



## Important Information

### THE CHS SHOP

The Crawley Horticultural Shop in Ifield Avenue, West Green, Crawley (tel. 01293 535585) is open in 2008 from;

9.00am until 12 noon every Sunday until 7<sup>th</sup> December,  
9.00am until 12 noon every Saturday from 1<sup>st</sup> March  
until 27<sup>th</sup> September, and  
6.30pm until 8.00pm every Wednesday from 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
until 25<sup>th</sup> June.

### 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 relations. A perfect present for a birthday or special occasion would be CHS gift voucher/token to be spent in the shop, or a membership enrolment for one or four years.

### NEXT NEWSLETTER

The next Newsletter will be issued on the Society's website by early May with a few printed copies made available for Group Meetings and in the Shop (see Editorial in this edition). Copy for the next issue will need to be with me by 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

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If you would like to receive your Newsletter by email, please contact the Membership Secretary, Peter Nash on 01293 511919



# Crawley Horticultural Society

## Newsletter

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January 2008

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### CHAIRMAN'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

Chairman's report

2007 seems to have been a better year for trading for which many thanks to all you members who have continued to support the shop.

Editorial

Hiring the hall is going well with a number of regular users. This helps considerably to help meet our increased rent etc. My thanks go to John Jeffers and Ray Bell for looking after the keys.

Secretary's Slot

Show Reports

Sadly, two of our long serving Officers are standing down at the A.G.M; Bill Gunning as Treasurer and Ron Spraget as Secretary. The Society owes them a huge debt of gratitude . Peter Armstrong is stepping into the Treasurer's post at the A.G.M. Hopefully we will have found a new Secretary by the date of the A.G.M.

D&P Group Outing

Alpine Group 2007

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Show Dates

The shop will have been restocked for 2008 without too much by way of price increases. Thanks to Peter Cole for getting the best deals possible.

Chitting Potatoes

I should like to express my thanks to Mabel Clackson and her Social Committee for running the quizzes and the income these produce for the Society and the Groups.

Seed Swap Sunday

2008 Calendar

Finally, thanks to all the members of the Committee for their support and for the shop helpers whose efforts have contributed so much to the trading success.

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Best wishes for 2008 and happy gardening!

Information

JOHN GREEN

## EDITORIAL

Because of the importance of its content, the calendar for the coming year and notice of the AGM, the January Newsletter is normally posted to all our members. However, the Society has now caught up with the electronic age and possesses its own website

[www.crawleyhorticulturalsociety.moonfruit.com](http://www.crawleyhorticulturalsociety.moonfruit.com).

We have taken advantage of this facility and only posted copies of this Newsletter to those members who have not provided the Society with their email addresses. For everyone else, the Newsletter will be accessible on the Society's website.

As a result, there will be a considerable saving in postage for the Society and any members with computers who have not yet given their email addresses to Peter Nash, the Membership Secretary, (tel: 0129 511919) are urged to do so before the next Newsletter is published in May. The May Newsletter will be accessible on the web but with only a limited number of copies printed for the Groups and the Shop

## THE SECRETARY'S SLOT

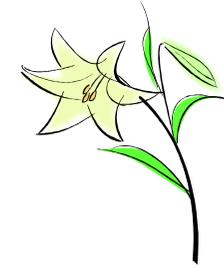
This has been a better year for the Society thanks mainly to all those members who have supported the shop. However, we would have still made a loss had it not been for the donations we have received.

The hire of the hall was not the success we had hoped for but without a hall manager it was always going to be difficult. Nevertheless, a few people have hired it on a regular basis and occasionally a member has taken advantage of our reasonable rates for a private function.

On a lighter note, those who have visited the hall and shop could not help but notice the great job the "Thursday Crowd" have made to the garden in front of the hall. It is a real credit to our Society. My thanks to you all.

Our plot in the Walled Garden in Tilgate Park received two totally unexpected awards this year: One came from the Crawley Council backed scheme, "Lets Face It." This was to thank us for ten years involvement in the Park.

We were also judged as part of Crawley's entry in "South East In Bloom" for which the judges felt we were worthy of a special award. This is on display on the wall at the back of the hall. My thanks go to all who helped with this project.



## 2008 Plant and Bulb Sale

The annual plant sale will be held in the hall over weekend 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May between the hours of 9.0am and 12 noon.

The annual bulb sale will be held in the hall over the weekend 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> August between the hours of 9.0am and 12 noon



## CALLING ALL CHS CRAFTERS

In 2008 we are going to include craft stalls with the flower shows.

Anyone interested in taking a table to sell crafts please contact Pam Reed Tel. 01293 420975 for further information.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that annual subscriptions and four year subscriptions taken out in 2003 expired on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007 and should be renewed as soon as possible. Renewals can be made in the Shop or direct to the Membership Secretary, Peter Nash, 65 Millbank, Ifield, Crawley. RH11 0JQ.

The only date booked, so far, is Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2008 – 7:30 pm sharp! – our usual charity quiz for Cancer Research. Please see Mabel for tickets (01293 776583)

We thank all those who have helped set up and clear the Hall; those who have done the catering – most of it donated; the two stalwarts who do the clearing and washing up whilst the rest of us have a jolly time; those who attend and enjoy themselves and those who donate prizes to save us expense (chocolates and biscuits seem to be very popular with the teams, especially if in sets of six!).

Teams consist of six people, with tickets currently costing £5.00 per person, including raffle and non-alcoholic refreshments and are normally sold as a table of six, but we can usually fit in odd numbers too. In order to plan the refreshments, anyone booking a place must inform Mabel Clackson by the previous Wednesday evening if they will not be attending, otherwise they will be charged full ticket price. You can bring your own bottle if you wish, but please take it and any rubbish you have away with you when you leave, as we do not have any rubbish collection facilities at the Hall.

If you have any appropriate unwanted gifts to use as prizes, have any queries or offers of help, please contact Mabel Clackson on 01293 776583. Prizes, suitably labelled, may be left in the shop or kitchen.

MABEL CLACKSON

SHEILA JONES

GRAHAM JONES



### WANTED—VOLUNTEERS

We are always in need of more helpers in the shop.

If you can spare 3 hours on either a Saturday or Sunday morning at about 6 week intervals your assistance will be greatly appreciated. Besides the company and the free flowing tea and biscuits, you will be entitled to a 10% discount on your own purchases.

The shop is the life blood of the Society and without it the Society would not be able to function. If you can help, please contact Jackie Whiting on 01403 270646 or have a word with the duty committee member in the shop.

There will be one or two changes next year. Bill Gunning, our Treasurer, is standing down after many years involvement in the Society, 18 of them as Treasurer. We owe him a great debt of gratitude.

I shall also be standing down. I feel that after being involved for 47 years, 18 as Secretary, it is about time someone else had a go.

My thanks to everyone for still keeping the Society going in what have been difficult times. Best Wishes.

RON SPRAGET

### TRADING SECRETARY'S REPORT

By the time you read this, most of our stock for 2008 will have been delivered. There are relatively small increases on about four composts but most will remain at 2007 prices. In one case the price would appear to be lower if you do not notice that the bag size has been reduced.

Mention the word "chemicals" be it in fertilisers, insecticides or weed killers and there is bound to be a price increase on some items. Items for which there is only a small demand may have a large increase on the previous price as they may only be purchased at intervals of two or three years.

There will be a few items not previously stocked such as Provide Lawn Bug Killer, cabbage collars and lever loops which are useful for securing a single stem to a thin cane.

The wholesaler or manufacturer has discontinued Root Out so we need to find an alternative.

Seed potatoes are due to be delivered in early February and for most varieties the price should be the same as in 2007.

We hope to be able to produce a Price List to accompany this Newsletter but we will never be able to list everything that is available. If you do not see what you want please ask.

It is my hope that members will use the Shop wherever possible and that the prices are to their advantage.

Best wished for 2008.

PETER COLE

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the Hall on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2008 commencing at 7.45pm.

## SHOW REPORTS

### SUMMER SHOW

Once again we were lucky with the weather – it was one of the few days it didn't rain this summer. We were fortunate that the warm April brought the roses on and many of you were able to find some really beautiful blooms to enter. Congratulations go to Mabel Clackson who won the Franklin Rose Bowl and Joan Thrift the Ted Cook Rose Bowl.

The sweet peas were magnificent.. Congratulations to D Collins who won the Bradshaw Cup.

The flower classes were also well supported with entries in all except one. Joan Thrift won the C.D. Wales Cup. Congratulations to Joan for winning two cups.

It may not have escaped your attention that we introduced some craft stalls to the Show and were delighted with the response. Don't forget that if you engage in crafts of any description and would like to take part in 2008 you can contact either Pam Reed on 01293 420975 or myself on 01293 882871.

### AUTUMN SHOWS

#### Week 1

Sadly there was only one entry in the chrysanthemum classes but I think this was mainly due to the decline in popularity of these flowers. However, dahlia entries were up this year. All the other sections were well supported and I hope this trend continues especially in the vegetable classes. Next year, will someone please enter for the John Bass Cup. We have had no entries in this class for three year!

The cup winners were E Green – Harms Cup and Oakwood Cup, Pam Jones – Maishman Cup. Congratulations to Alina Rofe, a first time exhibitor, who won the Commission Silver Cup.

#### Week 2

This was very disappointing with entries well down on previous years. The only section that showed an improvement was the Domestic Classes with some really lovely exhibits. It's a wonder they stayed on the bench without being eaten!

Let's hope week 2 next year will be better.

I hope to see you all at the 2008 shows and that we will get more new exhibitors. I would like to extent a warm welcome to those of you who exhibited for the first time .this year.

Finally, my thanks to everyone who helped out with the shows in whatever context. It is much appreciated.

CHRISTIAN MARTIN

## THE ORCHID GROUP

Meet in the hall at 2.30pm on the third Sunday of each month except for May and June when they meet on the second Sunday. No meeting in March. At the time of going to print the following events have been arranged:

January 20<sup>th</sup> **A.G.M.**

February 17<sup>th</sup> South African Orchid Congress  
by Sally Mill

April 20<sup>th</sup> **Spring Show**

August 17<sup>th</sup> Open Meeting & Quiz

November 16<sup>th</sup> **Autumn Show**

December 21<sup>st</sup> Christmas get together

For further information contact Sally Mill (tel. 01293 547896)

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT NOVEMBER 2007

Somebody's had to do it ... but we did get some help from you Following our "moan" last year, we have had some help to run our quizzes and the Social Committee thank everyone who has helped, donated, contributed or given a hand in any way during the social proceedings over the past year.

We have run: a quiz for the local Scouts to help them to raise money to send scouts from Crawley to the centennial jamboree in Essex; a quiz for the Fuchsia Group and one for the Fruit & Vegetable Group and our annual charity quiz in aid of Cancer Research. All the quizzes have been very well attended – 'oversubscription' seems to be the byword! We were pleased to see that we have had a good turn-round of winners, not always the same teams winning the prizes; so there is scope for everyone to have a go.

The CHS Management Committee have agreed that the income the Society receives from lettings of the Hall can be offset against the Hall's running costs which allows us to run quizzes for the benefit of the Groups, instead of directly for the main Society. Any Group can ask for a quiz to be run in order to raise funds for their speakers, etc. Preference will be given to those Groups that have very few members and/or have small funds. The programme for next year is still 'on the drawing board' so the sub-committee will welcome bids from the Groups.

## THE FUCHSIA & GERANIUM GROUP

The Fuchsia and Geranium Group meet on the third Wednesday of each month. At the time of going to print, the following speakers have been booked:

April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Neil Miller on Hever Castle
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Tim Pearce
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Dobell
August 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Saturday)	<b>Fuchsia Show</b>
September 17 <sup>th</sup>	Ray Waites on Container Gardening
November 19 <sup>th</sup>	A.G.M

## THE DELPHINIUM & PERENNIAL GROUP

The Delphinium and Perennial Group meet on the first Wednesday of each month

At the time of going to print, the following events have been arranged:

- February 6<sup>th</sup> Fred Martin on how to stop show Chrysanthemums.
- March 6<sup>th</sup> Arthur G Hoare "My Search for Wild Flowers".
- May 7<sup>th</sup> Philip Evans "Out and About" parts 1 & 2 . A talk about the countryside.
- July 2nd Tom Hart Dyke on Lullingstone Castle – still to be confirmed
- August 6<sup>th</sup> Visit RHS Gardens, Wisley
- September 3<sup>rd</sup> John Wethall Overview of Wakehurst Place and Gardens.
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> Group Christmas Supper..

## THE BRIDGE GROUP

Meet every Monday at 1.30pm for beginners and every Friday at 7.15pm for regular players. For further information contact the Chairman John Lake (tel. 01293 527325)

## FRUIT & VEGETABLE GROUP .

The Fruit and vegetable group meet on the second Monday of each month for illustrated talks and discussion of members problems.

## THE DELPHINIUM & PERENNIAL GROUP OUTING

The Delphinium & Perennial Group likes to arrange at least one outing each year. In 2007 they went to the wonderful Painshill Park at Cobham in Surrey. This carefully restored 18<sup>th</sup> Century landscaped park and gardens provided us with a most enjoyable day out.

The weather was perfect with bright sunshine and a gentle breeze: ideal for a pleasant stroll around the 14 acre lake, through many different types of tree and past a hillside vineyard.

Interesting follies in a variety of shapes, sizes and building materials, a limestone grotto and a magnificent pseudo gothic tower built in the late 1750's representing a medieval watch tower strategically placed to overlook the Surrey countryside, Painshill is not a place to be missed.

The restaurant offered a good variety of food and drink and to complete the day a visit to the shop. All in all a great day was enjoyed by everyone.

Keep an eye out on the shop notice board or the website for notice of the next Delphinium and Perennial Group's outing. If you have any suggestions for somewhere to go please contact me on groovy-granny572002@yahoo.co.uk.

CHRISSIE SMITH

## ALPINE GROUP 2007

It was another frustrating year for Alpine plant growers. The weather during the first three months wasn't really cold enough for the mountain plants and then the temperature went so high in April that the Alpine and many bulbous plants thought that summer had arrived and went into hibernation. We will have to wait until the spring to see how this affected them.

At our March meeting Maggie Lamb showed slides of the gardens of northern England and in April we had the Alpine Group Show. We visited Mill Nursery at Hassocks in May where we had a very enjoyable evening. June was the night for the Group's Plant Sale then in July Bob Charman took us on a trip to Iran showing excellent slides of the plants and scenery. In August Sally Mill showed us 'Orchids in Ecuador' then we had John Withall giving an excellent talk about the Seed Bank at Wakehurst Place. In October David Masters, retired head gardener of Nymans spoke about the history and gardens of Nymans and in November Jeff Layman relived his 1992 trip to Patagonia. December was the date for the AGM and Social evening time as we prepare for 2008. Wishing all members a good growing season in 2008 and anyone interested in Alpine Plants do come along to our friendly Group meetings.

MICK REED

## WINTER CARE FOR BONSAI

Many people receive bonsai as Christmas presents. Because they were usually bought from a garden centre where they were indoors, the recipients believe they must also keep them inside. No. Unless they are a tropical variety, all our native trees are kept outside all year round.

Winter is a quiet time for bonsai but sensible precautions must be taken. It is wise to put them in a sheltered corner. Delicate trees like acers are best kept in a cold greenhouse. If there should be a prolonged frost protect pots with bubble plastic or newspaper. Watering is minimal – just enough to keep the soil slightly damp.

When buds first appear it is time for root pruning where necessary. Hold the trunk and lift the tree out of its pot and if the roots are wrapped round the **outside** of the root ball it needs a good prune.

Comb the roots downwards, removing the soil. Cut the extra long and larger tap roots so the whole is reduced by about a third. Clean the pot and cover the drain holes with plastic mesh. Add a thin layer of grit and then a covering of fresh compost that should contain 50% grit to keep the soil from clogging.

Replace the tree, spreading the roots evenly over the area then add the full gritted compost, poking it between the fine roots with a chopstick. A final covering of grit and perhaps a little moss. Spray water. Keep the tree in a sheltered place to allow it to recover and do not feed for six weeks.

Tropical trees that are classed as indoor bonsai also need the same attention. Just don't let them overheat with central heating.

BERYL ARMSTRONG

## SHOW DATES

The dates for the Shows in 2008 are as follows:

CHS Spring Show Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March.  
Orchid Spring Show Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April.  
Alpine Group Show Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April  
Cactus Group Annual Show Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May  
CHS Summer Show Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June.  
Fuchsia Show Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August  
CHS Autumn Shows Saturdays 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September.  
Orchid Autumn Show Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November

All the shows are held in the hall and are open to members and general public from 1.30pm except the Cactus Show which is open from 10.00am.

## THE CACTUS GROUP

The Cactus Group meet on the first Monday of each month. Please note that in 2008 the meetings start at 7.30pm (doors open from 7.00pm). The programme for 2008 is as follows:

February 4<sup>th</sup> David Minnion on Mexico.  
Table show: strombocactus Gp, adromischus Gp, plant in flower  
March 3<sup>rd</sup>. John Ede, South Africa Again.  
Table show: Neoportaria Gp, Haawarthia Gp plant in flower  
April 7<sup>th</sup> Cliff Thompson on Chile 2007.  
Table show: Rebutia Gp, Sansevieria Gp, plant in flower  
April 13<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) **Derek Desborough Memorial Lecture.** Phone Sec. Peter Lane on 0129 86222 for details and times.  
May 5<sup>th</sup> Doug Donaldson, Indian Society Of Cacti & Succulents.  
Table show: Melocactus Gp, Gasteria Gp, plant in flower  
May 31<sup>st</sup> (Saturday) **Annual Show**  
June 2<sup>nd</sup> Robin Albaster on Echinocereus.  
Table show: Echinocereus Gp, Caudiciform Succulent plant in flower  
July 7<sup>th</sup> Peter Lewis, North & South.  
Table show: Parodia Gp, Euphorbia, plant in flower  
No Meeting in August  
September 1<sup>st</sup> John Hughes, Cool Customers.  
Table show: Opuntia Gp, Mesembs. Gp, plant in flower  
October 6<sup>th</sup> Suzanne & Tony Mace, Canary Islands.  
Table show: Gymnocalycium Gp  
Asclepidaceae, plant in flower  
November 3<sup>rd</sup> Stuart Riley on Something New.  
Table show: Espostoa Gp, Gasteria, plant in flower.  
December 1<sup>st</sup> A.G.M., Sales table & Social.

## THE GROUP PROGRAMMES FOR 2008

Except where otherwise stated, the Groups meet throughout the year in the Hall on weekday evenings at 8.00pm.

### THE ALPINE GROUP

The Group meets on the third Monday of each month as follows:

January 21st	James Masters Standen
February 18th	T.B.A.
March 17th	Mike Reed – My Plants
April 21st	<b>Alpine Group Show</b>
May 19th	Visit to Mill Nursery
June 16th	Nigel Gravett – Alpines I have grown
July 21st	T.B.A.
August 18th	T.B.A.
September 15th	T.B.A.
October 20th	T.B.A.
November 17th	Terry Smale – Orchids for Alpine Growers
December 15th	AGM & Social Evening

### BONSAI GROUP PROGRAMME

The Bonsai Group meet on the last Thursday of each month. The programme for 2008 is as follows:

January 31 <sup>st</sup>	Workshop re-pot
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	(Sunday) Morning workshop during shop hours.
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	General workshop
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Club member demo
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Show preparation
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Speaker or nursery visit (visit to be on a Saturday or Sunday)
August 28 <sup>th</sup>	Members show
September 25 <sup>th</sup>	AGM, cheese & wine
October 30 <sup>th</sup>	Winter workshop
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Social evening
December	No meeting

### CHITTING POTATOES

Very soon seed potatoes will be in the CHS Shop and so, for the benefit of newer members who may not have seen my article in earlier editions of this journal, here's how you get them going.

Chitting is simply another name for 'sprouting' or giving your spuds a kick-start. Some growers say this process should be done in the dark, e.g. in a cupboard or under the stairs while others advocate leaving them in a light but frost-free place. Personally, I prefer the latter because with the "in the dark" method if they are not checked regularly they could quickly develop long straggly shoots which may easily break off when planting out. I usually stand mine on a windowsill.

Whichever method you chose, stand the tubers with the buds or "eyes" upright in a seed tray or similar container – egg boxes are ideal. If there are eyes all over the tuber chose the end with the most. Sprouting will take about six weeks during which time you should check them regularly rubbing out all but the 3 or 4 strongest shoots. I tend to give the tubers a light spray with water from time to time but they should be kept dryer rather than wet. They should be ready for planting out when the shoots are about one inch (2.5cm) long.

Planting time will vary according to the weather and soil conditions, especially for the first earlies. Folk lore suggests that you should not plant potatoes before Good Friday but as this can vary any time between mid March and the end of April, it is not a very practical guide. I would suggest that here in the South of England and subject to weather and soil conditions, mid to late March is about right for first earlies with other varieties spread throughout April for second earlies and May for your main crop. When you go to the Shop you will see the different varieties for first early, second early and main crop listed for you to make your choice.

PETER ARMSTRONG

### SEED SWAP SUNDAY

This is just a reminder that we are holding a seed swapping morning on Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have been collecting seed you can pick up envelopes to hold them at the Shop. If not don't worry, most people have packets of unwanted seeds (often given away by magazines) or partly used ones so please turn them out.

Above all please do come on that morning. We want it to be a success and it won't cost you anything.

Some of the seed swap days we have been to were very successful. They started out small with just a few people but have grown to include advice sessions, talks, stalls selling plants, tools etc. and advertising stands for other groups. See you on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

MAGGIE & JUNE

## CHS CALENDER—2008

January	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Orchid Group AGM	2.30pm
	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz Night	7.30pm
	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Bonsai Group	8.00pm
February	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Cactus Group	7.30pm
	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Delphinium Group	8.00pm
	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Seed swap during shop hours	
	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Fruit & Veg Group	8.00pm
	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Orchid Group	2.30pm
	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Alpine Group	8.00pm
	Wednesday 20	Fuchsia Group	8.00pm
	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bonsai Group Shop hours	
	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SOCIETY A.G.M.</b>	7.45pm
March	<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Saturday shop opens - 9.00am until 12 noon</b>	
	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cactus Group	7.30pm
	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Delphinium Group	8.00pm
	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Fruit & Veg Group	8.00pm
	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Alpine Group	8.00pm
	Wednesday 19	Fuchsia Group	8.00pm
	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Bonsai Group	8.00pm
	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CHS Spring Show</b>	<b>1.30pm</b>
April	Wednesday 2	Delphinium Group	8.00pm
	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Cactus Group	7.30pm
	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Derek Desborough Memorial Lecture –</b>	
	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Fruit & Veg Group	8.00pm
	Wednesday 16	Fuchsia Group	8.00pm
	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Orchid Group Spring Show</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>
	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Alpine Group Show</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>
	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bonsai Group	8.00pm
May	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Cactus Group	7.30 pm
	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Delphinium Group	8.00pm
	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Orchid Group	2.30pm
	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Fruit & Veg Group	8.00pm
	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Alpine Group	8.00pm
	Wednesday 21	Fuchsia Group	8.00pm
	Saturday & Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Plant Sale In Shop hours</b>	
	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Bonsai Group	8.00pm
	<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Cactus Group Show</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
June	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cactus Group	7.30pm
	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Delphinium Group	8.00pm
	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Orchid Group	2.30pm
	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Fruit & Veg Group	8.00pm
	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CHS Summer Show</b>	<b>1.30pm</b>

	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Alpine Group	8.00pm
	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Fuchsia Group	8.00pm
	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Wednesday shop last day</b>	
	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Bonsai Group	8.00pm
July	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Delphinium Group	8.00pm
	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Cactus Group	7.30pm
	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Fruit & Veg Group	8.00pm
	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Fuchsia Group	8.00pm
	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Orchid Group	2.30pm
	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Alpine Group	8.00pm
	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Bonsai Group	8.00pm
Aug	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Fuchsia Show</b>	1.30pm
	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Delphinium Group	8.00pm
	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Fruit & Veg Group	8.00pm
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	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Alpine Group	8.00pm
	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Bonsai Group	8.00pm
	Saturday & Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Bulb Sale in Shop hours</b>	
Sep	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Cactus Group	7.30pm
	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Delphinium Group	8.00pm
	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CHS 1<sup>st</sup> Autumn Show</b>	1.30pm
	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Fruit & Veg Group	8.00pm
	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CHS 2<sup>nd</sup> Autumn Show</b>	1.30pm
	Wednesday 19	Fuchsia Group	8.00pm
	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Orchid Group	8.00pm
	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Alpine Group	8.00pm
	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Bonsai Group	8.00pm
	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Saturday shop last day</b>	
Oct	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Delphinium Group	8.00pm
	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Cactus Group	7.30pm
	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Fruit & Veg Group	8.00pm
	Wednesday 15	Fuchsia Group	8.00pm
	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Orchid Group	2.30pm
	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Alpine Group	8.00pm
	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Bonsai Group	8.00pm
Nov	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cactus Group	7.30pm
	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Delphinium Group	8.00pm
	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Fruit & Veg Group	8.00pm
	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Orchid Autumn Show</b>	1.30pm
	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Alpine Group	8.00pm
	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Fuchsia Group	8.00pm
	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Bonsai Group	8.00pm

Some of the Groups do not meet in December. Check with Group Secretaries