a workbench potting tray. I'm not quite sure where it will fit in the shop, but I'm sure I'll make a space somewhere!

Potatoes, Onions, Shallots and Garlic will be available from January. Keep a look out on our regular emails, website and social media pages for updates. We have a supply of 30 litre black tubs in stock (ideal for planting your potatoes) and we also have potato fertiliser (sold by Kilo) available to add to the soil when you plant up your potatoes.

Let's hope this year is a good growing season for everyone. I look forward to seeing you in the shop or yard during the season

I look forward to hearing from you with your entries prior to the show dates. Let's look forward to a kind growing season. Stay safe everyone - see you soon.

HELEN PARTRIDGE



TRADING SECRETARY

#### **SHOW REPORT**

Welcome to the new show season 2023.

It felt SO good to be able to stage the Spring, Summer and Autumn shows last year. Every show was very well supported by both entrants and visitors, and at each show we had many first time entrants exhibit and win prizes. Our new classes for the children's sections were popular too. Despite the heat of our Summer, our Autumn show turned out to have so many entrants that we had to add more tables to accommodate them all!

Do have a look at the new 2023 Show Schedule We have some new categories this year in all the shows. Why not enter this year? It's good fun and you could win a prize! It would be wonderful to see if we can get even more entries in the children's section!

We were sad to hear of the cancellation of the Sussex Chrysanthemum Show last year due to the hot weather stopping the plants from growing, but towards the end of the year they plan to hold their 'late show' in our hall. Dates will be notified on our web page and social media pages. Their blooms are magnificent - you won't see anything like them in a flower bouquet. The show is well worth a

#### **2023 SHOW DATES**

SPRING SHOW	SATURDAY 1st APRIL	1:30 - 4:PM
SUMMER SHOW	SATURDAY 24th JUNE	1:30 - 4:PM
PELAGONIUM & GERANIUM SHOW	SATURDAY 24th JUNE	1:30 - 4:PM
AUTUMN SHOW	SATURDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER	1:30 - 4:PM

#### HELEN PARTRIDGE



**SHOW SECRETARY** 

#### THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our A.G.M will be held on Thursday 23rd February at 7.30 PM

Please arrive before, to start promptly. Also, stay afterwards and meet your committee for a drink and some nibbles. If you can't make it and have some questions you wish to be raised, let us know.

JEANNETTE ALLEN



**SECRETARY** 

#### **HALL HIRE**

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

We hold meetings, shows and private functions. Various organisations book regularly, such as West green W.I. Coffee mornings are held to raise money for St Catherines house, Macmillan and Crawley open house. All enquires for hall hire, please contact \_

MARK HACKWELL & CAROLINE MORTON Phone 07711090268 or e-mail chsbookings1952@gmail.com









#### **GROUP PROGRAMMES 2023**

#### **FUCHSIA, PELAGONIUM & ALPINE GROUP**

(Third Monday of every month at 8:PM)

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE

Looking forward to seeing all our existing members and hopefully new people in the year.

JOHN GREEN (07813720090)



(Third Thursday of every month at 8:PM)

We are a friendly group. We are happy to share our expert knowledge with beginners and others. Come along and see what it's all about.

Look forward to seeing you there.

BARBARA ELLIOTT (01293 542312)

#### **BRIDGE GROUP**

(Every Monday at 1:30 PM)

New members are always very welcome. Do come and see us. We are a friendly bunch of people.

Look forward to seeing all our existing group and some new faces in 2023

BERYL MAKINSON (01293 402868)







#### FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GROUP

(Second Monday of every month at 8:PM

#### Welcome to 2023

Looking forward to a new year and maybe some additional new faces. We have a wealth of knowledge amongst our group and help each other try and solve our problems.



# ANGELA BROWN (07944654696)

#### **PLANT SALE**

Hopefully we will have our plant sale on

20TH & 21ST MAY 2023

This is usually held in the garden, but may be moved depending on what's happening at the time.

#### **BULB SALE**

We plan to hold our annual bulb sale on

26TH & 27TH AUGUST 2023

This is usually held in our hall.



## **CHS CALENDAR 2023**

Т	JANUARY	Thursday 5th Sunday 8th Monday 9th Monday 16th Thursday 19th	West Green W.I  Shop re-opens Sundays  Fruit & Vegetable meeting  Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium  Bonsai Group	7.30pm 09.30 - 12:00 8pm 8pm 8pm
T	FEBRUARY	Thursday 2nd Monday 13th Thursday 16th Monday 20th Thursday 23rd	West Green W.I Fruit & Vegetable meeting Bonsai Group Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium AGM	7.30pm 8pm 8pm 8pm 7.30pm
	MARCH	Thursday 2nd Saturday 4th Monday 13th Thursday 16th Monday 20th	West Green W.I <b>Shop re-opens Saturdays</b> Fruit & Vegetable meeting  Bonsai Group  Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium	7.30pm 09.30 - 12.00 8pm 8pm 8pm
	APRIL	Saturday 1st Wednesday 5th Thursday 6th Monday 10th Monday 17th Thursday 20th	Spring show Shop re-opens Wednesdays West Green W.I Fruit & Vegetable meeting Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium Bonsai Group	1.30 - 4pm 6.30pm - 8pm 7.30pm 8pm 8pm 8pm
	MAY	Thursday 4th Monday 8th Monday 15th Thursday 18th Saturday 20th Sunday 21st	West Green W.I Fruit & Vegetable meeting Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium Bonsai Group Plant sale Plant sale	7.30pm 8pm 8pm 8pm 9.30 - 12 noon 9.30 - 12 noon
	JUNE	Thursday 1st Monday 12th Thursday 15th Saturday 24th Monday 19th Wednesday 28th	West Green W.I Fruit & Vegetable meeting Bonsai Group Summer show Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium Last Wednesday opening	7.30pm 8pm 8pm 1.30 - 4pm 8pm 6.30pm - 8pm

JULY	Thursday 6th	West Green W.I	7.30pm
	Monday 10th	Fruit & Vegetable meeting	8pm
	Monday 17th	Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium	8pm
	Thursday 20th	Bonsai Group	8pm
AUGUST	Thursday 3rd	West Green W.I	7.30pm
	Monday 14th	Fruit & Vegetable meeting	8pm
	Thursday 17th	Bonsai Group	8pm
	Monday 21st	Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium	8pm
	Saturday 26th	Bulb sale	9.30 - 12 noon
	Sunday 27th	Bulb sale	9.30 - 12 noon
SEPTEMBER	Saturday 2nd Thursday 7th Monday 11th Monday 18th Thursday 21st Saturday 30th	Autumn show West green W.I Fruit & Vegetable meeting Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium Bonsai Group Last Saturday opening	1.30 - 4pm 7.30pm 8pm 8pm 8pm 8pm 09.30 - 12:00 Noon
OCTOBER	Thursday 5th	West Green W.I	7.30pm
	Monday 9th	Fruit & Vegetable meeting	8pm
	Monday 16th	Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium	8pm
	Thursday 19th	Bonsai Group	8pm
NOVEMBER	Thursday 2nd	West Green W.I	7.30pm
	Monday 13th	Fruit & Vegetable meeting	8pm
	Thursday 16th	Bonsai Group	8pm
	Monday 20th	Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium	8pm
DECEMBER	Sunday 3rd Thursday 7th Monday 11th Monday 18th Thursday 21st	Last day of trading 2023 WetGreen W.I Fruit & Vegetable meeting Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium Bonsai Group	09.30 - 12.00 7.30PM 8pm 8pm 8pm
JANUARY 2024	Sunday 7th	Shop re-opens Sundays	09.30 - 12.00

#### **ARKWRIGHT'S ARCHIVES**

Our society was formed on the 19th September 1952.

#### 1992 Prices

Bone meal £1.85 3 Kilo

Growmore 8op 3 Kilo

John Innes £2.70 25 Litres

Multi purpose compost £5.50 80Litres

8 Foot canes 22p each



**BARRY MORTON** 

01293 541628 <u>chairman@crawleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk</u> ARCHIVIST

#### **VOLUNTEERS!!!!**



#### CAROLINE MORTON



**ROSTERS** 

Please join as a volunteer. It's only once every 4 weeks. Meet some great people, enjoy plenty of tea and homemade cakes and get 10% off all purchases. Need yard and shop. Please contact

CAROLINE MORTON (07720293132) chsroster@gmail.com

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT**

We would both like to take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful customers for their patronage the last year and look forward to seeing you all this year, as too, all our fantastic staff. Always helpful and cheerful. If anyone knows anyone who may like to come along and help then please contact Caroline.

**RON SPRAGAT** 



**PRESIDENT** 

JOHN GREEN



VICE PRESIDENT

#### **SOME PHOTOS FROM OUR 70TH BIRTHDAY PARTY**











#### **NEWSLETTER**

We are still only doing one newsletter at the start of the year, as the cost of printing stationary, stamps e.t.c is quite costly. If possible, PLEASE look on website and print yourself or just read when you want. Doing this will help keep our costs down for membership. It hadn't increased for years. This year it has gone up to £5.00 which is still a bargain for the savings you can make.

There will be some Newsletters available in shop if you have no access to a computer. We are trying to print less this year and appreciate the help to save the money so we can use elsewhere in the society.

#### **WEBSITE**

### www.crawleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Our website is full of information about becoming a member, and has forms you can download and bring into the shop when you want to join. It has loads of information and links to other interesting sites

The site will keep you up to date with all the coming shows, quizzes, coach trips and group meetings. We hold coffee mornings for Macmillan and St Catherines hospice. Posters will be on website when we know dates.

#### CAROLINE MORTON

(07720293132) <u>chswebsitemanager@gmail.com</u>

#### **FACEBOOK & TWITTER**



For twitter queries contact Mark Hackwell treasurer@crawleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk 07546970594 (shop phone)



For Facebook queries contact

Mark Hackwell <u>treasurer@crawleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk</u>

OR

Helen Partridge shows@crawleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

#### **CONTACT DETAILS**

Due to the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) we need your permission to hold your personal details. We can't keep your name, address, phone number or e-mail without your consent. Consent forms are available for signing in the shop. Even if you have been with us for years it still needs to be done. Sadly, without it, we can't contact you directly about things that may be of interest.

When you first join, or re-new, please give us an up to date e-mail and remember to let us know if you change it, or move address. We promise that all information is safely stored, and only the membership secretary and his assistant have access. We do not pass on your details to anyone, not even other members of the society.

Like the newsletters, we are trying to do more via e-mails for those that have given us their permission and what interests they have. For example, if you have told us you are interested in quizzes, we will email you when we know we have one

#### E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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#### **CHS SHOP**

#### CRAWLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SHOP AND HALL

IFIELD AVENUE, WEST GREEN, CRAWLEY, WEST SUSSEX

**RH11 7AJ** 

Telephone number 07546970594 (During shop hours only)

#### **OPENING TIMES**

SUNDAYS	9th January until 4th December	9:30am - 12 Noon
SATURDAYS	5th March until 27th September	9:30am - 12 Noon
WEDNESDAYS	6th April until 29th June	6:30pm - 8 pm

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

The CHS policy for recruiting new members is by word of mouth by you. If you know anywhere we can advertise please contact editorial, so we can make some flyers for wherever it is. Pass the word about the benefits of being a member to your family and friends.

We also have CHS gift vouchers for our shop that make great presents for that special occasion.

Membership price is a bargain at just £5.00 for one year.

#### **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Membership runs from January 1st to December 31st. £5 only

Please renew as soon as possible. This can be done in the shop, or you can renew on click and collect site and pick up in shop.

Lastly, you can post to the shop with a cheque and a self addressed envelope addressed as follows -

F.A.O Graham Jones, Membership Secretary (Full address above)

#### **SOME OF OUR REGULAR HALL HIRERS**



West Green W.I are a very friendly group of ladies of all ages

There are many talks by various interesting people and groups. Come along and visit and make some great new friends.

Meetings are the first Thursday of every month at 7pm JANE LEGGATT

jammyjane123@btinternet.com

ST CATHERINE'S HOSPICE

Coffee mornings are held at the hall. Dates will be advertised when we know.

There are also various donated gardening equipment for sale for donations to St Catherines. Enquire in the shop.



Please bring along your family and friends to our coffee morning and support a great cause

We have a great raffle and plenty of home made cakes and tea and coffee and squash



#### **BRITISH AIRWAYS FUN RUN**

T.B.A ONCE DATE KNOWN

Please be aware our shop will be closed. This is due to all the road closures.

We apologise to all our members