



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

THE CHS SHOP

The Crawley Horticultural Shop in Ifield Avenue, West Green, Crawley (tel. 01293 535585) is open in 2011 from;

SUNDAY - From 9th January until 11th December 9.00 am
until 12.00 noon

SATURDAY - From 5th March until 24th September 9.00 am
until 12.00 noon

WEDNESDAY - From 6th April until 29th June 6.30 pm until 8.00
pm

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 on the Society's website by early April with printed copies made available for Group Meetings and in the Shop.

Contact Helen Bergin, Telephone 01293 535972

Email— editorial@crawleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Enquiries about the Society should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Trevor Figg on 01293 562942

Email— secretary@crawleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that annual subscriptions, and four year subscriptions taken out in 2006 expired on 31st December 2010, 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. Renewals can also be made online on the CHS website.

www.crawleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hello again, here I am still Chairman and still enjoying myself.

I am pleased to say that things in the shop are doing well, mostly due to John Green the Trading Secretary and our willing helpers to whom we owe a large vote of thanks for all their hard work and efforts.

Which is more than I can say about our Flower and Vegetable Shows. I would very much like to see more members entering the classes. My wife and I entered and if we can win a few prizes then anyone can do it.

I am pleased to say that decorating of the ladies and gents toilets and the hall has now been completed.

We have about 1000 members and I would like to see a lot more of you using the shop which is now open Saturday Sunday and Wednesday.

My very best wishes to all members and good luck for the 2011 growing season.

FRED SMITH

Bulb Sale August 27 & 28

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Well hello there, yes another spring is upon us and a new season of gardening, with all the trials and tribulations that this great hobby brings to us all.

Again, we have been subjected to a very cold winter, and it will be interesting to see which plants have been able to pull through, as I am sure a lot of plants took a bashing last year so may have not been strong enough to survive another harsh winter.

Certainly driving around there are a number of palms which have now completely shed their canopies, and some trunks now are a sticky mess, so will be sadly missed.

The Society held its 58th AGM in February, with a few changes to the committee.

Chrissie Smith stood down from the committee as Secretary, and I have now taken over this role, and everything that gets thrown in with it. I would again like to thank Chrissie for the work that she has done for the society in her time as Secretary for the club.

There were also two other committee members who stood down this year, and I am sure they will not mind just being called by their Christian names. They were Mabel and Albert, who are very well known within the society. Both these people have devoted many hours to the society, Mabel with her quiz nights and food and Albert for his tireless work with the shop etc. I would like to mention that although they have both stood down, they are still very much in the forefront of their specialities for the society.

The committee thanked all those who stood down this year, by presenting a potted Orchid to Chrissie, a basket of fruit to Mabel, and also a certificate of thanks to Albert for his long service and dedication.

There was one new addition to the committee this year who is Kim Ashton. Kim took up a small apprenticeship last year at the committee meetings to test the water so to speak, and decided to take the plunge at the AGM. Welcome Kim.

YOUR COMMITTEE 2011-12

Mr Bill Gunning
Mr Ron Spraget

President
Vice President

Officers:

Mr Fred Smith
Mr Henry Miller
Mr Trevor Figg
Mr Peter Armstrong

Chairman & Trustee
Vice Chairman & Trustee
Secretary & Trustee
Treasurer & Trustee

Committee Members:

Mr Ray Bell
Mrs Helen Bergin
Mrs Pauline Chiappori
Mr John Crippen
Mr Shaun Dalton
Mr John Green
Mr Graham Jones
Mrs Sheila Jones
Mrs Christine Martin
Mr Barry Morton
Mr Peter Nash
Mr Gerry Wareing

Newsletter Editor
Seeds Buyer
Website Manager

Trading Secretary

Hall Hire Secretary
Show Secretary

Membership Secretary

The Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month throughout the year.

For more information contact the Society Secretary - secretary@crawleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

WANTED!!!

Speakers at our various Groups.

If you have an interesting topic on a Gardening theme or been on holiday to a plant paradise with pictures to share, please contact [the Secretary](#).

HOW GREEN IS YOUR GARDEN?

Many gardeners have deep concerns about the environment in which we live and in particular, the use of chemicals, fertilisers and peat. Because of these concerns they garden and grow crops organically.

With this in mind, we are searching for organic gardeners among the members who would be interested in writing occasional or regular pieces for the Newsletter and website.

Like to help? Leave your name with any Committee Member at the Shop or at any Group meeting or contact

Helen Bergin 01293 535972
editorial@crawlhorticulturalsociety.org.uk or

John Crippen 01293 886350
webmaster@crawlhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

MARATHON 'WINNER'

CONGRATULATIONS to Trevor Figg and his wife Ann for completing the Virgin London Marathon on 17 April 2011 in less than comfortable conditions.

Trevor and Ann joined the 30,000 other runners for their big day and succeeded in completing the course.

Trevor's time was 4 hr 20 min and when asked how he feels now he's achieved his goal, said "Well worth doing!"



I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about my project which I have called -

Moving on 2011

The aim is to increase membership, shop sales, provide publicity, increase interest in the clubs groups and shows etc.

As in many society's not just in Crawley but nationwide, there is a decline in interest to such groups, which is a great pity, and it is only a small percentage of people who keep these groups alive and semi-thriving. Our Society is fairly lucky at the moment as we have a fairly buoyant membership of just over a thousand people, but we need to seek more.

My aim for this year is to form a sub-committee to look at the issues mentioned and seek a way of **Moving on**.

If any of you would like to contribute to this project in ways of suggestions, ideas, past experiences, It would be greatly appreciated. I can be contacted personally, email, letter, telephone, and would love to hear from you. Don't Forget. It's your society, it's what we all make it.

We'll have a good year everyone, let's hope the weather is more kind to us, for the rest of the year. Hope all your projects go well.
TREVOR FIGG

SHOW DATES 2011

Cactus Show	28th May
Pelargonium & Geranium Show	18th June
Summer Show	18th June
Fuchsia Show	6th August
Autumn Show Week One	3rd September
Autumn Show Week Two	17th September
Orchid Show	20th November - Please

note that this show is held on a Sunday afternoon

CHS Show Schedule for 2011

For more information, email the Show Secretary -
shows@crawlhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please use the following to contact any member of the Management Committee or for any other enquiry. General enquiries should be addressed to the Secretary

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A FEW GARDENING JOKES AND QUOTES

A perfect summer's day is when the the sun is shining, a breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken

What can you make from baked beans and onions?
Tear gas.

Life expectancy would grow by leaps and bounds if green vegetables smelled as good as bacon.

.A man should never plant a garden larger than his wife can take care of.

SEEDS - VEGETABLE, FLOWERS AND OTHERS

Our new selection of seeds has arrived at the CHS shop. Not only do we have "Johnsons" and some "Mr Fothergills" seeds but we also have a great selection in our budget range "Country Value".

For those who have been waiting we now have stock of Broad Bean Aquadulce and specially for the young growers we have Gruesome Gourds and Spooky Faces.

The best news for the season is that all seeds including Country Value now have 20% off.

* Vegetables ranging from Aubergine to Turnip

* Salad Leaves....Try something different....Spicy Leaves or Micro Greens?

* Herbs - Basil to Thyme

* Flowers from Alyssum to Zinnia

* Peas - Dwarf, Petit Pois, Mangetout, Sugar Pea

* French Beans - Dwarf, Climbing, Coloured

* Runner Beans

* Broad Beans

* Green Manures - Mustard, Forage Rye

Many different Varieties in stock!

And of course Lawn Seed, by the pound weight.

Can't find what you want? All you have to do is ask and we will see if we can obtain a supply.



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

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 Hon Secretary Trevor Figg on 01293 562942 or have a word with the duty committee member in the shop.

SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2010

TRADING	John Green, Ray Bell, Fred Smith, Graham Jones, Sheila Jones, Barry Morton, Trevor Figg, Pauline Chiappori, Henry Miller, Shaun Dalton.
SHOW	Christine Martin, John Green, Peter Nash, Kim Ashton, Gerry Wareing, also Doreen and Ivor Budgen.
EDITORIAL	Helen Bergin, John Crippen, Peter Armstrong.
PREMISES ????	John Green, Ray Bell, Graham Jones, Fred Smith.
SOCIAL	Mabel Clackson, Sheila Jones, Graham Jones, Peter Armstrong,

Have you heard of the garlic diet?
You don't lose much weight, but from a distance your friends think you look thinner

I have a rock garden. Last week three of them died.

My wife said that if I buy any more plants she would leave me.
Damn! I'm going to miss that woman.

Botanists have developed a vegetable that eliminates the need to brush your teeth.

Bristle sprouts
What gets bigger the more you take away?
A hole.

Hard work doesn't harm anyone,
but I do not want to take any chances

Bulb: potential flower buried in autumn, never to be seen again.

Gardening requires lots of water- most of it in the form of perspiration.

Why are husbands like lawn mowers?
They are difficult to get started, emit foul smells,
and don't work half the time.

A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.



The CHS HALL

This is available for private hire to members and approved organisations, when not being used by the Society. Terms and Conditions apply.

Email - chsbookings@hotmail.co.uk

Specialist Groups of the Society hold regular monthly meetings - entry is free to all members. See the Groups section of the website, above, for more information.

The CHS SHOP

For almost all your gardening needs; we sell vegetable seeds, flower seeds, composts, fertilisers, insecticides, pots, canes, fungicides and many other sundry items all at very competitive prices. There is also a small range of specialist tools for hire.

The Shop is staffed by volunteer helpers (Committee and ordinary members of the Society) who are also able to offer advice to members with their gardening problems. *New volunteers are most welcome!* 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, coffee and biscuits, plus the occasional JG special (*Bread Pudding*) you will be entitled to a 10% discount on your own purchases.

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THE WALLED GARDEN

The CHS Tilgate Park Walled Garden team once again have won a coveted award from Crawley Borough Council under their "Let's FACE it!" campaign, in conjunction with the 'South & South East in Bloom' and 'Britain in Bloom' competitions. The team have won awards in 2007, 2009 and managed to get a Gold Award in 2010. It was presented to the team, represented by Ron Spraget, Bill Gunning and Derek Mountain, at a celebration at The Hawth Theatre on 25th October 2010. our model garden within Tilgate Park.

Launched in 2005, the award winning 'Let's FACE (Focus Action for Crawley's Environment) it!' is a Crawley Borough Council initiative that supports local people and businesses in improving their environment in which they live and work through volunteering. The aim of the initiative is to increase levels of community cohesion and social inclusion, and help make neighbourhoods cleaner and greener. Our team of dedicated volunteers work tirelessly throughout the year to manage and maintain our model garden within Tilgate Park.

THE SOCIETY'S GROUPS

The Society runs a wide and varied range of Groups to support and provide help and advice to members, as well as a series of active social activities. For details of each Group's programme click on the Group name, below.

In addition, the Society and a number of the Groups hold competitive Shows across the year. Details can be found by following the tab for Shows, above.

Groups meet monthly at the CHS Hall, Ifield Avenue, West Green, Crawley and commence at 8.00 pm, except the Orchid Group which meets at 2.30 pm.

More information about the Groups from secretary@crawleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

The Society produces two Newsletters in a year. The first published in January/February is posted to members of the Society who have not provided email addresses. If you have given us your email address you will access the Newsletter through the website.

The second issue is published in April/May and is available from the shop or by visiting crawleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk.