

# Chiswick Horticultural and Allotments Society (CHS)

## MAY 2010 NEWSLETTER

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### CHS COMMITTEE

Following the elections at the 2010 Annual General Meeting, the full list of officers of the Society until the AGM in 2011 is as follows:-

President:	Felicity Barwood
Vice-Presidents:	Kurt Berger, Diana Graves, Paul Lynch, Dawn Walsh
Chairman:	Rosemary Day
Secretary:	Catherine Steele
Treasurer:	Henry Gewanter
Committee Members:	Alastair Britten, Philip Cole, Jill Morris, Dan Roberts, Andrew Steele

There is a copy of the 2010 AGM minutes at the Trading Hut, for anyone who wishes to see them. They will shortly be available to view on the CHS website [www.chsw4.org](http://www.chsw4.org).

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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

#### PLANT SALE - 8 and 9 May

There will be a plant sale at the new Trading Hut on **Saturday 8 May (11am - 3pm)** and **Sunday 9 May (10am - 12.30pm)** when we will be selling geraniums, fuchsias, begonias, verbenas, impatiens, marigolds, stocks, petunias, nicotiana, assorted hanging basket plants, as well as herbs and a selection of vegetable seedlings (peppers, tomatoes, sweet corn etc). Plants available on the day are of course rather dependent on weather conditions as we are about two weeks behind compared to 2009.

Please leave your cars in Staveley Road as it will not be possible for members to park outside the Trading Hut during the Plant Sale.

#### STING IN THE TAIL - TALK ON BEE-KEEPING - 13 May

We are delighted to announce that Mr Chris Deaves will come to give Members a talk on bee-keeping on **Thursday 13 May** at 8pm in the Trading Hut.

Chris has been the Hon.Tutor at the Twickenham & Thames Valley Bee-Keeping Association for the last ten years. He is also a member of the British Bee-Keeping Association Executive, where he chairs the National Education & Husbandry Sub-committee. In his talk, Chris will look the community in the beehive, the relationship between bees and flowering plants, how honey is produced and how bee-keepers keep bees. Questions will be welcomed!

Entrance is free to Members - but donations will be welcome.

#### JUNE SHOW - 19 June

This year we are holding all the Shows at the new Trading Hut. We will hold three shows this year to try and match more closely with how your gardens grow - and hope the experiment will be a great success.

The first of the three Shows (the June Show) will be held on **Saturday 19 June** at 2pm. Please see your 2010 Handbook for the list of entry categories and PLEASE have a go at entering! The sign of a thriving Horticultural Society is one with lots of entries at its Shows when Members can show off the results of their cultivation.

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**FINALLY**

Over 330 members have already renewed their subscriptions for 2010 (which is brilliant!) but there are still over 100 who have not done so. If you wish to continue to be able to use the Trading Hut and to receive the Trading Hut newsletters please renew as soon as possible.

Subscriptions were due on 1 January, and are £10 per year (single) / £14 (household membership), or £5 / £7 for concessions. Those members wishing to make an additional donation to the Society can sign a **Gift Aid Declaration form (incorporated in the Renewal Form)**. This will not cost you anything but will enable the Society to reclaim an additional 25p for each £1 donated.

If it is difficult to get to the Hut you can renew **by post** (or by hand) to Philip Cole on the address on the Renewal Form with a cheque made payable to "Chiswick Horticultural and Allotments Society".

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