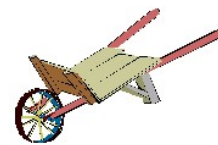
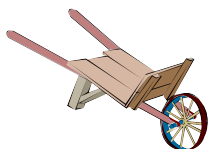


Name

2024 Membership Number

Benhill-Crescent Horticultural Society



Benhill Road, Sutton, SM1 3SA

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Trading Hut Open Every Sunday 10:00am – 12:30pm

2024 SHOW SCHEDULE

Family Fun Day

Summer Show (open to all BCHS Members)

Spud-in-a-Tub & Beetroot Competition 'Beet It'

Games for all the family, raffle,

bring a picnic from 12pm

Sunday 7th July at Allotment Site, Benhill Road, Sutton

Autumn Show (note new date)

Sunday 1st September held at Benhill Allotment Site.

Open to the Public at 2.00pm

Free Entry

Diary of Events for 2024

As a member of the Benhill-Crescent Horticultural Society we ask that you support these events and participate in the raffles supporting MERU
(Medical Engineering Resource Unit)

DATE	EVENT
Sunday 12th May	Plant Swap and Open Day 10am-12.30pm
Saturday 1 st June	Coach outing with Surrey Organic Gardening Group
Saturday 6 th July	Quiz Night and Fish n' Chips on the 'lawns', 7pm
Sunday 7th July	Family Fun Day, All Members Summer Show (open to all BCHS Members), Staging 9.00-11.30am Spud-in-a-Tub & 'Beet It' Competitions in by 11.00am Games for all the family, raffle, bring a picnic from 12pm
Sunday 1st September	Autumn Show – note new date 9.00am staging, 2:00pm open to public.
Sunday 17 th November	AGM in Meeting Room on Allotment Site Starts at 12:00 noon
Sunday 22nd December	Festive Celebrations Trading as usual
Sunday 29th Dec 2024 and 5 th Jan 2025	Trading Hut closed (Reopens January 12 th – renew membership)

Please complete your entry form on the loose sheets in the Schedule for the Shows and give or send to Graham Cockram by
9.00pm Friday 5th July for the Summer Show and by
9.00pm Friday 30th August for the Autumn Show

or

email to gc_139@hotmail.com

For either show, entry forms can be posted by the above times, into the black metal posting box attached to the front of the trading hut at the allotment site

For Show Rules see Pages 4 and 5

The Summer Show
at Benhill Allotment Site,
Sunday 7th July 2024
Judge: Mr A Hills

1. a vase of flowers
2. 9 stems of sweet peas
3. 6 beans (French), with stalks
4. 9 beans (runner), with stalks
5. 3 beetroots, one variety, with at least 7.5cm tops
6. 1 cabbage, with at least 7.5cm stalk
7. 3 carrots, with at least 7.5cm tops
8. 3 courgettes, between 13cm – 20cm long (length requirement excluding round varieties)
9. 1 cucumber
10. 3 garlic bulbs
11. 2 lettuces, with roots
12. 6 mangetout peas, with stalks
13. 6 pods of peas, with stalks
14. 1 marrow, not to exceed 45cm in length
15. 5 onions (autumn sown), as grown (not tied or trimmed)
16. 10 onions (salad)
17. 5 potatoes, any variety
18. 10 radishes
19. 10 spinach / beet / chard leaves
20. 3 sticks of rhubarb, no leaves, with 7.5cm tops
21. any other vegetable not mentioned above
22. 10 strawberries with stalks (one dish)
23. 10 raspberries with stalks (one dish)
24. 10 blackberries with stalks (one dish)
25. 10 gooseberries with stalks (one dish)
26. any other soft fruit
27. "Beet It" competition (Beetroot seed supplied for small fee – see over for rules)

Junior Section - Up to 12 Years of Age on 1st Jan 2024

28. a grown vegetable
29. a miniature garden made from grown material
30. an arrangement of wild flowers or leaves

'Spud-in-a-Tub' Competition – Open to all members

Each entry will be laid out on a tray, noting weight and number of potatoes.

The "Gordon Bennett" Trophy is awarded to the grower of the greatest total weight of potatoes grown from a single seed potato along with a BCHS voucher for £10. The smallest entry will win the 'Tryarda Trophy'.

'Spud' Rules

- A different variety of seed potato is selected by the show committee each year.
- Members can purchase as many entries as they wish from the Trading Hut from January.
- All potatoes must be grown from the seed potato provided. (Potatoes grown from other varieties will be disqualified) in the plastic poly bag provided.
- Growers can choose the growing medium and method
- All entries must be brought to the weigh-in still in the poly bag as grown. (Tops can be removed.)
- We will dispose of any entries not collected at the end of the event.

'Beet It' Competition – Open to all members

'Beet It' Rules

- Members can purchase as many entries as they wish from the Trading Hut from February – entries will be a quantity of seeds of a beetroot variety in a paper envelope
- All beetroots entered must be grown from the seeds
- Growers can choose the growing medium and method
- Showing, display up to three of your best beetroot, show as dug but clean the beetroot – there will be a section in the show – please ask the Show Committee members with any questions
- A £10 BCHS voucher will be awarded to the grower of the best beetroots and £5 to the runner up
- This is a fun competition, please enter what you have grown!
- We will dispose of any entries not collected at the end of the event

Best Allotment Competition

- Judging for these awards takes place in the summer.

Trophies are awarded for the following:

- a) best lady allotment holder
- b) best novice plot
- c) best 125 m2 allotment
- d) best 250 m2 allotment

Showing Rules

1. The Schedule:

Please read this schedule carefully, including the rules, and refer any queries you may have to the Show Secretary, Graham Cockram at gc_139@hotmail.com

- The judge's decision is final in all cases.
- Judging is to be in accordance with National Vegetable Society rules, where appropriate.

2. Who can enter?

- Exhibitors for either Show must be members of the Benhill-Crescent Horticultural Society.
- Two or more people may not compete separately in the same class with exhibits from the same garden and/or allotment.
- Exhibitors must have grown plant exhibits for at least 3 months prior to the Show.
- Children may enter exhibits for the Junior Sections, for free.
- A novice is a person who has not won a first prize at any show in the specified section in which he/she is exhibiting. Prizes awarded in novice sections will not count towards trophies.

3. Place, dates and times:

- Both the Summer Show on Sunday July 7th and the Autumn Show on Sunday September 1st are held at the Allotment Site in Benhill Road.
- Staging is from 9.00 -11.30am on the day of the show (judging starts at 12 noon). Exhibitors are asked to leave the Show Area by 11.30am to give the stewards an opportunity to check exhibits before judging.
- The Autumn Show is open in the afternoon to the public at 2.00pm.
- Awards will be presented at approximately 12.30pm at the Summer Show and approximately 4.00pm at the Autumn Show. Exhibits must remain staged until this time.
- Please use the loose entry forms included with this Schedule to submit your entries and note the dates and times, **especially the deadline date and time. Late entries will be charged double.**
- **Please be considerate when parking** to unload exhibits. **Trolleys are available** to help avoid numerous trips to and from your vehicle.

4. The number of specimens required:

Please pay particular attention to the number and sizes (if given) of specimens required in the Schedule, as an exhibit that consists of more or less will be disqualified and labelled 'NAS', (Not According to Schedule).

5. Presentation of produce:

- All exhibits should be staged as attractively as possible with consideration given to 'condition' and 'uniformity'. An exhibit is 'uniform' when the items of which it consists are alike in age, size and form.
- An exhibit in good condition should be fresh, clean and free from blemishes and diseases.
- All exhibits should be clean and the outside of any pots should be washed.
- The natural bloom on fruit enhances its' appearance.
- Soft fruit should be shown on the stalk.
- All vegetables should be properly prepared for exhibition, with roots washed.
- It is customary to display certain items on a plate, eg. tomatoes. Plates are provided.
- Sand can be used to display.
- Carrots, beetroots, parsnips, rhubarb etc must have the leaves removed, leaving at least 7.5cm tops.
- Onions and shallots should be tied with raffia (unless otherwise stated).
- Vases are provided by the Society for all classes except those in which 'any container' or 'bowl' may be used.
- A 'dish' in the schedule refers to a specified quantity of a fruit or vegetable, which may be displayed on a table or on a receptacle of any shape.

6. Prize Money: Entry fees: All Classes / 20p per entry

Junior Classes Free

1st - £2.00 2nd - £1.00 3rd - 50p will be presented at approximately 12.30pm at the Summer Show and approximately 4.00 pm at the Autumn Show.

All adult classes will be paid in BCHS Vouchers.

Some awards are given according to points received:

1st - 6 points 2nd - 3 points 3rd - 2 points

- The person with the most points in the Summer Show will win an award.
- Best Exhibit in both the Summer & Autumn Show will be awarded the N.V.S. Silver Medal at the judge's discretion.

Exhibitors must clear away their entries at the end of the show, including emptying vases and disposing of sand/paper used in displays.

Any matter not provided for in these rules will be referred to the Show Secretary, whose decision is final.

The Autumn Show at Benhill Allotment Site

Sunday 1st September, 2024

An award will be presented to the person with the most first prizes in the Autumn Show.

An award will be presented to the exhibitor with the highest number of points in the Flowers Section in the Show.

Flowers

Judge: TBA

Chrysanthemum

1. 1 vase, 3 chrysanthemum blooms
2. 1 chrysanthemum bloom, any classification
3. 1 vase containing 3 stems of spray chrysanthemums, 1 or more cultivars
4. **Novice Class:** 1 vase, 3 chrysanthemum blooms

Dahlias

- Blooms exceeding the limits will be judged 'not according to schedule'.
- Small: Blooms must not exceed 170mm diameter
- Medium: Blooms must not exceed 220mm diameter

5. 3 dahlia blooms, medium decorative
6. 3 dahlia blooms, small decorative
7. a vase of no more than 12 quality dahlias, any container
8. **Novice Class:** 3 dahlia blooms, medium flowered

Fuchsias

9. 6 florets, a minimum of 2 different varieties (container supplied)

Other Flowers

10. 1 specimen rose
11. 1 vase, 3 stems, any flowering shrub, any variety or varieties.
12. 1 vase mixed garden flowers.
13. 1 vase, 6 stems, annuals, 1 cultivar only
14. 1 vase, 6 stems, perennials, 1 cultivar, excluding Dahlia and Chrysanthemum

Plants

Judge: TBA

An award will be presented to the exhibitor with the highest number of points in the Plants Section

15. 1 single flowered fuchsia, pot not to exceed 20cm
16. 1 double or semi-double flowered fuchsia, pot not to exceed 20cm

17. 1 pot plant, flowering, excluding fuchsia and pelargonium
18. 1 pot plant, pelargonium
19. 1 pot plant, coleus
20. 1 pot plant, foliage, excluding coleus
21. 1 cactus or succulent, any container
22. 1 pot containing cacti or succulents not exceeding 30cm

Vegetables

Judge: Mr A Hills

The NVS Silver Medal will be awarded to the best single dish in the vegetable section, excluding Collections.

An award will be presented to the exhibitor with the most points in the Autumn Show in the vegetable section.

23. The BCHS Premier Tray

This exhibit will be a collection of 3 vegetables from the 8 listed below:

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| (3) potatoes | (2) cabbages | (3) onions | (6) tomatoes |
| (6) runner beans | (3) beetroot | (3) parsnips | (3) carrots |

- Numbers required in brackets
- All vegetables should be displayed within an area 46cm deep by 60cm frontage
- A black base cloth or board is required for presentation
- The only garnishing material allowed is parsley. No other material, ie plates, sand etc is allowed
- Onion tops, not to exceed 7.5cm may be tied or whipped using raffia
- Judged on NVS rules, with all vegetables allocated points out of 20

Prizes: 1st - £10 BCHS Voucher 2nd - £5 BCHS Voucher. 3rd - £3 BCHS Voucher.

24. 9 beans (French), with stalks
25. 9 beans (runner), with stalks
26. 3 beetroots, round or cylindrical, with at least 7.5cm tops
27. 2 cabbages, or savoy, with at least 7.5cm stalks
28. 3 carrots with at least 7.5cm tops
29. 2 cobs of sweetcorn, with outer leaves peeled back at the top
30. 3 courgettes grown between 12cm – 20cm in length
31. 1 cucumber
32. 3 garlic bulbs
33. 2 leeks, shown as grown
34. 2 marrows, not to exceed 45cm in length
35. 5 onions, 1 cultivar, not to exceed 250grms each

36. 3 onions, 1 cultivar, over 250grms each
37. 2 parsnips, with at least 7.5cm tops
38. 3 sweet peppers, with stalks
39. 6 chilli peppers, with stalks
40. 5 potatoes, white, on a dish
41. 5 potatoes, coloured, on a dish (includes coloured eyes)
42. 10 tomatoes (cherry), not exceeding 3.5cm diameter, with stalks, on a dish
43. 6 tomatoes, with stalks, on a dish
44. 6 plum tomatoes, with stalks, on a dish
45. 10 shallots on a dish
46. 1 squash
47. 3 sticks of rhubarb, no leaves, with 7.5cm tops
48. any other vegetable not listed above

Fruit	Judge: Mr A Hills
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An award will be presented to the exhibitor with the highest number of points in the Fruit Section in the Autumn Show

49. 3 dessert apples
50. 3 cooking apples
51. 3 pears, any variety
52. 10 blackberries with stalks on a dish
53. any other fruit not mentioned above

Novelty	Judge: Mr A Hills
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Points and prizes awarded in this class will not contribute to any award or medal

54. 1 green runner bean, judged by length
55. 1 green runner bean, judged by curliness
56. 1 onion, judged by weight
57. 1 potato, judged by weight
58. 1 pumpkin, judged by weight
59. 1 truss of tomatoes, judged by weight
60. most amusing shaped veg

An award will be presented to the exhibitor with the highest number of points in the Domestic Section in the Autumn Show.

Baking

- Sugar should NOT be sprinkled on cookery for decoration
- All exhibits should be displayed on a plate or board (except apple pie)
- Pastry/cake mixes used should be made by the exhibitor
- 'Large' baked items should be between 18cm and 25cm in diameter

61. a large Victoria sandwich, jam filled (not dusted with sugar)
62. a large fruit cake (not iced)
63. 6 chocolate chip muffins
64. 6 fruit scones
65. 6 Flapjacks
66. any other sweet baked item not listed above, presented with a list of ingredients and method
67. a large savoury flan, not to exceed 25cm
68. a loaf of bread with a list of ingredients made without using a bread machine
69. any other savoury baked item not listed above

Preserved Foods

- Clear covers for jars are required
- Metal lids should be removed before judging commences
- Clean jars, labelled appropriately

70. jar of soft fruit jam, made in the current year
71. jar of stone fruit jam, made in the current year
72. jar of any other fruit jam, made in the current year
73. jar of marmalade, made in the current year
74. jar of jelly, made in the current year
75. jar of chutney, made since September 2023
76. jar of relish, chili jam, pickle or ketchup, made since Sept 2023

Artwork

Judge: Miss S Besnard

An award will be presented to the exhibitor with the highest number of points in the Handicraft and Artwork Sections in the Autumn Show. All Items in this section can be created by using any media but should NOT have been previously exhibited in a BCHS Show

77. a collage using a variety of materials
78. a picture of summer living
79. a formal arrangement that includes fruit

Photographic

Judge: Miss S Besnard

An award will be presented to the exhibitor with the highest number of points in the Photographic Section in the Autumn Show. All photographs to be taken by the exhibitor and should not exceed 25cm x 20cm unless otherwise stated and presented with a caption describing the subject / location / theme of the photograph

80. a photograph of dusk
81. a photograph of something fluffy
82. a photograph with the theme "nighttime city"
83. a photograph of a sporting event
84. a photograph of a close-up portrait

Handicraft

Judge: Miss S Besnard

An award will be presented to the exhibitor with the highest number of points in the Handicraft and Artwork Sections in the Autumn Show. All Items in this section can be using any media but should NOT have been previously exhibited in a BCHS Show

85. any hand knitted article
86. any machine, hand sewn or embroidered article
87. any piece of handicraft not listed above, made without using a kit with sketches/notes showing idea development.

Junior Section

Judge: Miss S Besnard

- Up to 12 Years of Age on 1st Jan 2023

An award will be presented to the junior exhibitor with the highest number of points in the Junior Section in the Autumn Show. Age must be stated on exhibitor's card.

- Prizes: 1st – 50p; 2nd – 40p; 3rd – 30p
88. a flower or vegetable grown from seed
 89. any model constructed from Plasticine, Clay or Lego
 90. a vegetable monster
 91. a coloured picture drawn freehand, no bigger than A4
 92. any baked item
 93. a plate of 5 decorated 'rich tea' biscuits

WINNER OF 'SPUD-IN-A-TUB'

Shaun & Karen Snelling

WINNER OF JULY SHOW

Katie Budgen

WINNERS OF SEPTEMBER SHOW

**Jill Ayres – Artwork / Philip Jemson – Domestic
Helen Newman and Agnes Szatman Nyoglyme – Flowers
David Ayres – Fruit / Graham Cockram – Photographic
John White – Vegetable**

Thank you to all those who entered last year
and the best of luck to those entering 2024

Graham and the Show Committee

The Allotment Shop

The shop is run by volunteer members for the benefit of all members. Any profit is used to improve the services provided.

An extensive range of items is stocked for every aspect of horticulture, both usual and specialist. These are on sale at competitive prices.

Many items are purchased in bulk by the society and re-packaged in smaller sizes so that members can benefit from low prices.

If you don't see what you are looking for, please ask. There are many items that are not on display.

The shop sells:

- Canes – of varying lengths
- Fertilizers
- Compost / John Innes / Growbags / Manure / Bark Chippings
- Hand Tools / General Gardening Equipment
- Hanging Baskets
- Pesticides
- Plant Food
- Bird Food – available in bulk
- Bird Feeders
- Chicken Pellets / Mash
- Plants – both flowers and vegetable depending on season
- Fish Food
- Plant Pots – of varying sizes and type

Can you spare a few hours on Sunday?

If you would like to help on some Sunday mornings as a volunteer, doing a variety of tasks, including weighing up, stocking the Trading Hut or serving either behind the counter or in the Barn, please speak to one of the Committee members on duty.

We always welcome new faces!