

# NEWSLETTER

## CRAWLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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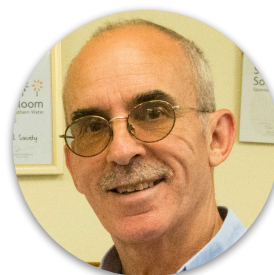


### CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a very happy new year to all our wonderful staff and customers.

We continue to welcome new members to the society and long may it continue.

Sadly we heard of the passing of Bill Gunning & Alan Holbrook. Both were hard working for the society. Bill was our ex president and Alan was our plant buyer and hard working yard person. Our thoughts are with their families.



BARRY MORTON

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## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Our A.G.M will be held on Thursday 22nd 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

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## TRADING REPORT

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Welcome to the new season of growing. Hopefully we will have a good gardening year.

Don't forget to spread the word about us to your family and friends, as we can definitely beat most local garden centres' prices for compost.

We have a good supply of compost to start the growing year. Prices will hopefully stay the same except for Ericaceous compost and top soil. These prices won't increase until a new supply is required.

We also have our new seed supplier, Kings seeds, to fill your greenhouse full of seedlings.

Potatoes are due mid January, and we are keeping our fingers crossed that the spring garlic from our suppliers is useable this time. Please keep an eye on our web site and Facebook page for dates of delivery

HELEN PARTRIDGE



TRADING SECRETARY

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## SHOW REPORT

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Welcome to the new show season 2024

We hope you all enjoyed the festive season. It's now that time again to look at growing fruit, flowers and vegetables for the showing season ahead.

All of last year's shows were a great success, especially for Autumn show, as we had to add extra tables for displays and use extra space on top of our storage cupboards. ( We almost need a bigger hall ) ! We again had lots of new entrants and visitors, for all the shows which is really encouraging to see. We know more children are discovering gardening and growing vegetables so please do have a look at our children's sections within our show schedule to see if your child or grandchild, niece or nephew would like to enter.

If you haven't been to one of our shows, please do try to come along to one this year. Not only do we have some wonderful exhibits, but our cafe also makes a great cuppa with some delicious cakes to eat and our raffle isn't too bad either. If you'd like to either help out on the day or donate a prize to the raffle, please do let me know.

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### 2024 SHOW DATES

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SPRING SHOW	SATURDAY 6th APRIL	1:30 - 4:PM
SUMMER SHOW	SATURDAY 22nd JUNE	1:30 - 4:PM
PELAGONIUM & GERANIUM SHOW	SATURDAY 22nd JUNE	1:30 - 4:PM
AUTUMN SHOW	SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER	1:30 - 4:PM

HELEN PARTRIDGE



SHOW SECRETARY

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## HALL HIRE

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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 hospice, Macmillan cancer support and Crawley open house. All enquires for hall hire, please contact \_

MARK HACKWELL or CAROLINE MORTON

Phone 07711090268 or e-mail [chsbookings1952@gmail.com](mailto:chsbookings1952@gmail.com)



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## SEED SWAP 2024

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Bring in your old seeds and swap, donate or buy during shop hours on  
**2nd & 3rd MARCH**



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## GROUP PROGRAMMES 2024

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### 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 we shall get some new people in the year, as doing well on memberships.

JOHN GREEN  
(07813720090)

### BONSAI GROUP

(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. Great group of people and expert advice given, and received.

Look forward to seeing you there.

TONY McKENSIE  
(01293 773149)

### BRIDGE GROUP

(Every Monday at 1:30 PM)



New members are always very welcome. Do come and see us. We are a friendly group of people.  
Look forward to seeing all our existing members and some new faces in 2024

MARK McNEILE  
(01293 531469)

## FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GROUP

(Second Monday of every month at 8:PM



Welcome to 2024

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. Let's hope we have a great growing season and have some wonderful entries ( and wins) in the shows this year. Good luck one and all.

ANGELA BROWN  
(07944654696)

## PLANT SALE



11TH & 12TH MAY 2024

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

Hall entrance is down the left hand side of our building

## BULB SALE



31ST AUGUST 2024 & 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024

This is usually held in our hall.

Hall entrance is down the left hand side of our building

## CHS CALENDAR 2024

JANUARY	Thursday 4th	West Green W.I	7.30pm
	Sunday 7th	<b>Shop re-opens Sundays</b>	09.30 - 12:00
	Monday 8th	Fruit & Vegetable meeting	8pm
	Monday 15th	Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium	8pm
	Thursday 18th	Bonsai Group	8pm

FEBRUARY	Thursday 1st	West Green W.I	7.30pm
	Monday 12th	Fruit & Vegetable meeting	8pm
	Thursday 15th	Bonsai Group	8pm
	Monday 19th	Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium	8pm
	Thursday 22nd	<b>AGM</b>	7.30pm

MARCH	Saturday 2nd	<b>Shop re-opens Saturdays</b>	09.30- 12.00
	Thursday 7th	West Green W.I	7.30pm
	Monday 11th	Fruit & Vegetable meeting	8pm
	Monday 18th	Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium	8pm
	Thursday 21st	Bonsai Group	8pm

APRIL	Wednesday 3rd	<b>Shop re-opens Wednesdays</b>	6.30pm - 8pm
	Thursday 4th	West Green W.I	7.30pm
	Saturday 6th	<b>Spring Show</b>	1.30 - 4pm
	Monday 8th	Fruit & Vegetable meeting	8pm
	Monday 15th	Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium	8pm
	Thursday 18th	Bonsai Group	8pm

MAY	Thursday 2nd	West Green W.I	7.30pm
	Saturday 11th	<b>Plant Sale</b>	9.30 - 12 noon
	Sunday 12th	<b>Plant Sale</b>	9.30 - 12 noon
	Monday 13th	Fruit & Vegetable meeting	8pm
	Thursday 16th	Bonsai Group	8pm
	Saturday 20th	Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium	8pm

JUNE	Monday 10th	Fruit & Vegetable meeting	8pm
	Monday 17th	Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium	8pm
	Thursday 20th	Bonsai Group	8pm
	Saturday 22nd	<b>Summer Show</b>	1.30 - 4pm
	Wednesday 26th	<b>Last Wednesday opening</b>	6.30pm - 8pm

JULY	Thursday 4th	West Green W.I	7.30pm
	Monday 8th	Fruit & Vegetable meeting	8pm
	Monday 15th	Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium	8pm
	Thursday 18th	Bonsai Group	8pm
AUGUST	Thursday 1st	West Green W.I	7.30pm
	Monday 12th	Fruit & Vegetable meeting	8pm
	Thursday 15th	Bonsai Group	8pm
	Monday 19th	Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium	8pm
	Saturday 31st	<b>Bulb Sale</b>	9.30 - 12 noon
SEPTEMBER	Sunday 1st	<b>Bulb Sale</b>	9.30 - 12 noon
	Thursday 5th	West green W.I	7.30pm
	Saturday 7th	<b>Autumn Show</b>	1.30 - 4pm
	Monday 9th	Fruit & Vegetable meeting	8pm
	Monday 16th	Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium	8pm
	Thursday 19th	Bonsai Group	8pm
	Saturday 28th	<b>Last Saturday opening</b>	09.30 - 12:00 Noon
OCTOBER	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
NOVEMBER	Thursday 7th	West Green W.I	7.30pm
	Monday 11th	Fruit & Vegetable meeting	8pm
	Monday 18th	Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium	8pm
	Thursday 21st	Bonsai Group	8pm
DECEMBER	Thursday 5th	West Green W.I	NO MEETING
	Sunday 8th	<b>Last day of trading 2024</b>	09.30 - 12.00
	Monday 9th	Fruit & Vegetable meeting	7.30PM
	Monday 16th	Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium	8pm
	Thursday 19th	Bonsai Group	8pm
<b>JANUARY 2025</b>	Sunday 5th	<b>Shop re-opens Sundays</b>	09.30 - 12.00

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## ARKWRIGHT'S ARCHIVES

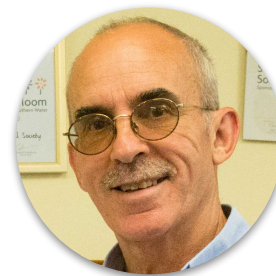
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Our society was formed on the 19th September 1952.

### 1969 Prices

Bone meal	4 shillings (20p)	7lb
Growmore	3 shillings (15p)	7lb
Blood, fish & bone	4 shillings (20p)	7lb
2-gallon watering can	16 shillings (80p)	
8 Foot canes	4p (now 58p)	
Gloves	4 shillings (20p)	

BARRY MORTON



CHAIRMAN

01293 541628

[chairman@crawleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](mailto:chairman@crawleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk)

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## 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. We need help in the yard and shop. Please contact me on any of the below.

CAROLINE MORTON

(07720293132)

[chsroster@gmail.com](mailto:chsroster@gmail.com)



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## CHRISTMAS FAIR AND RAFFLE WINNERS

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Sarah & Jeannette

Our wonderful tea ladies



The Mayor, Jilly Hart with Pauline, the winner of our Christmas booze advent calendar, and on the right, Ann, with the runners up prize. A lovely hamper, made up and donated by the Mayor herself. Thank you Jilly for supporting us every year.

**£401 was raised in total**

**(£150 TO ST CATHERINE'S HOSPICE & £150 TO CRAWLEY OPEN HOUSE)**

Well done everyone for their hard work. Not only those on the day, but those behind the scenes, preparing hall, clearing up, advertising, telling friends, and making such wonderful crafts.





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## NEWSLETTER

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We are still only doing one newsletter at the start of the year, as the cost of printing stationery, stamps e.t.c is quite high. 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. It is only £5.00 to join 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.

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## WEBSITE

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[www.crawleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://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. This makes it quicker for you when we are busy. The website 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)

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## FACEBOOK & TWITTER

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For twitter queries contact Mark Hackwell

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07546970594 (shop phone)



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## CONTACT DETAILS

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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

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## E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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JOHN GREEN	VICE PRESIDENT	
ANGELA GREEN	FRUIT & VEG GROUP	
JEREMY PECK		
PAM REED		
TIM START		



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## CHS SHOP

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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	7th January until 8th December	9:30am - 12 Noon
SATURDAYS	2nd March until 28th September	9:30am - 12 Noon
WEDNESDAYS	3rd April until 26th June	6:30pm - 8 pm

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## NEW MEMBERS

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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.

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## SUBSCRIPTIONS

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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. It can be very busy in shop in January with seed potatoes. If you have access to internet, renew membership after we shut in December, and then when we open in January, they will be written out ready for you. Saves queuing up for a long time.

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, under CHS shop)

## VARIOUS USAGE OF OUR HALL INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING



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](mailto:jammyjane123@btinternet.com)

ST CATHERINE'S  
HOSPICE

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

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



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



### C.H.S QUIZ NIGHTS

We do quiz nights that are popular and sell out fast. Hopefully we will have one or two this year, as long as we get the help. Volunteers always needed. Will advertise on web and shop when we have some dates.