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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Thanks go to all members for supporting the Society throughout last year. Subscriptions of £3 per household now fall due and should be paid on your next visit to the Trading Hut.

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Message from the Chairman.

It's absolutely amazing how time flies as it only seems like yesterday that I was writing a few words about last year! Despite the terrible weather 2012 was a good year for Eastcote Horticultural Society - we had three excellent Shows, a well-attended Quiz Evening, a very good trip to Wisley, rounded off by our excellent annual Dinner. In addition to this we again won the Affiliated Societies Cup at the October RHS Show for a collection of 9 dishes of apples and pears.

I would like to thank all of our volunteer Committee members who enable our Society to offer so much and would particularly like to thank Catherine Dann for being such an outstanding President - we are so lucky to have her as our figurehead.

I would like to encourage members to use the Trading Hut a little more so that we can ensure its continued success and I can assure you that many items on sale there are as competitive in price terms as you will find at local supermarket outlets/nurseries, and most importantly you receive personal attention still at the Hut that you are unlikely to get anywhere else nowadays!

I look forward to meeting you during the year,

Gerry Edwards - Chairman

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Spring Show Sat. 16th March Summer Show Sat. 15th June

Autumn Show Sat. 07th September

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News from the Trading Hut.

Can I thank members for their support during 2012. It has been a difficult year for all "traders".

The Hut re-opened for sale of goods on Sunday 3rd February at 11.00am.

Opening Times for 2013:

February, June, July, and November: 11.00am to 12 noon March, April, May, September and October: 10.30am to 12 noon

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News from the Trading Hut (cont'd).

Honey and Marmalade.

We have secured further stocks of honey from our local beekeepers. You are advised to come early as stocks go quickly.

I am pleased to let you know that one of our members has agreed to produce further stocks of marmalade, and these will arrive in due course.

Wanted, Hut Volunteers.

Rewards include: good company plus 20% discount on most purchases plus honorary membership. Contact me if you can help out one Sunday in four for light sales work. Rota swaps can be arranged when needed.

Summer Plant Sales - Dates for your Diary.

Opening hours for our plant sales will be from 10.30am to 12.00pm on the following dates:-27th & 28th April, 4th & 5th, 11th & 12th, 18th & 19th May, and also Sunday 26th May 2013

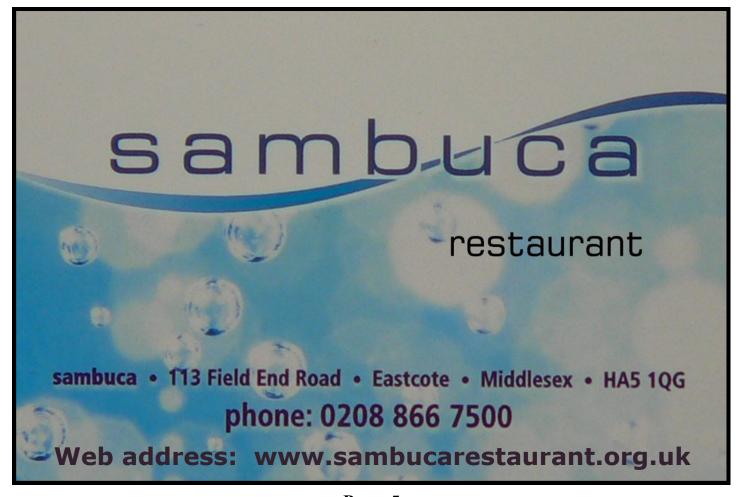
Further details will be available nearer the dates shown.

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)

Renew your Membership before 31st March, (it's still only £3), and receive 10% discount on all products, (except on plants, bulbs, tubers and sets).





Show Report.

Our three shows in 2012 were a huge success - both in terms of the quality of entries and the number of people coming to view the exhibits in the afternoons. We all remember the adverse weather conditions facing us during the year and the weather was a huge challenge. Our exhibitors worked hard to coax their plants, fruit and vegetables into the right condition at the right time so that we had items

to adorn the Show benches.

The children's classes are becoming more popular and it is good to see new faces joining in the competition. If you know a young person who could take part in 2013 please take a look at the Show Schedule and see if any of the classes would inspire them.

One wall of the hall at each of our Shows is decorated with floral art displays. Thank you to the ladies who spend the morning of the Show preparing their wonderfully creative displays for us all to enjoy in the afternoon. They make each Show a real delight with displays bursting with colour and demonstrating such talent in the way they depict their subject.

The Shows would not happen without our helpers. From those in the kitchen preparing the teas and serving the homemade cakes, to the ladies who make the cakes. The "behind the scenes" helpers are equally important - there are folks in the hall from 8 am on Show days working on the layout of the hall, and during lunch time the points are added up and the winning entries annotated.

Each job is important and if you'd like to assist please let me know. We have a strong and experienced Show Committee and I am grateful to our Show Manager, Barbara Betterton, who has led the team through each Show in a calm and professional style.

I look forward to seeing you at our Shows in 2013 and if you haven't exhibited with us before, please consider taking part.

Sue Alexander - Chairman of the Show Committee.

2013 Show Schedule.

The Show Schedule for the 2013 shows is now available. If you are thinking about exhibiting and would like a copy, either take a look on our website or e-mail us at eastcotehorticultural@yahoo.co.uk.

You can also collect a copy from the Trading Hut.

EHS Spring Show 2012













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EHS Summer Show 2012











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EHS Autumn Show 2012













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Annual Award Winners 2012

To be awarded at the Annual General Meeting in May 2013.

Banksian Medal Friends of

Eastcote House Gardens

TG Cross Memorial Alan Thomas
Cup

Bowl Friends of Eastcote House Gardens

Cross Cup Pat White

Highmead Cup Gerry Edwards

St Catherine's Cup Anne Harry

John Marshall Georgina Hookway
Children's' Cup
(awarded at the Autumn Show 2012)

Popular Gardening Nigel Bamping & Rose Bowl (novices) Sally Peters

T G Morris Memorial Gerry Edwards
Challenge Cup

Woodman Cup Kewal Seedher

EHS Photographic Cup Angela Bamping

The Fran Thomas Cup * Tessa Dawton

* The Society has received a new cup which will be presented at the AGM for Handicraft. The "Fran Thomas Cup" is being donated by Alan Thomas in memory of our Show Secretary, Fran, who sadly died in October 2011.

Fran was our Show Secretary and an active and hard working committee member for many years. She enjoyed exhibiting flower arrangements, cookery and handicrafts.

This cup is therefore a fitting tribute to Fran.



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Social Secretary's Corner.

The social activities are gaining more support each year. We have some firm favourites in our social calendar and I mention four of these on the following pages:

Annual Quiz held 21st April 2012.





There were thirteen tables at the Annual Quiz in April 2012. It was a fun evening with a different spin on the usual quiz format. The questions were still rather challenging but the rounds were interspersed with video clips from "Only Fools and Horses". Two of our members, Elaine and Terry, had volunteered to run the quiz and Terry's approach to a quiz made for a very entertaining evening. Watch out of this year's guiz tickets which will be on sale very soon for the guiz and light supper on 20 April 2013.

We have teams of six but if you don't have five friends to bring with you, don't worry, as we can put people together to make up teams. Remember to bring your own drink and glasses. If you would like to book a place please e-mail eastcotehorticultural@yahoo.co.uk for a form or collect one from the Trading Hut. For details of time, venue and cost, please see page 17 of this Bulletin.

Sue Alexander - Social Secretary.

Eastcote House Gardens.

Vintage Tea Garden Events:

Eastcote Horticultural Society will be manning their stall at these events and will be selling plants, marmalade, jams and the Society's annual membership on the following dates, during 2013:



5th May, 22nd September and 13th October.

Trip to Wisley held 15th September 2012.

On 15th September 2012 we were very fortunate to see the sun shine for the EHS coach trip to RHS Wisley. This is the third year we have made the trip and the third year the weather has been on our side. The gardens were a delight. This is the first time we have seen the new Bowes-Lyon Rose Garden in full bloom. It is already looking mature and as if it has been there for years. The Surrey Sculpture Society Trail was of additional interest.

We had a full coach for the trip so if you'd like to be with us in 2013 watch out for the details early next year and put the date in the diary.











EHS Summer Plant Sale: 2013 Dates for your diary

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Our plant sales are held at the Trading Hut and are provisionally scheduled for both Saturdays and Sundays, from 10.30am to 12.00pm on the 27th & 28th April, 4th & 5th, 11th & 12th, 18th & 19th, and 26th May. Further details will be available nearer the dates.

Annual Dinner held 28th November 2012.

Once again we selected the family run Italian "Sambuca" Restaurant in Field End Road, Eastcote, as the venue for our Annual Dinner. Sambuca has been a sponsor of the Society for a few years and several of our members are frequent visitors. A number of the Society's members including our President, Catherine Dann, enjoyed a lively evening at the restaurant on 28 November 2012.

The RHS Fruit and Vegetable Competition 2012.

You will be pleased to know that once again Eastcote Horticultural Society was awarded the Affiliated Societies Cup at the RHS Fruit and Vegetable Competition. Judges also considered the dish of Golden Delicious. (that is the one second from top on the lefthand row), was the best dish of apples in the whole competition and were awarded the E.J. White Trophy as a result.

This is quite pertinent since Ted White was once an EHS member!



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Christmas Street Fair held 2nd December 2012.

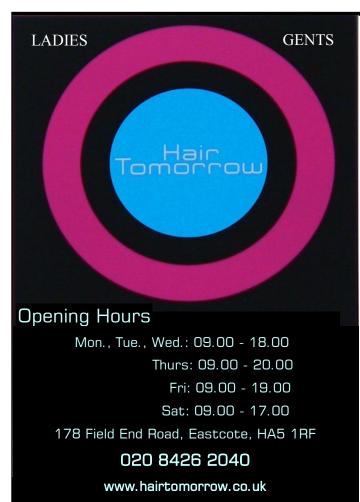
The Society took part in the Eastcote Christmas Fair once again in December. We were blessed with a dry, bright but chilly day which brought a steady stream of local folk onto the street. There were many other community stalls, some continental food and children's rides and amusements. A stage was set up at The Ascott and the Mayor of Hillingdon switched on the lights in the afternoon.

We had a willing band of volunteers selling homemade cakes and iced biscuits, bulbs and small plants which made ideal Christmas presents. The raffle went well and we sold all the marmalade and local honey. Many thanks to all our helpers, especially Margaret Porter, who made the majority of the small cakes, tray bake slices and biscuits.









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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th May 2013 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.

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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 Association by e-mail at: era@eastcote.co.uk, if they need help to solve a problem.

You will find their website at following address: www.eastcotera.co.uk The ERA is here to serve the community.







ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION! EASTCOTE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL QUIZ

We are holding a quiz on **Saturday 20th April 2013** from **7.15pm** to **11.00pm** in the **Main Hall of Eastcote Community Centre**.

Teams should comprise tables of six contestants.

Tickets will remain at £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

RUISLIP CENTRAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY EVENTS AND SPEAKERS FOR 2013

All talks at St. Lawrence Church Hall, 2a Bridle Road, Eastcote. HA5 1SJ on Tuesdays at 8.00pm

19th February AGM followed by Cheese & Wine Social

19th March "Finding Humane Solutions to Garden Wildlife Problems." Talk by John

Bryant. John is an expert in humane wildlife deterrence and will be giving tips and hints on co-habiting with foxes, squirrels and wildlife in the urban garden. He is also co-author of "Unearthing the Urban Fox" with Trevor Williams of

the Fox Project.

16th April "I am a Tulip, What are You?" - Jaqueline Aviolet. Jaqueline has been

running a nursery for over 23 years and specialises in hardy geraniums, asters, and plants with members names, terms of endearment and cheeky asides.

21st May "Chickens in the Vegetable patch!" - Sharon Hancock. Sharon rescues

ex-battery hens -"the girlies give my garden a life which plants alone cannot do". She will be talking through the before and after lives of an ex-battery hen

And also bringing along some copies of her book, "Starting from Scratch".

17th September "Green Roofs"- John Little. Green roofs are eco-friendly and brighten up an

often dull part of the garden - a shed or flat-roof extension. John is a Chelsea award winner, and co-author of "Small Green Roofs". He will bring along copies

of his book to the talk.

15th October "Packet of Parsley" - David White. David will be talking about his career from

local success at Eastcote Horticultural Society to the trials and tribulations of

running his own nursery in Cambridgeshire.

26th October Fun Quiz and Supper - **SATURDAY**.

19th November "Wildlife of Hertfordshire" - Mike Watts. Mike is passionate about wildlife in

Herts. and Bucks., and explains what the Herts. and Middlesex Wildlife Trust does to help to conserve our threatened wildlife and what we can do to help.

Cost: Members £2.00, Guests £3.00, which includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

Doors open 7.30pm. Lecture will start at 8.00pm.

Why not join our society for just £3.00? This is a family membership for one year.

Then come and enjoy our talks at the reduced rate. Society Shows, (below), are free to all.

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2013 SHOW DATES HELD IN THE GREAT BARN, RUISLIP: 2.00pm to 4.30pm

Spring: 23rd March - Summer: 22nd June - Autumn: 14th September

Eastcote Horticultural Society Calendar of Events 2013

16th March	Spring Show	2.30pm – 4.30pm
20th April	Annual Quiz	7.15pm – 11pm
27th & 28th April	Plant Sale weekend	10.30am – 12.00pm
4th & 5th May	Plant Sale weekend	10.30am – 12.00pm
8th May	Annual General Meeting	7.30pm – 9pm
11th & 12th May	Plant Sale weekend	10.30am – 12.00pm
18th & 19th May	Plant Sale weekend	10.30am – 12.00pm
26th May	Plant Sale	10.30am – 12.00pm
15th June	Summer Show	2.30pm – 4.30pm
7th September	Autumn Show	2.30pm – 4.30pm
To be announced	Trip to RHS Wisley	
November	Annual Dinner	

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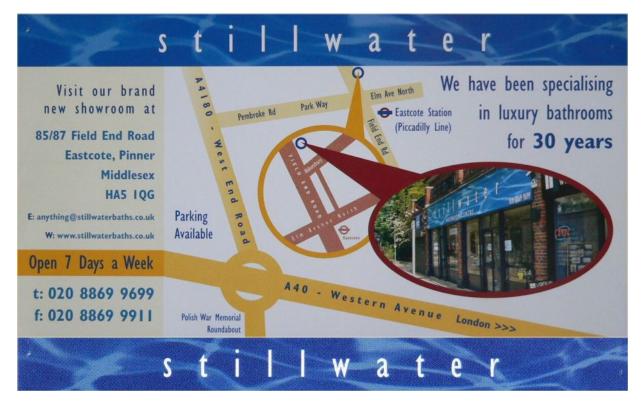
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