



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

THE CHS SHOP

The Crawley Horticultural Shop in Ifield Avenue, West Green, Crawley (tel. 01293 535585) is open in 2013 from;

SUNDAY - From 13th January until 15th December 9.00 am until 12.00 noon

SATURDAY - From 2nd March until 28th September 9.00 am until 12.00 noon

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, email editorial@crawleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Enquiries about the Society should be addressed to the Society Secretary, email secretary@crawleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that annual subscriptions, and four year subscriptions which expired on 31st December 2012, should be renewed as soon as possible. Renewals can be made in the Shop or direct to the Membership Secretary, Ray Bell, 26 Bancroft Road, Maidenbower, Crawley, RH10 7WS, email membership@crawleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk. Renewals can also be made online on the CHS website.

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Crawley Horticultural Society

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hello everybody!

Well, we managed to get through the last six months!! We all know the problems with the awful winter and spring but now, of course, things are very much better for all gardeners. For us in the shop, sales have improved steadily and we are really starting to catch up on a very bad start to the trading year.

We are very much looking forward to hosting the Strawberry Tea to be held here on the lawn on 27 July for all our volunteer helpers. We cannot do without your help and ask you to make sure you add your name to the list currently being displayed in the shop.

If you are a member and would like to volunteer to help in the shop and in the compound, please feel free to join us. Benefits include discount on purchases and of course, the Strawberry Tea! Plus the famous bread pudding on occasions!

The Fuchsia (3 August) and Autumn Shows (7 and 14 September) are the next big events. Make sure you have these dates in your diary and bring something along on the day to fill the show benches; or bake us a cake for the domestic classes! If you have not entered before we would ask you to look at the show schedule, available in the shop or on our website, and perhaps surprise yourself with a success!

Very best wishes to you all.

FRED SMITH

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hello everyone.

At last the weather is catching up or am I speaking too soon. Let's make the most of it, as the trend appears to be that we now have a very up and down climate; but us Gardeners are always up for a challenge no matter what gets thrown at us.

The Society is still progressing and some of you, especially those who have internet access, should have seen a lot more information being supplied about the various events, shows, and shop both on the website and Facebook and directly to members for whom we have an email address. Unfortunately due to the high cost of postage we are unable to post updates other than the Spring Newsletter. If you have recently gone techno and are now online, please let us have your email address to keep you up to date. We have spent a lot of time ensuring that members email addresses are now correct.

Most members should know that the Society has a number of Groups that meet once a month on various topics, and sometimes digress to different themes as a matter of interest or topic. Sadly the number of members attending meetings has been decreasing with sometimes only a dozen people being present, which is disappointing, especially if the Group committee has organised a speaker for the night, and costs need to be met. For those of you who have never been to a Group meeting, why not come along to one which you may find interesting; you never know what you might be missing.

As I have mentioned several times, it is you the members who make the Society, and if anyone has ideas on how to create more interest the committee always welcomes suggestions. Did you know you can hire the Society's hall for functions at very reasonable rates compared to other hirers? We also hire out to various other organisations, which also may be of interest to some of you. We appear to have an on going animal scene with bookings for cat and mice shows. The Museum Society also now holds its very informative talks at our hall, so it's not just Horti-topics. Our aim is to please, and to continue the success of the Society for years to come. The town has very large home building projects on the go in and around Crawley and it is hoped we can benefit from some of those who will be moving into the district and continue their enjoyment of all aspects of Horticulture. It's certainly a pleasure to speak to you when you come to the shop and shows, and I thank you all for your support of the Society.

Happy Gardening

TREVOR
The Secretary

SUMMER SHOW WINNERS

Franklin Rose Bowl - Patsy Greenland
The Ted Cook Rose Cup - Brenda Nelsey

PELARGONIUM SHOW WINNERS

Pelargonium and Geranium show held on 22nd June 2013

Class 1	won by Ted Lyon
Class 2	won by Ivan Budgen
Class 3	won by Ted Lyon
Class 4	won by Ted Lyon
Class 5	won by Sheila Lyon
Class 7	won by Ivan Budgen
Class 8	won by Ivan Budgen
Class 9	won by Sheila Lyon
Class 10	won by Ted Lyon
Class 11	won by Ivan Budgen
Class 12	won by Ted Lyon
Class 14	won by Ron Ayling
Class 15	won by Sheila Lyon
Class 17	won by Fred Smith
Class 18	won by Ted Lyon
Class 22	won by Ivan Budgen

Classes 6, 13, 16, 19, 20 and 21 didn't have any entries. The Chairman said that our flower show was blooming brilliant.



BULB SALE

The annual bulb sale will be held in the hall over the weekend of 31 August and 1 September between the hours of 9.0am and 12 noon

GROUP PROGRAMMES FOR 2013

Except where otherwise stated, the Groups meet throughout the year in the Hall on weekday evenings at 8 pm.

THE ALPINE GROUP

The Group meets on the third Monday of each month at 8 pm. See Calendar for details.

THE BRIDGE GROUP

New members will be very welcome; do come and join us. We meet every Monday at 1.30 pm for beginners and every Friday at 7.15 pm for regular players. For further information contact the Secretary Miss Beryl Makinson 01293 402868

THE CACTUS AND SUCCULENT GROUP

The Cactus Group meets on the first Monday of the month; please note that the start time is—doors open at 7 pm and the meeting starts at 7.30pm

August		No Meeting
Sept 2nd	Booked	Jonathan Clark - Cacti and succulents in 3D
October 7th	Booked	Terry Smale TBA
November 4th	Booked	Tony Roberts "The Smaller Opuntioideae – A Grower's Perspective"
December 2nd		AGM/Social

COTTAGE GARDEN GROUP

The Group meets on the first Wednesday of each month except October. At present our first speaker is in April.

Everyone Welcome

7th August	Garden visit to Woodberry Cottage Reigate. Entry £3.50. Leave CHS Car park @ 7.30 pm
4th September	Talk- Handbags to Handcuffs by Sheila Willis
October	TBA
November	TBA
4th December	Christmas Party

TRADING REPORT

Here we are again, half way through the year after another poor start to the gardening season, but being optimistic, all seems to be going better now (mostly)!

Also, after a slow start, compost sales have picked up well. Although unfortunately the quality is still mixed.

Not surprisingly, the Spring Plant Sale went ballistic on the first morning leaving us short at times bedding plants at times.

Autumn onion sets and daffodil bulbs etc will be on sale during shop hours on 31 August - 1 September

JOHN GREEN

2013 SHOW DATES

The dates for the Society's Shows are as follows:

3 August	Fuchsia Show
7 September	Autumn part 1
14 September	Autumn part 2

All the shows are held in the hall and are open to members and general public from 1:30 pm



ORCHID GROUP

The Orchid Group is meeting again on Sunday 21st July at 2.30 pm, and hopes to continue on the third Sunday of each month. We look forward to greeting any CHS members who are (or may be) interested in orchids.

BONSAI WORLD 2013

After our very successful national show at K2 Crawley, West Sussex, September 2011, Sussex Bonsai Group are preparing for another show –

Bonsai World 2013 on the 10th and 11th August 2013.

The event will again be held at K2, Crawley and there will be minor changes to the layout to improve the running of the demonstrations and cultural events.

It is hoped that we will have a Japanese bonsai master as our main attraction.

The show will be open to all societies and individuals with good quality trees, and we are now open to receive expressions of interest from societies, individual and traders that would like to be exhibiting and/or trading.

If you are interested in sponsoring the event, programme or awards and for further information, please contact Ray Ward at rayward140@btinternet.com or telephone Ray on 01293-412250.

THE BONSAI GROUP

The Bonsai Group is well attended with newcomers joining us all the time. The meetings are mainly practical with members helping each other in a jovial atmosphere.

Bonsai trees can have healthy lives for hundreds of years so we are in effect, just custodians, nurturing them for the next generation. Trees in pots are easy to grow but need plenty of TLC.

Shortly, we shall be having our own exhibition in the hall and during August we're taking part in Bonsai World 2013 at the K2 Centre. Perfect trees in miniature. A spectacular show that nobody should miss.

July	Sunday 28th	Club show in the hall
August	Restyle Demonstration	
September	To be arranged	
October	Workshop	
November	Annual General meeting and Social evening	

HIRE OF CHS HALL

As you know, the Crawley Horticultural Hall is available for hire on an agreed basis. The following bookings may be of interest:

Cats Protection, Cats Homing Show, and goods for sale:

Sundays – open to the public 11:00 am to 3:00 pm on

6th January;

3rd March;

9th June;

8th September.

Mouse Exhibition/Show:

Saturdays – have hired from 09:00 to 17:00, but we don't know what time the public are admitted, Dates agreed:

20th April;

19th October.

Crawley Museum Society Members' meetings

(a local charity supporting Crawley Museum Centre and Ifield Watermill):
Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm

Admission on payment of a small charge, public £2, members £1

24 September; World War I – A Soldier's Life in the Trenches
Speaker David Parker.

29 October Sussex Suffragists in the early 1900's
Speaker Frances Stenlake.

26th November. Speaker to be advised

CHS CALENDAR 2013

July	Monday 1	Cactus Group	7.30pm
	Wednesday 3	Cottage Garden Group	8.00pm
	Monday 8	Fruit & Veg Group	8.00pm
	Monday 15	Alpine Group	8.00pm
	Wednesday 17	Fuchsia Group	8.00pm
August	Thursday 18	Bonsai Group	8.00pm
	Saturday 3	Fuchsia Show	1.30pm
	Wednesday 7	Cottage Garden Group	8.00pm
	Monday 12	Fruit & Veg Group	8.00pm
	Thursday 15	Bonsai Group	8.00pm
	Monday 19	Alpine Group	8.00pm
		Sat/Sunday 31 & 1	Bulb Sale in Shop hours
September	Monday 2	Cactus Group	7.30pm
	Wednesday 4	Cottage Garden Group	8.00pm
	Saturday 7	1st CHS Autumn Show	1.30pm
	Monday 9	Fruit & Veg Group	8.00pm
	Saturday 14	CHS 2nd Autumn Show	1.30pm
	Monday 16	Alpine Group	8.00pm
	Wednesday 18	Fuchsia Group	8.00pm
	Thursday 19	Bonsai Group AGM	8.00pm
October	Saturday 28	Saturday shop last day	
	Wednesday 2	Cottage Garden Group	8.00 pm
	Monday 7	Cactus Group	7.30pm
	Monday 14	Fruit & Veg Group	8.00pm
	Wednesday 16	Fuchsia Group	8.00pm
	Thursday 17	Bonsai Group	8.00pm
	Monday 21	Alpine Group	8.00pm
November	Monday 4	Cactus Group	7.30pm
	Wednesday 6	Cottage Garden Group	8.00pm
	Monday 11	Fruit & Veg Group	8.00pm
	Monday 18	Alpine Group	8.00pm
	Wednesday 20	Fuchsia Group	8.00pm
December	Thursday 21	Bonsai Group	8.00pm
	Monday 2	Cactus Group AGM	7.30pm
	Wednesday 4	Cottage Garden Group	9.00pm
	Sunday 15	Shop last day trading 2013	9.00am

SHOW SECRETARY'S REPORT

SPRING SHOW 2013

This show turned out to be one of the best we have had for some years. When you consider the awful weather we had been having it was a miracle that so many of you managed to find something to enter.

We had over 30 exhibitors, which is a figure we have not achieved for some time, and to think that we very nearly cancelled it because we didn't think you would find enough to put in the show. How wrong we were!

Thank you all so much for all your efforts in finding so many entries.

Sadly the shrubs didn't do so well this year, but for the opposite reason as for last year and entries for these classes were down.

Once again, many thanks to everyone who took part in the show.

SUMMER SHOW 2013

Once again this show exceeded all our expectations. We had more people exhibiting than last year. There were also more entries in many of the classes than we normally see, as well as some exhibits that we didn't expect to see due to the late Spring, irises being one of them.

The only downside was the roses, which were well down on previous years. Those that did manage to find some though brought in some really first class specimens. I hope that all that visited the show or exhibited enjoyed it. I would also like to ask you to let us know if there are any classes you would like to see but currently don't have in the schedule be it for the Spring, Summer or Autumn Shows.

Thank you all again for your support.

CHRISTINE MARTIN

Show Secretary

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Everyone is aware of the crippling cost of postage. Our small Society is trying to reduce costs and feel we can save money and offer an improved service of interesting information by using your email address. When you first join and when you renew your membership, we will ask for your current preferred email address which will enable us to send your Newsletter directly to you as well as news of current activities and events. If you change your email address, please remember to include us in the mailing notification of your new address.

THE CRAWLEY FUCHSIA AND PELARGONIUM GROUP

We are a small friendly group of people who are interested in growing and showing fuchsias and geraniums, we hold our meetings on the third Wednesday of each month except January, August and December.

We have allocated cuttings for Geraniums and Fuchsias which are sold to members in February and March meetings, and members are expected to show them at the shows in June and August.

We had a Geranium Show on Saturday 22nd June, in conjunction with the CHS Summer Show and we will hold a Fuchsia Show on Saturday 3rd August. We give cups and trophies for the winners which are held for one year and rosettes for the second and third awards. We have 22 classes in the Geranium Show and 25 in the Fuchsia Show. Points are awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd awards in both shows which are added together, and the member with the most points receives a silver salver at the AGM in November.

Our Committee consists of

Chairman Ivan Budgen
Secretary Doreen Budgen
Show Secretary Ted Lyon
Treasurer Sheila Lyon
and three other members who are on the committee.

Henry Miller is our member who organises our speakers, as follows:-

FUCHSIA AND PELARGONIUM GROUP PROGRAMME 2013

August	No meeting
September	Ted Lyon Talking on putting the plants to bed.
October	A Hoare Talking on Wild Orchids
November	AGM
December	No meeting

CRAWLEY FLORAL ARRANGEMENT GROUP

Group meets at the CHS Hall on the second Thursday each month (except November and December). Doors open 7:30 pm for 8:00 pm. *Visitors and new members most welcome – phone 01293 402905 for information*

August 8th	ARTISTIC FOCUS Hazel McGregor Nature and art – can be such an amazing combination – some surprises in store
September 12th	WALK IN THE PARK Pat MacDonald Autumn tints beckon... October 10 th A.G.M. (T.B.A.)
November 21 st	Open Meeting Stephen McDonnell “CRACKING” CHRISTMAS CREATIONS Tickets available from September onwards and venue details
.December 12 th	No Meeting

HOW WE KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OUR MEMBERS

We issue two Newsletters a year; one in January, which is accompanied by the annual price guide and also acts as notification of the Annual General Meeting, and the other in the summer. This January edition is sent to all members. The later edition is posted on the CHS website, emailed to our mailing list and can be collected from the Shop, Group meetings, and Society events.

Every Newsletter is uploaded to the website at www.crawleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk, where we try to keep you regularly updated with all the news and events throughout the year. All Newsletters from 2007 are available to read or download on the website.

In addition, we post messages, photographs, updates, and news of events on the Society's Facebook and Twitter pages.