

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

THE CHS SHOP

The Crawley Horticultural Shop in Ifield Avenue, West Green, Crawley (tel. 01293 535585) is open in 2012 from;

- SUNDAY - From 8th January until 9th December 9.00 am until 12.00 noon
- SATURDAY - From 3rd March until 29th September 9.00 am until 12.00 noon
- WEDNESDAY - From 4th April until 27th 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, 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 2011, 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



January 2012 NEWSLETTER

LETS CELEBRATE 60 YEARS!!

Hello again, here I am still Chairman and proud to be writing to you in 2012 when The Crawley Horticultural Society is this year celebrating its 60th anniversary .

I feel this is an appropriate time for me to say thank you to everybody connected with the Society for all their hard work in making it such a success. Sixty years is no mean achievement and one which we should be proud to celebrate. Membership of around 1000 is perhaps somewhat down on what it has been in the past but we are still a force to be reckoned with and can look forward to the next 60 years with confidence.

I should like to express my thanks to my fellow Officers, Peter Armstrong, Trevor Figg, Henry Miller and all the ladies and gentlemen on the Management Committee whom I have the privilege to lead. Thank you also to the team who tidy up the Shop, unload lorries etc, and all those people who help in the Shop. Nor must I omit John Green who has the job of estimating the Shop's stock and our plant and bulb sale requirements. Also Christine Martin and her hard working Group who set up and dismantle the shows

But chiefly, it is you the ordinary member who by your support for the Shop, the Shows and the Groups have made the Society what it is. Thank you.

We are looking forward to celebrating this special year—our Diamond anniversary— and will keep you in touch with our plans.

FRED SMITH

TRADING SECRETARY REPORT

Well, where did 2011 go!!

Seed potatoes have been ordered for week commencing 16 January, depending on the weather of course. Varieties will be the same as last year, plus first early Casablanca, second early Carlingford and maincrop Sante. Descriptions and usage will be available in the shop (and on the website) together with guidance on chitting and planting

Unfortunately, from January we will no longer be able to offer some chemical products which are now not available, for the reasons we all know about, making alternatives more difficult to find. The new supply of composts will be in stock ready for the new season, including a traditional potting compost.

As the trading last year was fairly good considering the state of the economy, we are hoping to do as well in 2012.

Many thanks to all our marvellous shop helpers and the Thursday 'mob', and looking forward to a good gardening year - Good Health to you all.

JOHN GREEN

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hello to all members.

My first year as Crawley Horticultural Secretary, what did I take on? One of my main objectives as Secretary this year was to promote the society to the outside community,. As many of you will know the majority of club members are not getting any younger which has been widely shown in show entries during the past few years and also in those attending for viewing. This is general to most societies, all of which are finding it difficult to increase memberships; maybe due to our modern age as well as other circumstances, and we all have our own ideas on this subject!!

I launched a project called " Moving On 2011" this year to start the ball rolling to promote the society to the general public, and used several events held by the Crawley Borough Council to promote the society. The first was the Inside Out festival held in Queens Square which sadly, after several hours, had to be cancelled due to poor weather.

The first Quiz booked for 2012 is on January 21st – our Annual Charity quiz for Cancer Research UK.

GRAHAM JONES,
Social Committee Member

AND ALSO—

On August 20th a Helpers' Strawberry Tea was organised in the hall to say 'Thank You' to all who have helped in any way with the Society's activities during the year, whether it was as a shop assistant, the proverbial tea maker, a poster-producer, cake or sandwich contributor, or whatever else has been needed. The Management Committee thank you all.

The hall has also been hired and used for members' private functions, from children's birthday parties through to a funeral wake. Our regular hirers include the charity Cats Protection and also a Portuguese music group. Enquiries for use of the hall are welcomed from all members.

SHEILA JONES
Social Committee Member & Hall-Bookings Secretary

COMMUNICATING WITH MEMBERS

Are you satisfied with the way that we, the Committee, communicate with you, the 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 Spring. This year, the January edition has been sent to all Members. The Spring edition will be available on the CHS website, for collection at the Shop and Group meetings, as well as at Society events.

In addition to the Newsletters we have the website at www.crawleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk, and with this we try and 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.

So, returning to the opening question, are you satisfied with the way that we communicate with you? If you are, or not, please let us know! Write to us, speak to us in the Shop or at Group meetings or email us at editorial@crawleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk.

I would like to thank all those who came to our Autumn Show and hope that everyone forgot the November weather for a while and enjoyed an afternoon surrounded by beautiful orchids. Let's hope that next year's weather and timings will encourage more people to enjoy the occasion.

SALLY MILL

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT 2011

During the past year we have run five quizzes. The first quiz of the year, on 22 January, was our Annual Charity Event in aid of Cancer Research UK. CHS allowed them free use of the hall, in return for the management of all the food and prizes. Cancer Research UK made a healthy profit and thanked CHS for all their support over the years.

Our next two quizzes, March 5 and April 9, were in aid of our CHS hall-improvement fund. This fund was used to support the redecoration of the hall and toilets and the stripping and polishing of the hall floor.

May to September are our 'rest' months for quizzes, but on October 8 we hosted a bumper quiz night in aid of The Matthew Russo Foundation. The volunteers from the Foundation worked very hard with us before and during the night and managed to raise a magnificent £570 for their cause.

On 12 November we ran another quiz for our own funds. The fund, this time, paid for repairs to guttering along the front of our building, as we found we had a small flood in the hall from a blocked rainwater downpipe. The fund was also called upon to pay for the testing of our portable electrical equipment ('PAT Testing').

Thank you to all those who have helped with the catering – producing ten large loaves of sandwiches to a consistent standard is no mean feat, not to mention approximately 150 cakes, sausage rolls and other delicious fare for each quiz! Thank you also to the team who turn up early on the Saturday morning to set out and lay up the tables and chairs; to Albert for doing the printing; to the washers-up and to those who, on Sunday morning, clear the tables away and clean up the hall after the events.

We are very grateful for all the prizes that have been donated over the year; biscuits and chocolates are always very popular. Our special thanks go to Mabel for setting the questions and for her general organisation, making the quiz nights so popular.

The other event was the Cultural Kitchen Event held in the Memorial Gardens which was a great success. We grew Sunflower plants and Pumpkin plants to give out to the general public especially families with children, to promote the society and also to give them an incentive to grow their own special plant. We had a lot of interest in our stand and hope to improve on this next year if we are still invited. We also had some response in promoting the Society through the RHS Dig Together Day but this was sadly lacking in publicity.

Should I be re-elected next year, my main objective is "PUBLICITY". Many of the society's events and shows are seriously lacking any advertising and promotion, and I am sure we can publicise all the Society's events to a much higher level than before. A lot of hard work goes into exhibiting and showing at our shows and I strongly believe we can gain a benefit from these shows to encourage people not only to join the society but also to have a go at showing. This should be at Children's level and Adults which will encourage a good family competition.

We are at this time waiting for the final approval of a very large expansion of housing in the Crawley / Horsham boundary and I would like to think that with the correct approach we can capitalise on this, regarding horticulture and members. We need to ensure we have systems in place to increase our membership for the benefit of all those within the area.

A lot of hard work has been put in since the 1950's by "The Few" and it would be a great shame for another society to fall by the way side, so I will not rest until I can improve on my objectives for an even better society and membership.

I have been privileged to have my own mug on the Top shelf of the Official shop helpers group, and also have priority access to John's home grown bread pudding, which is out of this world, so come on all those who would like to help out in the shop on Saturdays and Sundays you are all welcome. I can thoroughly recommend it.

As always, any comments as to what you want etc regarding the society are always appreciated.

Happy New Year. Bread Pudding and All

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TREVOR FIGG

IMPORTANT

We need a member to "manage" the email list and send out communications to members. If you would like to help, please contact any of the Committee—**URGENTLY.**

SHOW REPORTS 2011

SPRING

This year's show was a slight improvement on last year, despite the extremely cold winter, as we had many more entries in the daffodil and the spring flowers classes. Sadly the camellias weren't as good as last year. The domestic classes seem to be attracting more entries and I hope this trend continues. We may well be adding more classes to this section in 2012. As there were no entries again in the children's classes we have reluctantly decided to discontinue these classes. The alpine classes do not seem to be faring very well either with entries well down, so please see if you can rustle up something for 2012. However, our savours were the cactus classes. The members of this group always seem to put on a good show, and they didn't let us down this year. Thank you.

SUMMER

Well, what can I say about the Summer Show. We had the lowest number of entries for as long as I can remember. This was due to the weather again, with a very cold winter and one of the warmest April's on record, the poor plants didn't know what season it was! Some had long since finished flowering and others were still to come out, but those members who did manage to find something to show are to be congratulated.

AUTUMN SHOW WEEK 1

Once again entries were well down, no doubt due the peculiar weather we had had. The only classes that seemed to be unaffected were the houseplants and fuchsias. Entries in the alpine classes were the lowest for many years, and if it had not been for John Green, there would have only been two people taking part, (see comment for Spring Show).

AUTUMN SHOW WEEK 2

At last some good news. This show exceeded all our expectations with a record number of exhibitors taking part (38) which is the highest since the days when we went to the Hawth. It certainly looks like 'grow your own' is here to stay for the foreseeable future especially in the present economic situation. The other redeeming feature was the wonderful display by the Floral Art Group. I saw many visitors exclaim with delight at the beauty of the entries. We will certainly be repeating this exhibit in future years.

Thanks to everyone who managed to find something to put in the shows in one of the most difficult years I can remember and to all the people who came to see the shows. It is much appreciated.

CHRISTINE MARTIN
Show Secretary

I don't think anyone was very surprised. In spite of this, we did have enough orchids to cover most of the space on the tables, and they were of the usual interesting type and high standard. As well as the lovely orchids to see there were several for sale, from Laurence Hobbs Orchids and from members' collections, catering for both amateurs and more experienced orchid growers. There was also a large Tombola with interesting prizes; and home-made cakes to accompany cups of tea and coffee.

The trophy for Best Cattleya type was awarded to Pat Oldknow for *Cattleya* Forphylla. The relatively small plant carried four small, golden flowers with a yellow lip.

The best Cymbidium hybrid went to Derek Micklewright for *Cymbidium* Peaches and Cream. This aptly named plant had 3 spikes of custard-yellow flowers with a red-blotched lip.

The trophy for Best Dendrobium was awarded to Val Micklewright for *Dendrobium* Kuniko. 3 of the canes carried about 10 pretty purple-striped flowers.

The trophy for Best Oncidium type was awarded to Simon Waddilove for *Miltassia* Peggy. This large plant carried 6 spikes of large, mauve-pink flowers with a white lip.

The best Paphiopedilum species went to Sally Mill for *Paphiopedilum wardii*. This plant carried 4 flower spikes with a total of 7 flowers of an attractive green and brown colouration. This orchid was also awarded the trophy for Best Cypripedioideae (slipper orchid). The best Phragmipedium species (another form of slipper orchid) went to Val Micklewright for *Phragmipedium besseae*, which had 3 spikes each carrying 1 bright orange flower.

The best Phalaenopsis species (moth orchid) went to Penny Hayes for *Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi*. This lovely orchid carried 3 spikes with 9 flowers in total; the flowers being yellow with brown splodges and having a pure white lip. The best Phalaenopsis hybrid went to Clive Hobbs for *Phalaenopsis* Homer which carried a spike of large, purple flowers.

The best Terrestrial orchid was *Habenaria carnea* belonging to Mike Penney. This orchid has shrimp-pink flowers and white-speckled leaves, so is attractive even when not in flower.

The Best Hybrid in Show was awarded to Clive Hobbs for *Masdevallia floribunda* x Copper Angel (I think the name is bigger than the plant!). This lovely miniature orchid had about 20 flowers of a peachy colour with red spots; very attractive.

The Best Species in Show was awarded to Mike Penney for *Coelogyne fimbriata* (for the 2nd year running). This very large plant (about 2 ft across) was completely covered in yellow flowers with a brown, hairy lip and certainly stood out in the hall.

FLORAL GROUP PROGRAMME

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.

January 12th	Members Social Evening
February 9th	Elsie Chaplin NATURE'S CHARM, Charming arrangements taking us away from the gloom of winter
March 8th	Lucinda Knapman FABULOUS FLOWERS, Using Spring flowers in abundance to create beautiful arrangements
April 12th	Stephen McDonnell OUT OF ASIA, A touch of the exotic – this evening will tempt us to try something new
May 10th	Angela Merryfield, FLOWERS & MUSIC, A wonderful combination will give us a relaxing evening June 14th, Gill Home TIME OUT, an intriguing title – well we will find out what this means.....
July 12th	MEMBERS WORKSHOP Members names will be taken for this workshop
August 9th	Gillian Sadler SHOW STOPPERS, Summer flowers come into their own – a galaxy of colours
September 13th	Julie Brownlee ISN'T IT LOVELY, We are all sure it will be lovely as Julie always makes it a fun event
October 11th	A.G.M. (T.B.A), Doors open 7 pm for 7.30 pm start
November 8th	Open Meeting, Nick Grounds CHRISTMAS CAROLS FLORAL DEMONSTRATION to be held at The BAPTIST CHURCH, Crabtree Road, West Green, Crawley
December 13th	NO MEETING

ORCHID GROUP AUTUMN SHOW

The day dawned foggy and didn't bode well; also, the Show co-incided with the World Orchid Congress in Singapore. So, when both entrant and visitor numbers were well down,

2012 SHOW DATES

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

31 March	Spring Show
22 April	Orchid Spring Show
16 April	Alpine Spring Show
26 May	Cactus and Succulent Show
16 June	Pelargonium and Geranium Show
23 June	Summer Show
4 August	Fuchsia Show
8 September	Autumn part 1
15 September	Autumn part 2
21 October	Orchid Autumn Show

All the shows are held in the hall and are open to members and general public from 1:30 pm, except the Cactus Show which is open from 10:00 am

**Notice is hereby given of the
59TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
to be held on 23rd February 2012 In the CHS Hall**

Items to be raised as Any Other Business must be in writing and received by the Secretary by noon on 1st January. Any nominations for election of Officers must be in writing and received by the Secretary not less than 14 days prior to the meeting (by 9th February). Any nominations for election to the Management Committee should be lodged with the Secretary prior to the meeting. Refreshments will be served after the close of business. Please stay and have an informal chat with the Committee, your views are always welcome.

TREVOR FIGG

All written documents to be sent to me at the hall address below or by email to secretary@crawleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk;

EMAIL ADDRESSES

When you first joined or when you renew your membership, we ask for your email address. As a good percentage of members have provided one, we propose in future to advise you of important events including when the Newsletter is available on the website.

To avoid errors and disappointment, we wish to check we have correct addresses, and ask you to send an email with CHS as the subject to info@crawleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk to confirm your address.

If you want to receive Society updates by email and are not already in our records, please email a request to the address above.

BONSAI WORLD 2011

When the Sussex Bonsai Society put on an exhibition you can be sure of a spectacular show. Their members have won many gold awards at Chelsea. As hosts for the National event they chose to come to Crawley's K2 for this year's show – and what a show!

Magnificent trees, perfect miniatures, yet often up to 100 years old. Healthy specimens growing happily in their specially designed pots, carefully nurtured by enthusiastic owners and exquisitely displayed.

Many individual clubs were allocated long tables so each could stage their own exhibits. Crawley Horticultural Society bonsai group was the smallest and youngest bonsai club being represented. As such we felt responsible for creating an honourable stand.

The exhibition organisers provided black tablecloths with white background screens. Unlike more affluent clubs we don't have the mahogany antique stands for our trees so we black sprayed wide diameter plastic pipe and sheets of slate. We chose a few of our finest trees and arranged them to their best advantage. It was a creditable display and stood proudly alongside the other clubs.

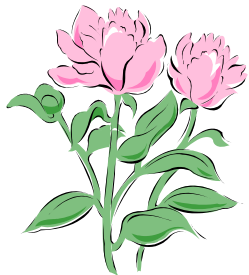
The show had many other attractions including a Japanese tea ceremony, Ikebana - the Japanese art of flower arranging - workshops and practical demonstrations for pruning and shaping bonsai trees plus much more to entertain visitors. We felt honoured to be taking part.

BERYL ARMSTRONG

A HEARTFELT APOLOGY

We wish to offer our sincere apologies for not giving credit where it was well deserved, to the ladies who help in the Walled Garden. The 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 was reported in the Spring Newsletter, but did not mention the essential support given to the team by their lady wives.

2012 PLANT SALE



The annual plant sale will be held in the hall over the weekend of 19 and 20 May 2012, between the hours of 9.0am and 12 noon. Plants include bedding, perennials and vegetables.

May 26	Annual Show CHS Hall	10:00 am
June 4	Paul Klaassen, What I saw last winter, Echinocereus Group, Caudiciform succulent, Plant in flower	
July 2	Cliff Thompson, Brazil, part 2 Minas Gerais Cristate/Variiegated cactus, Crisate/Variiegated succulent, Plant in Flower	
August 6	No meeting	
September 3	Dave Clark, Crassulaceae, Part 1, Strombocactus Group, Adromischus, Plant in Flower	
October 1	Graham Evans, Marvellous Mammillarias Mammillaria Group Lithops, Plant in flower	
November 5	David Neville Travels in Southern Mexico Espostoa Group, Stapeliad, Plant in flower	
December 3	AGM, Social and sales table.	

COTTAGE GARDEN GROUP

The Group meets on the first Wednesday of each month except October.

THE FUCHSIA & PELAGONIUM GROUP

The Fuchsia and Pelagonium Group meet on the third Wednesday of each month except August and December. See Calendar for dates.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GROUP

The Fruit and Vegetable group meet on the second Monday of each month for illustrated talks and discussion of member's problems. See Calendar for dates.

THE ORCHID GROUP

The Group meets on the 3rd Sunday of the Month at 14.30, unless otherwise stated.

January 15	Annual General Meeting	
February 19	Speaker – Mike Buckingham on Masdeval	lias
March 18	To be advised	
April 22 (4th Sun)	Spring Show at 13.30	
May 13 (2nd Sun)	Speaker – Daniel Denness on Terrestrial	Orchids
June 17	To be advised	
July 15	To be advised	
August 19	Visit to Ratcliffe Orchids (no meeting at Hall)	
September 16	To be advised	
October 21	Autumn Show at 13.30	
November 18	To be advised	
December 16	Xmas get-together	

GROUP PROGRAMMES FOR 2012

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 BONSAI GROUP

Meetings are held every third Thursday of each month in the hall at 8pm.

January 19	Workshop & bring & buy sale.
February 16	Workshop. Re-pot and style.
March 15	Workshop.
April 15 (SUNDAY)	Visit to Mark's wood to collect possible new trees .
April 19	Workshop (bring previous collected material) or other.
May 17	Workshop for combined Show with Alpine Group, TBA
June 21	Nursery Visit Local—to be arranged
July 19	Workshop or Speaker/Demonstration
August 16	Re-style Demonstration.
September 20	A.G.M., plus chat and refreshments.
October 18	Workshop.
November 15	Bonsai Group's Supper in the CHS Hall.
December	No Meeting.

Note : The subject of some meetings may change.

THE BRIDGE GROUP

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 Chairman, John Lake, telephone. 01293 527325.

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

February 6	John Ede, Huntington & the Joshua Trees Euphorbia, Plant in flower	Parodia Group,
March 5	Angie Money, California & Arizona 2011 Haworthia Group, Plant in flower	Neoporteria Group
April 2	Stuart Riley, Around the Collection Gasteria Group, Plant in flower	Melocactus Group,
May 7	John Hughes, Back to Bahia (Brazil) Sanseveria Group, Plant in flower	Rebutia Group,

FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SEEDS

On sale NOW at the CHS shop is a great selection of both vegetable and flowers seeds.

There are vegetable seeds to suit all gardeners, whether you have an allotment, garden or just pots on a patio/balcony. We have several dwarf varieties of vegetable and patio salads. Green Manures are also available.

There is also a wide range of flower seeds this year that will create a really colourful garden. How about a patriotic theme this year - Red, White and Blue to celebrate both the Olympics and the Queens Jubilee. In addition all seeds have a 20% discount. "

Also, take a look at our budget range of seeds at only 90p per pack.

PUBLICITY

CHS membership numbers have remained fairly static at around a thousand over the last few years however 2012 sees the Society celebrate its Diamond Jubilee.

Yes, we've been going for 60 years! Consider this: the population of Crawley is about 100,000 in 40,000 households, many of which have gardens. There are 20 Council Allotment sites with over 600 plots. We have just 1,000 members of whom well over one quarter are long-term life members.

So, in our Diamond Jubilee year, let's raise our profile in the Crawley Gardening Community; let's get some more members and while we are at it; we need a volunteer or two or more to help publicise the Society's activities as well as our existence! If you can help, please contact any of the Committee.

BULB SALE



The annual bulb sale will be held in the hall over the weekend of 1st and 2nd September between the hours of 9.0am and 12 noon

CHS CALENDAR 2012

January	Wednesday 18	Fuchsia Group	8.00pm
	Thursday 19	Bonsai Group	8.00pm
	Saturday 21	Quiz Night , Cancer Research UK	7.30pm
February	Wednesday 1	Cottage Garden Group	8.00pm
	Monday 6	Cactus Group	7.30pm
	Monday 13	Fruit & Veg Group	8.00pm
	Wednesday 15	Fuchsia Group	8.00pm
	Thursday 16	Bonsai Group Workshop	8.00pm
	Sunday 19	Orchid Group	2.30pm
	Monday 20	Alpine Group	8.00pm
	Thursday 23	Society A.G.M.	7.45pm
March	Saturday 3	Saturday shop opens	9.00am –12 noon
	Monday 5	Cactus Group	7.30pm
	Wednesday 7	Cottage Garden Group	8.00pm
	Monday 12	Fruit & Veg Group	8.00pm
	Thursday 15	Bonsai Group	8.00pm
	Sunday 18	Orchid Group	2.30 pm
	Monday 19	Alpine Group	8.00pm
	Wednesday 21	Fuchsia Group	8.00pm
	Saturday 31	Spring Show	1.30pm
	Monday 2	Cactus Group	7.30pm
	Wednesday 4	Shop opens	6.30pm—8.00pm
Wednesday 4	Cottage Garden Group	8.00pm	
Monday 9	Fruit & Veg Group	8.00pm	
Sunday 15	Visit to Mark's Wood		
Monday 16	Alpine Group Show	8.00pm	
Wednesday 18	Fuchsia Group	8.00pm	
Thursday 19	Bonsai Group	8.00pm	
Sunday 22	Orchid Group Spring Show	1.30pm	
May	Wednesday 2	Cottage Garden Group	8.00pm
	Monday 7	Cactus Group	7.30 pm
	Sunday 13	Orchid Group	2.30pm
	Monday 14	Fruit & Veg Group	8.00pm
	Wednesday 16	Fuchsia Group	8.00pm
	Thursday 17	Bonsai Group	8.00pm
	Saturday & Sunday 19 & 20 Plant Sale	In Shop hours	
	Monday 21	Alpine Group	8.00pm
	Saturday 26	Cactus Group Show	10.00am
	Monday 4	Cactus Group	7.30pm
Wednesday 6	Cottage Garden Group	8.00pm	
Monday 11	Fruit & Veg Group	8.00pm	
Saturday 16	Pelargonium Show & Bonsai Display	1.30pm	
Saturday 23	Summer Show	1.30pm	
Sunday 17	Orchid Group	2.30pm	
Monday 18	Alpine Group	8.00pm	

June (cont)	Thursday 21	Bonsai Group Show	8.00pm
	Wednesday 27	Last day shop open	
July	Monday 2	Cactus Group	7.30pm
	Wednesday 4	Cottage Garden Group	8.00pm
	Monday 9	Fruit & Veg Group	8.00pm
	Sunday 15	Orchid Group	2.30pm
	Monday 16	Alpine Group	8.00pm
	Wednesday 18	Fuchsia Group	8.00pm
	Thursday 19	Bonsai Group	8.00pm
	Wednesday 1	Cottage Garden Group	8.00pm
August	Saturday 4	Fuchsia Show	1.30pm
	Monday 13	Fruit & Veg Group	8.00pm
	Thursday 16	Bonsai Group	8.00pm
	Sunday 19	Orchid Group, no meeting in hall	2.30pm
	Monday 20	Alpine Group	8.00pm
	Sat/Sunday 1 & 2	Bulb Sale in Shop hours	
	Monday 3	Cactus Group	7.30pm
	Wednesday 5	Cottage Garden Group	8.00pm
September	Saturday 8	1st CHS Autumn Show	1.30pm
	Monday 10	Fruit & Veg Group	8.00pm
	Saturday 15	CHS 2nd Autumn Show	1.30pm
	Sunday 16	Orchid Group	2.30pm
	Monday 17	Alpine Group	8.00pm
	Wednesday 19	Fuchsia Group	8.00pm
	Thursday 20	Bonsai Group AGM	8.00pm
	Saturday 29	Saturday shop last day	
	Monday 1	Cactus Group	7.30pm
	Monday 8	Fruit & Veg Group	8.00pm
October	Monday 15	Alpine Group	8.00pm
	Wednesday 17	Fuchsia Group	8.00pm
	Thursday 18	Bonsai Group	8.00pm
	Sunday 21	Orchid Group , Autumn Show	1.30pm
	Monday 5	Cactus Group	7.30pm
	Wednesday 7	Cottage Garden Group	8.00pm
	Monday 12	Fruit & Veg Group	8.00pm
	Thursday 15	Bonsai Group	8.00pm
November	Sunday 18	Orchid Group	2.30pm
	Monday 19	Alpine Group	8.00pm
	Wednesday 21	Fuchsia Group	8.00pm
	Monday 3	Cactus Group AGM	7.30pm
	Wednesday 5	Cottage Garden Group	9.00pm
	Sunday 9	Shop last day trading 2012	9.00am
	Sunday 16	Orchid Christmas get-together	2.30pm

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