CHURCH CROOKHAM and FLEET GARDEN SOCIETY

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Dear Member, 2nd September 2025

We have had another busy summer.

RHS Wisley Visit

This was very well attended, with thanks to Gillian Rose for arranging. Over thirty people joined the tour group, and they all had a very interesting day. Wisley once again delivered stunning displays, with many new flowers and plants. We have no photos of the day so if anyone has a photo you would like to share, please send them in or pop on the face book page.



Summer Show

Our Summer show took place on 16th August. The show report was sent a few days ago and will be on the website. Attached is a list of this year's prize winners, along with most of the Potato Challenge results. Sorry if your name is missing, the full results are currently lost in the depths of the shed at the moment! Hopefully most people are on the list, and will now know what they have to aim for next year!



I have also attached photos of all the trophy winners. Another mishap that we forgot to take a group photo at the end. If anyone would like to take up this media role of photographer for the Society, please get in touch.

The Church Crookham Community Centre hall worked really well and displayed the flowers and produce off to their best. Once again congratulations to all our winners and especially to those who came along and supported the event. It was very much appreciated.

Harvest Supper & Quiz Night - Saturday 18th October

On 18th October we will be holding our Harvest Supper & Quiz. A fun, social evening where you bring your own food and drink and join in with the quiz. Teams will be made up on the night so

there is no need to be in a team beforehand. It will be from 7.30pm at the WI hall, Crookham Village. To get an idea of numbers please get in touch.



Trading shed

The Trading shed will still be open every Saturday until 11th October. There is plenty of Natural Organic peat free compost available at £5 for an 80l bag. Perfect for any mulching needs over the winter.

The Dobies 2026 catalogue will be out soon. We failed to get enough orders last year, but thankfully the 2026 discount code will still be made available to us for next year. We will have further information soon, but please be aware what good value it is with a wide range of top quality seeds on offer. Putting an order through using our new code will help us retain this offer for future years. I don't think they will be as kind to us next year if we don't meet the required amount again.

The shed will open on the first Saturday of November and December, 10-11.30am for compost and the Dobies catalogue. We can also arrange collection/drop off of the catalogue, at your convenience if you can't make it to the shed on either of those days. This is a new trial opening on these dates. It allows members to get their last minute winter/early spring supplies, as well as allow us to try to increase the number of Dobie seed orders. In addition to the normal supplies Jill will have a supply of bird food (peanuts) available to buy at a very reasonable 2kg for £5.

What's On In September

This **Saturday 6th September** is Fleet Nature Day at Fleet Market in Gurkha square 10-3pm. Promoting giving space for nature and offering nature walks at 10am and 2pm. Other activities will be available for all the family including a self-led tree spotter walk. (Poster attached)

On **Sunday 14th September**, Hook has their annual Flower & Produce Show. Like ours it is free entry for exhibitors and public. Poster and details are attached if you wish to attend another local show and enjoy a nice piece of cake!

Happy Gardening

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