

# CSGGA Newsletter

## October 2021



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## Chorleywood Community Orchard

Alison Rubens

Alison was the founder and until recently, Chairman of the Chorleywood Community Orchard which was formed in 2008. They were fortunate in being given the land at Chorleywood House by Three Rivers Council. The orchard consisted of 140 trees which are sponsored by local people, mostly apple but some plum, cherry and damson. The trees were planted as 1 and 2 year saplings which had to be watered regularly for the first two years. The varieties they grow are Hertfordshire heritage apples known to have been

grown locally. In fact, the site appears as orchard on old maps. The trees are only sprayed against disease once a year.

They have a good number of volunteers for watering, weeding, tying and staking. They have a monthly Work Day with the tasks emailed ahead. The trees are planted at 8m distance because they grow those with a vigorous rootstock which is best for poor soil.

The Community Orchard is very much involved with School and Nursery Days, Apple Days, Pressed Apple Juice, Bug Hunts, Pruning Workshops, Preparation and Selling Jams, Jellies and Chutneys, a Christmas Festival and Wassailing. Even the local butcher is involved after being asked to make apple sausages! The Apple Day seems like a local Festival with BBQ, Raffles, Cake Stall and Apple pressing. There is an off-shoot of a Cider Club with the cider on sale at local events. Pests, particularly squirrels are a problem. People can pick the fruit but this may cause difficulties with early picking or damage to trees.

The orchard is a great Community Asset being popular with dog-walkers and everyone who enjoys being out in the open air. **Jan Bradley**

**Note from BW:** Should you wish to visit the orchard, and I would recommend it, it is in the grounds of Chorleywood House Estate. The entrance drive is opposite Chorleywood Common on the A404 and the orchard is situated behind the lawn cemetery. Their website is very comprehensive. <http://chorleywoodorchard.org.uk/>



## AGM and Autumn Show – 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 8.00pm

We were delighted to welcome 38 members to the AGM. The Minutes of the Meeting are attached for those who receive this newsletter by email, and those who receive it by post will be sent them on request – please let Jan Bradley know.

Many thanks to everyone who entered our first Autumn Show. We really didn't know what flowers, fruit and veg would be around. Congratulations to all for such a stunning display of competitive enthusiasm. Thanks also to Alan Clarke for judging and our speaker, Alison who judged the fruit entries.

	Class	First	Second	Third
Class 1	<b>Vase of Asters, 3 blooms</b>	No Entries		
Class 2	<b>Vase of Pot, African or French Marigolds , 3 blooms</b>			Caroline Jackson
Class 3	<b>Vase of Roses, 3 blooms, any variety</b>	Briony Wickenden	Caroline Jackson	Briony Wickenden
Class 4	<b>Chrysanthemums, 3 blooms of any kind, may be mixed</b>	No Entries		
Class 5	<b>Any other flower, 3 stems, 1 variety</b>	No Entries		
Class 6	<b>Dahlia, 3 blooms, 1 variety</b>	Caroline Jackson	Caroline Jackson	
Class 7	<b>3 Apples, eating</b>	Briony Wickenden	Caroline Jackson	Peter Bentall
Class 8	<b>3 Apples, cooking</b>	Briony Wickenden	Peter Bentall	
Class 9	<b>3 Pears</b>	Briony Wickenden		
Class 10	<b>3 Carrots, foliage tied and trimmed to 10cm</b>	No Entries		
Class 11	<b>Pumpkin / Winter squash.</b>	Chin Fenton	Jan Bradley	Amanda Dye
Class 12	<b>Any other vegetable</b>	Eileen Baldwin	Eileen Baldwin	Caroline Jackson
Class 13	<b>Flowering Pot Plant (in flower) including bulbs &amp; orchids (max pot size 8")</b>	Sam Patel	Marian Challis Warren	Ravi Kudhail
Class 14	<b>Foliage Pot Plant – (No flowers) max pot size 8 inches</b>	Ravi Kudhail	Eileen Baldwin	Chin Fenton
Class 15	<b>Flowers From My Garden (Not shrubs)</b>	Briony Wickenden	Chin Fenton	
Class 16	<b>Foliage Display (No Flowering Material) in a vase or jug.</b>	Janice Feilden	Lynne Williams	
Class 17	<b>Cactus or succulent</b>	Caroline Jackson	Sam Patel	Marian Challis Warren





Results – CSGGA Autumn Show 2021		
Name	Total Points	Position
Briony Wickenden	16	1
Caroline Jackson	16	2
Eileen Baldwin	7	3
Chin Fenton	6	4
Sam Patel	5	5
Ravi Kudhail	4	6
Peter Bentall	3	7
Janice Feilden	3	8
Marian Challis Warren	3	9
Jan Bradley	2	10
Lynne Williams	2	11
Amanda Dye	1	12
Briony Wickenden was awarded the Banksian Medal Having won the most points and the most first places.		



## M's Action Diary for October

- Keep leaves free of fallen fruit and leaves.
- Cover bare soil with ½ inch of mulch such as garden compost or well-rotted manure
- Bring tender plants in pots under cover or wrap in fleece.
- Empty ceramic pots and bring under cover to prevent frost damage.
- Report cyclamen tubers when new leaves appear.
- Lift dahlia tubers after frost. Cut back stems and stand them upside down for a couple of weeks to dry before laying them in a tray of dry compost. Store somewhere cool and frost free. #Prune climbing and rambling roses. Trim long stems of standard roses to reduce wind-rock. Remove leaves showing signs of black spot.
- Order bare rooted roses, trees and hedging plants for winter planting.
- Plant bedding such as wallflowers, violas, bellis and Sweet Williams to flower in the Spring.
- Plant Spring bulbs in pots.

## Green Gardening Tip

Not a gardening tip this month, but one that can help us to do our bit to prevent good food going to landfill. The Community Fridge is situated behind the Co-op, its stocked and run by volunteers. It is NOT a food bank, it is for everyone in the community. The food is donated by local shops when it is approaching or past its "sell by" date but still within its "use by" date, which would usually go to landfill or excess produce from local growers. Please go and see what's on offer – open every **Wednesday and Saturday 10.00 am to 12.00 noon.**



## It's Party Time Again! - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### Doors open 7.15pm

After the cancellation of last year's events we can now look forward to an evening of good food and good company at our annual December Dinner. Catering will again be by *To Dine For* and the menu is set out below. This will be a two-course meal with choice to be made on the night. There will be a vegetarian option but please specify this and any other dietary requirements on booking. Bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles or canapes.

We will hold the popular Table Centre Competition featuring arrangements to fit in a 9 inch cube. Use fresh or artificial material **but please do not include real candles**. There is no limit to the number of entries, so please make one. There will be another fiendish quiz and Raffle but no crackers this year. We felt that even the Eco-crackers which we have had in the past are an unnecessary contribution to waste.

**Cost £22 (Members or Guests)** Please book at our November meeting or contact Jan Bradley [janbradley4@btinternet.com](mailto:janbradley4@btinternet.com) or 01494 874704. Cheques should be payable to CSG Gardens Association or Bank Transfer Account No 80256587, Sort Code 20-02-06. Easiest of all pay by Debit or Credit Card at the November meeting.

### Menu

#### *Hot Buffet Main Course Choice of*

Teriyaki salmon with spring onion, mange-tout and sesame seeds  
OR Beef Bourguignon

#### *Vegetarian Option **please request when booking***

Vegetable Chile with chickpeas, lentils coriander and lime

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Roasted new potatoes with garlic, lemon and rosemary

Griddled courgette, Broccoli, onion and beans

Honey roasted caramelised carrots, parsnips butternut and onion

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#### *Dessert trio of mini desserts:*

Lemon cheesecake, chocolate tart and meringue with raspberry and crème fraiche

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Cheese and biscuits

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Coffee and chocolates

## Membership Renewal

Please remember that although the renewal date is October, the membership card continues until December. We do not have the membership cards printed until after the AGM and they are generally sent out in November.

### Your CSGGA Committee

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