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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It is hard to believe that we are already in 2011 and let's hope that Spring comes earlier this year than last – I really don't think my garden can face another three months of snow, frost and ice! We celebrated our 70th Anniversary in style last year with a very successful quiz, three outstanding shows, a superb visit to Wisley and another great annual dinner. It is really pleasing to see our Society go from strength to strength whilst others appear to be failing. I am also delighted that our Trading Hut is well supported as this is a major part of what we offer our members and it is exceptional value. To ensure its continued success I hope members will continue to use more of our trading facilities in the future.

It is heartening to see the resurgence in "growing your own" continues apace. Our local allotments now have a considerable waiting list and there are very many younger people maintaining allotments which is a real sign that the "green" message is getting through. This is in evidence at our shows where it is now common place to see families with younger children not only viewing, but taking an active part in the competitions.

We will continue to provide an exciting social programme in 2011 and I really hope that as many of you as possible will join us at one of our events. I look forward meeting you at one of them.

Gerry Edwards - Chairman

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2011 SHOW DATES

Spring Show	Sat. 19th March
Summer Show	Sat. 18th June
Autumn Show	Sat. 10th September

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News from the Trading Hut.

Can I firstly thank members for their support during the last trading year.

The Hut will re-open for sale of goods on Sunday **6th February 2011** at **11.00am**.

Opening Times for 2011:

February, June, July, and November:

11.00am to 12 noon

March, April, May, September and October:

10.30am to 12 noon

Please note that:

- the Trading Hut is closed during **December, January and August** and on
- **Sunday 29th May 2011 (Spring Bank Holiday)**.
- The hut will close at **12 noon** instead of **12.15pm**.

Seed Potatoes. This year we have the following varieties:

First Early	ACCORD	Recommended by Southbourne Gardens Allotment members.
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Come early as demand is expected to be heavy, (particularly for Charlotte).

Onion Sets. Again they will be

STURON & RED BRAUNSCHWEIGER plus
GOLDEN GOURMET SHALLOTS.

Lots of slug pellets in stock. No doubt the slugs and snails will be there waiting to eat anything you grow ! !

Wanted, Hut Volunteers.

Rewards include: 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 – Held over 4 Weekends!

Our plant sales have been provisionally scheduled for the following dates, from **10.30am** to **12.30pm**, on **Saturdays 30th April, 7th & 14th May** and on **Sundays 1st, 8th 15th & 22nd May 2011**.

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 (tel: 020 8429 0901)

PLEASE NOTE: EHS annual membership has been increased to £3.
If you renew your membership in February, you will receive a discount of 10% on all products, (with the exception of plants, bulbs, tubers and sets), throughout that month.



Show Secretary's Report.

I would like to start by saying a big "thank you" to all the people who have supported our shows. The number of entries has increased yet again for all three shows. The standard of entries has been very impressive and the result was a showcase for a wide variety of interesting exhibits.

The success of each show depends on the team who put it together and, of course, the visitors who attend. My personal thanks to all those who have given their time and effort in various aspects. It certainly removes much of the stress from my shoulders! I explained last year the importance of entries being submitted by 9.00pm on the Wednesday before the show. This was very successful this year and made the planning and paperwork more manageable. Entries can be made by phone, e-mail or simply supplying a list of classes to 16 Deane Croft Road, (or to the Trading Hut by the previous Sunday 12 noon).

SPECIAL NOTE FOR THE AUTUMN SHOW 2011:

The Autumn Show for 2010 was so large that we had to rearrange the spacing for classes as exhibits were staged. As a result we have decided to limit the number of entries per class to two instead of three per member. This would give the valuable extra inches that were needed for the number of entries. The Spring and Summer shows will still allow for up to three entries per class, per member.

CHANGES OF AWARDS FOR AUTUMN SHOW 2011:

CRANE CUP - Best Apple Exhibit.
EHS Gold Diploma - Highest Points for Apples.

EASTCOTE CUP - Best Pear Exhibit.
EHS Gold Diploma - Highest Points in Pears.

TINGAY CUP - Best Miscellaneous Fruits Exhibit.
EHS Gold Diploma - Highest Points in Miscellaneous Fruits.

I am now collecting ideas for adding to the next Show Schedule for 2012/13. If you have any ideas for entries or changes then please let me know and we will try and integrate them into the next Show Schedule.

Wishing you all a happy and successful 2011 and look forward to meeting you at our next show.

Fran Thomas - Show Secretary.

PLEASE NOTE:

CUP ENGRAVING.

The Society is keen to keep up the history of the cup holders and offers a free engraving service, carried out by a specialist engraver based in Dorset. This has been arranged by our Chairman at a very competitive rate, not available in London. However, this can only be achieved as a bulk order after each show and it does take a few months to complete.

For those winners who would prefer to enjoy possession of their trophies immediately, they are most welcome to arrange to have the cup engraved themselves if they so wish.

Social Secretary's Corner and 70th Anniversary Celebrations.



The society celebrated its 70th anniversary in 2010 and we had a couple of extra events to mark the occasion.

The events started in April with EHS members joining the Eastcote Conservation Panel one Saturday morning to plant natural English bluebells. The site was in the grounds of Eastcote House Gardens, along the wooded banks of the River Pinn, near the path to the allotments. Take a look in the Spring and you should see a blue carpet starting to emerge.

The next event was the Annual Quiz which was held in March.

This was well attended and we had 16 tables and 100 people competing across a range of subjects. This event has become a firm favourite in many people's calendars. Why not join us this year?

Eastcote Celebration.

In July the Eastcote Conservation Panel and the Eastcote Residents' Association amalgamated with the Council to organise a "Celebration of Eastcote". This marked the replanting of the beds in the Walled Garden. There was a fantastic turnout from local community groups and the warm weather led to a well attended day.

The Society had a teddy bears' picnic with over 20 bears being brought along by visitors. The bears sat under a gazebo with tea and cake. I was relieved that all the owners remembered to collect their bears at the end of the afternoon.



One of our members kindly offered to do face painting next to the teddy bears and there was a queue for her services all day.



Several of our members' families had their own "grown-up" picnics whilst keeping an eye on the teddy bears.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

**Wednesday 11th May 2011 at
the Eastcote Community Centre, Southbourne Gardens, Eastcote,
at 7.30pm for 7.45pm in the Cedar Hall Room 4**

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

RHS Wisley.

In September we had the Society's first coach trip. 50 of us met one Saturday morning by the Trading Hut and boarded a coach to RHS Wisley. We were lucky to have a warm, sunny day. Some of us joined a tour of the garden with a volunteer before lunch and continued to explore the gardens and the shop in the afternoon. There were some extra "passengers" on the return coach journey as several pots had been purchased. It seemed to be a successful first trip and on the return journey there were already ideas being expressed on "where shall we go next year?"

If you'd like to be advised of our plans for the 2011 coach trip please write to the Society's email address or drop a note into the Trading Hut.



Annual Award Winners 2010

To be awarded at the Annual General Meeting in May 2011.

Banksian Medal	Gerry Edwards
TG Cross Memorial Cup	Alan Thomas
Alan Cup	<i>not awarded</i>
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	Georgina Hookway
Popular Gardening Rose Bowl	Penny Rutherford
St Catherine's Cup	Ann Harry
T G Morris Memorial Challenge Cup	Gerry Edwards
Woodman Cup	Kewal Seedher
EHS Photographic Cup	Angela Bamping
EHS Handicraft Cup	Rosemary Crowe

Annual Dinner.

The 70th anniversary meal was held at Sambuca restaurant in Eastcote in mid November. We were a group of 26 diners and enjoyed excellent food and great company. It was encouraging to see some new faces join this occasion. This was the 11th annual meal we have held in consecutive years. It started following the success of the 60th Anniversary meal and I hope the tradition will continue for many more years.



I am pleased to see the social side of our society grow and the 70th Anniversary was a valid reason to add some extra activities into our calendar. It is evident that different activities appeal to different people. I am keen to maintain a schedule of events that is of interest to our members so if you have an idea for an event please let me know. Dates for any additional events will be posted on our website and at the Trading Hut.

I look forward to seeing you at our events in 2011

Sue Alexander - Social Secretary

The Annual Quiz will be held on Saturday 2nd April 2011 at 7.15pm at
The Eastcote Community Centre, Southbourne Gardens, Eastcote.

Tickets cost £8 per person and that includes a buffet meal, but remember to bring your own drinks and glasses. If you don't have a team of six, please still sign up as we will put teams together. Please e-mail us at eastcotehorticultural@yahoo.co.uk if you are interested or would like more information on this event.

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Gents Styling Prices:

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Spring No. 2



Spring No. 3



Spring No. 4



Spring No. 5



Spring No. 6

EHS Summer Show 2010



Summer No. 1



Summer No. 2



Summer No. 3



Summer No. 4



Summer No. 5



Summer No. 6

EHS Autumn Show 2010



Autumn No. 1



Autumn No. 2



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Events for 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
28 January	Victorian Ruislip	Eileen Boulton
25 February	Lifeboats	Terry Wiginton
25 March	Pelargoniums	Peter Bugg
22 April	Allwood Carnations	David James
27 May	New Pelargoniums	David Taylor
11 June	Club Show	Woodford Hall, Ruislip.
22 July	Quiz Night	Roger Grenville
26 August	The Lost World	Dr. Peter Brandon
23 September	Bats, Blooms and Bananas	Patty Biggs
28 October	AGM (Quiz)	
25 November	Gardening in the Shade	Neale Holmes Smith

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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 help to solve a problem.

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RUISLIP CENTRAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
EVENTS / SPEAKERS FOR 2011

All talks at St. Lawrence Church Hall, 2a Bridle Road, Eastcote. Doors open 7.30pm. Talks start at 8.00pm

Members £1.50, Guests £2.50, includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

- 22nd February AGM followed by Cheese & Wine Social
- 22nd March "Greenhouse at RHS Garden, Wisley." Talk by Nicholas Morgan M. Hort. RHS
- 12th April "The Challenging Care of Lawns." Talk by Nigel Timson from Super Grass Treatment Service. Time to turn your patch into a bowling green?
- 17th May "Making a garden for BBC Gardener of the Year." Talk by Edwin Rye, who will be bringing plants for sale.
- 20th September "They think it's all over" - Autumn in the garden. Talk by Stuart Dixon, CPSE. MI Hort. Horticultural Lecturer, Writer and Broadcaster.
- SATURDAY
15th October **Fun Quiz and Supper**
- 25th October "My World of Roses in Colour - Rose Breeding for Amateurs". Talk by Bill Bossom, rose breeder.
- 22nd November "Great Dixter, Past, Present and Future." Talk by Fergus Garrett - Head Gardener, Great Dixter. Fergus is an excellent speaker and this lecture will be by ticket sale due to his fee. Ticket price £4.00. Fergus is bringing plants for sale.

2011 SHOW DATES HELD IN THE GREAT BARN, RUISLIP:
2.00pm to 4.30pm

Spring: 16th April - Summer: 25th June - Autumn : 3rd September

<http://www.succulent-plant.com/ruislip/index.html>

OPEN GARDENS FOR CHARITY WEEKEND SATURDAY/SUNDAY 25th/26th JUNE 2011.
TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM MID APRIL 2011.

BULLETIN DISTRIBUTION.

Dear members,

I would like to draw everyone's attention to our Bulletin being available on the EHS website, [the web address is: www.succulent-plant.com/eastcote]. In this era of ever-rising costs it is essential that our society looks at any reasonable cost savings it can make. To date we have almost 200 members' e-mail addresses enabling those members to access the Bulletin and other horticultural matters directly from our website. This still leaves some 160 odd members requiring hard copy versions of the Bulletin. Would those members who have internet access, but are receiving hard copy, please consider forwarding their e-mail addresses to the society in order that we may make best use of our finances by reducing printing costs.

Thank you, The Editor.

EHS Summer Plant Sale: 2011 Dates for your diary

Our plant sales are held at the Trading Hut and are provisionally scheduled for both Saturdays and Sundays, from 10.30am to 12.30pm on the 30th April and 1st, 7th, 8th, 14th, 15th and 22nd May 2011.
Further details will be available nearer the dates.

The EHS supported the Eastcote Christmas Fair on 4th December. We had a stall near the “zebra” crossing selling plants and potted spring bulbs suitable for Christmas presents. We also had a table laden with home made cakes and sweets, jams and marmalade. One of our members volunteered to do festive face painting on passing children, (and some adults too!). We use such events to raise our profile with the local community and recruited a few new members. We were fortunate the weather was kind to us.....dry but quite chilly.



Eastcote Horticultural Society Calendar of Events 2011

19 March	Spring Show	2.30pm – 4.30pm
2 April	Annual Quiz	7.15pm – 11pm
30 April - 1 May	Plant Sale weekend	10.30am – 12.30pm
7 - 8 May	Plant Sale weekend	10.30am – 12.30pm
11 May	Annual General Meeting	7.45pm – 9pm
14 – 15 May	Plant Sale weekend	10.30am – 12.30pm
22 May	Plant Sale	10.30am – 12.30pm
18 June	Summer Show	2.30pm – 4.30pm
10 September	Autumn Show	2.30pm – 4.30pm
To be announced	Coach trip	
November	Annual Dinner	

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ATTENTION!

We are holding a quiz on **Saturday 2nd April 2011** from **7.15pm to 11.00pm** in the **Main Hall of Eastcote Community Centre**. Teams should comprise tables of six contestants. Tickets cost **£8.00** per person (with buffet meal). Contact **Sue Alexander** on **020 8866 1339**.

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

Please bring your own drinks and glasses. For tickets e-mail: eastcotehorticultural@yahoo.co.uk