

# Eastcote Horticultural

**SPRING**

**2009**

**BULLETIN**

## Society



### A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

We have just turned the corner and run straight into 2009, so let us, without further ado, put thoughts of the credit crunch aside, and rejuvenate our minds with thoughts of the impending gardening year.

Welcome to all our members, both existing and new. Without your splendid support we, the Eastcote Horticultural Society, would not exist. You will see from our trading and show secretaries we are maintaining a viable society, both in activities and membership, however the health of our society is not only due to its active and caring committee, but to the continuing and growing support of all the members.

The ever-successful quiz evening will be held again this year at the Eastcote Community. Details of this event can be found on page 3 or 12 of the bulletin.

Sue Alexander organised another excellent annual dinner at Remo's Village Restaurant in Eastcote. The food was of good quality as was the service and I believe all those present enjoyed an excellent meal.

It only remains only for me to thank all our volunteers who have contributed towards the Society's success.

I wish you all a very successful gardening year for 2009.

Gerry Edwards - Chairman

### Committee Members:

<b>President:</b>	Catherine Dann
<b>Chairman:</b>	Gerry Edwards
<b>General Secretary:</b>	Colin Jones
<b>Trading Secretary:</b>	Alan Thomas
<b>Show Secretary:</b>	Fran Thomas
<b>Membership &amp; Social Secretary:</b>	Sue Alexander
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Wayne Hirst
<b>Bulletin Editor:</b>	David Barlow
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Valerie Crowe Brian Hill

### 2009 SHOW DATES

<b>Spring Show</b>	<b>Sat. 21st March</b>
<b>Summer Show</b>	<b>Sat. 20th June</b>
<b>Autumn Show</b>	<b>Sat. 12th September</b>

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## News from the Trading Hut.



The Hut will re-open for sale of goods on Sunday 1st February 2009 at 11 am.

### **Opening Times:**

February, March, June, July, and November: **11.00 am to 12 noon**

April, May, September, and October: **10.30 am to 12.15 pm**

Please note that the Trading Hut is closed during December, January and August and on Sunday 24th May 2009 (Spring Bank Holiday ).

### **Seed Potatoes and Onion sets**

- all excellent value for money.

This year we will again have the following varieties:

First Early	Accent	Recommended by Southbourne Gardens Allotment members.
Early	Swift	Highly recommended.
Early	Charlotte	Excellent flavour.
Early	Home Guard	Highly recommended.
Main crop (red)	Desiree	A tested variety on our type of soil.
Main crop (white)	Kestrel	An excellent eater with resistance to slugs.

Come early as demand is expected to be heavy based on previous experience.

Onion sets will be **Sturon** and **Red Braunschweiger** plus **Golden Gourmet Shallots**. This year, for the first time, we will be supplying **Garlic Cloves**.

Lots of slug pellets in stock. No doubt those slimy gastropods will be there waiting to eat your plants! ! !

**Trading Hut Volunteers Wanted.** Reward - good company plus **20%** discount on most purchases plus honorary membership. Contact me, Alan Thomas, if you can help one Sunday in four for light sales work. Rota swaps can be arranged when needed.

### **Summer Plant Sales:**

#### **Dates for your Diary – Over 4 Weekends!**

Our plant sales have been provisionally scheduled for the following dates, from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. on:

Saturdays: 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> May

Sundays: 26<sup>th</sup> April, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> May

Further details will be available nearer the dates shown. There will be a sale in the Autumn - date to be notified.

**Surplus Plants** - Members are invited to sell their plants at the Trading Hut on Sundays by arrangement with Alan Thomas. 10% commission is payable to the Society.

Alan Thomas - Trading Secretary

## Show Secretary's Report.



The three shows were very successful with increased entries and visitors. This was reflected in the growth in the sales of raffle tickets, refreshments and plant sales.

May I thank all volunteers who helped to put up the shows, the tea ladies and those who kept the show on the road. In particular I would like to thank Colin Jones for his challenging layouts and David Barlow for taking photographs.

If any body would like to donate cakes for the show they would be really appreciated. Could you please let me know before hand so I can adjust the number of cakes I produce?

Why not join the growing list of exhibitors?

You can always telephone me for advice

The RHS handbook is always available at hut to consult. On show days there always lots of people available to ask for information including myself.

At the Spring Show we will be helping to support two local enterprises:

- \* A professional chocolatier who will be displaying and selling her chocolates.
- \* A young PhD student will display photographs for sale.

Both enterprises have offered to make a donation to the Society.

Finally can I wish all members a happy New Year and "Good Gardening".

Fran Thomas - Show Secretary.

**Renew your Membership in February for only £2 on the Membership Form enclosed and receive 10% discount on products from the Trading Hut during the month.**



## Membership & Social Secretary's Corner.



### **DON'T MISS THE ANNUAL QUIZ.....**

Whilst this is a horticultural society there are some activities NOT related to horticulture. We hold an annual quiz. No, I can assure you there is only one round even loosely related to plants - the rest are very much the usual subjects you would expect to find. We compete in tables of 6 and there are prizes for the winners. Mid way through the evening we have a cold buffet supper whilst a table round is being completed. We all take our own drinks and glasses so after a glass or two of wine the answers seem to flow more easily. It is a light hearted

evening which has become a favourite of those who have attended. You don't need to come along as a table of six - we can put you with other small groups on the night.

Why don't you join us at the 2009 quiz?

WHEN? Saturday 28th March

TIME? 7.45pm start

PLACE? Eastcote Community Centre - Main Hall

COST? £7.00 per person

Please collect a form from the Trading Hut or contact Sue Alexander

Another social event that is becoming very popular is the Annual Dinner. This is normally held in November and we descend on one of the local restaurants. Last year we had a great evening at the Remo's Village, in Eastcote. The food was good and there was hardly any talk about gardening at all !!!

Watch out for the posters advertising this event at the Trading Hut or at the shows.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**The Annual General Meeting  
will be held on**

**Wednesday 6th May 2009 at  
the Eastcote Community Centre  
Southbourne Gardens, Eastcote at  
7.45pm in the  
Cedar Hall Room 4**

**Wine and nibbles will be  
available following the meeting.**

**Please would all Annual Award  
Winners return their cups / awards  
before the Spring Show to  
Valerie Crowe**

### **Annual Award Winners 2008**

**To be awarded at the Annual General Meeting In  
May 2009.**

Banksian Medal	Alan Thomas
RHS Bronze Medal	<i>not awarded</i>
TG Cross Cup	Gerry Edwards
Alan Cup	Bob Beale
Bertram Park Rose Bowl	Colin Jones
Cross Cup	Tessa Dawton
Highmead Cup	Gerry Edwards
Philip Stagg Award	<i>not awarded</i>
John Marshall Children's' Cup	Jack Edwards
Popular Gardening Rose Bowl	Gill Morris
St Catherine's Cup	Ricky Mills
T G Morris Memorial Challenge Cup	Gerry Edwards
Woodman Cup	Maureen Pidgeon
EHS Photographic Cup	Duncan Castle
EHS Handicraft Cup	Tessa Dawton



*EHS Spring Show 2008*



Spring No. 1



Spring No. 2



Spring No. 3



Spring No. 4



Spring No. 5



Spring No. 6



*EHS Summer Show 2008*



Summer No. 1



Summer No. 2



Summer No. 3



Summer No. 4



Summer No. 5



Summer No. 6



*EHS Autumn Show 2008*



Autumn No. 1



Autumn No. 2



Autumn No. 3



Autumn No. 4



Autumn No. 5



Autumn No. 6



**RUISLIP PELARGONIUM AND GERANIUM CLUB:**

**Events for 2009**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
23 January	Royal Parks	John Garrod
27 February	Queensland Rainforest State	Victor Scott
27 March	Smelly Peles	Derek Lloyd Dean
24 April	Fuchsias	Carol Gubler
22 May	All Round Colour	Jeff Hawkings
30 May	Club Show	Woodford Hall, Ruislip.
26 June	Pelargoniums	David Taylor
24 July	Quiz	
28 August	Birds	<i>to be decided</i>
25 September	Perennials	Don Everitt
23 October	AGM (Quiz)	
27 November	Reproduction and Mutation in Plants, (Pelargoniums In Evidence).	Dr Peter Brandham

Meetings at the 'Stables' Manor Farm Complex, Bury Street, Ruislip. Start time 8pm

Free Entry –Widen your gardening experience!

**EASTCOTE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

Eastcote Residents' Association (ERA) has been in existence for nearly 80 years and today still tries to keep local residents informed of matters which may affect their lives on subjects as diverse as planning applications, conservation, police matters, road safety, health and a whole host of local matters. When required committee members advise local residents, or when asked, represent them in discussion with local authorities or at public meetings and provide an ongoing liaison role with other local organizations.

The committee generally meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Elsie Fisher Room in the bungalow at the rear of St Lawrence Church, Bridle Road. Local residents are entitled to attend the meetings and find out more. Or they may contact the Chairman, Chris Groom on 0208 866 0985 if they need our help to solve a problem. The ERA is here to serve the community.



**RUISLIP CENTRAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**  
**EVENTS / SPEAKERS FOR 2009**

All talks at St. Lawrence Church Hall, Bridle Way, Eastcote. Doors open 7.30pm. Talks start at 8pm

- 24th February      **AGM / Cheese & Wine Social**
- 24th March          "A World of Lavender" – Dr S Charlesworth  
Downderry Lavender Nursery. Owner who has the national collection of Lavender. \*\*
- 28th March          **Spring Show at The Great Barn, Bury Street, Ruislip.**
- 21st April           "South African plants that will be at home in your own garden" – Chris Smith  
Return visit from Pennard Plants Nursery in Somerset. \*\*
- 19th May            "Gardening with Wildlife in mind" – Evelyn Crisp.  
A talk by a local lady on birds, bees, butterflies and more.
- 13th June            **Summer Show - The Great Barn, Ruislip.**
- 20th & 21st June    Gardens open in Ruislip, Northwood, Eastcote, Moor Park & Ickenham for Charity.
- 5th September      **Autumn Show - The Great Barn, Ruislip.**
- 22nd September    "The History Bicentenary Glasshouse at Wisley" – Nick Morgan. Opened in 2007 Nick played a key role in its construction and will give a presentation on the project from start to finish.
- 20th October,       "The changing nature of the English countryside" – Tony Smith.  
Return visit of a local bee keeper with his new talk.
- 31st October        **Fun Quiz Quiz and Supper.** Evening starting 7pm for 7.30pm \*\*\*
- 24th November     "A Ruislip Woods" – George Mist.  
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\*\* Tickets from Tony McDonnell - 01895 677925

\*\*\* Plants for Sale

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**CACTUS SOCIETY MEETINGS**

*Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, in the Manor Farm Hall, Ruislip, (in the carpark).*

Further details from David Minnion. tel: 0208 868 7927

Members are welcome to ALL of the above meetings.

**EHS Summer Plant Sale — Dates for your diary**

Our plant sales are held at the Trading Hut and are provisionally scheduled for both Saturdays and Sundays, from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm on the 25th and 26th April, 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th and 17th May 2009.  
Further details will be available nearer the dates.





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**ATTENTION!**

**EASTCOTE HORTICULTURAL  
SOCIETY ANNUAL QUIZ**

**ATTENTION!**

We are holding a quiz on **Saturday 28th March 2009** at **19.45** in the **Main Hall of Eastcote Community Centre**. Teams should comprise tables of six contestants.

Tickets are **£7.00 pp** (with buffet meal). Contact **Sue Alexander**

Tickets will also be on sale in the Trading Hut on Sundays. Book early!!

Please bring your own drinks and glasses.