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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Thanks go to all members for supporting the Society throughout last year.
Subscriptions of £3 per household fall due on 1st January and
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Message from the Chairman.

Well 2015 wasn't too brilliant at times was it? We started off in drought conditions with each month setting record lows in rainfall until we reached July and then the rains came! Fortunately, the weather did not adversely affect us and it was a good year for Eastcote Horticultural Society. We had three excellent shows, a well-attended Quiz Evening, two fascinating trips, one to Waddesdon Manor, one to Wisley and then rounded the year off with our Annual Dinner which was held at a new venue in Eastcote.

Also during the year we again won the Affiliated Societies Cup at the October RHS show for a collection of 9 dishes of apples and pears.

Once again 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.

As ever I want to encourage members to utilise the Trading Hut as often as they can thus ensuring its continuing success into the future. Please be aware that many of the items we have on sale are as competitive in terms of price as you will find in retail outlets such as Homebase or B&Q. Finally and perhaps, more importantly, you will receive the personal attention from those serving in the Hut that you are unlikely to get anywhere else nowadays.

I look forward to meeting you during the year.

Gerry Edwards. Chairman - Eastcote Horticultural Society.

2016 SHOW DATES

Spring Show	Sat.	12th March
Summer Show	Sat.	18th June
Autumn Show	Sat.	10th September

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News from the Trading Hut.

Thank you to our members for their support during 2015, for ensuring a successful trading year.

The Hut re-opened for sales on Sunday **7th February 2016** at **11.00am**.

Opening Times for 2016:

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.

Seed Potatoes - all excellent value for money.

This year we are taking a new approach and extending our range of seed potatoes. We will continue to stock the following in 25 kilo sacks:

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News from the Trading Hut (cont'd).

Onion Sets - excellent value for money.

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Lots of slug pellets in stock including a limited stock of organic pellets.

Wanted Hut Volunteers.

Rewards - 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. Please contact Alan Thomas on 020 8429 0901.

Finally, may I thank all volunteers for their support during the year in helping out at the hut.

Summer Plant Sales - 2016 Dates for your Diary.

Opening hours for our plant sales will be from 10.30am to 12.00pm on the following dates:-

Sunday 24th April, Saturday 30th April and Sunday 1st May, Sat/Sun 7th and 8th May, Sat/Sun 14th and 15th May and Sunday 22nd May.

Further details will be available nearer the dates shown.

There will be plants for sale throughout the **Autumn.**

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

Remember to renew your Membership, it's still only £3.

PLEASE NOTE: All members must produce their membership cards on entering the Trading Hut.

Would members please help out by passing on any spare, empty, clean plastic shopping bags for use at the Trading Hut.

As the society moves more to using electronic communications please could you let us have your e-mail address. Just e-mail ehstesttest1@yahoo.co.uk with your name and we'll add you to the list. This way you can be sure of getting all the latest news first.



Show Report.

We had the usual three shows across the Spring, Summer and Autumn. Our exhibitors do a great job in finding entries, even when the weather has been rather challenging. As well as the horticulture and flower arranging displays we have other classes which make the shows "something for everyone". I am always impressed by the range of items displayed. I like to see the young people in our society enter their craft work and add colour to the show benches in a different way. The

photography classes are very popular and we are fortunate to have the ongoing support of the Field End Photographic Society who judge all our entries so diligently at each show.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who help run the shows. There are people in the hall from 8 am on show day and there are jobs to do throughout the day, finishing with the tidying away of the exhibits and show benches. If anyone would like to be involved with helping out on show days please let me know. Most importantly, a big thank you to everyone who takes part in the shows. Without you entering there wouldn't be a show. Please keep the entries flowing through 2016. I feel it will be another year when the weather will be the gardener's greatest challenge.

Sue Alexander - Chair, Show Committee.

EHS Spring Show 21st March 2015



Spring No. 1



Spring No. 2



Spring No. 3



Spring No. 4



Spring No. 5



Spring No. 6



Social Secretary's Corner.

There were a number of social activities during 2015. We started with a quiz in April. Our quizmaster Tony, supported by his wife Rosemary, ran an entertaining evening. The light buffet provided by our friend Margaret Porter was very well received and seemed to feed our brains for the second half of the evening.

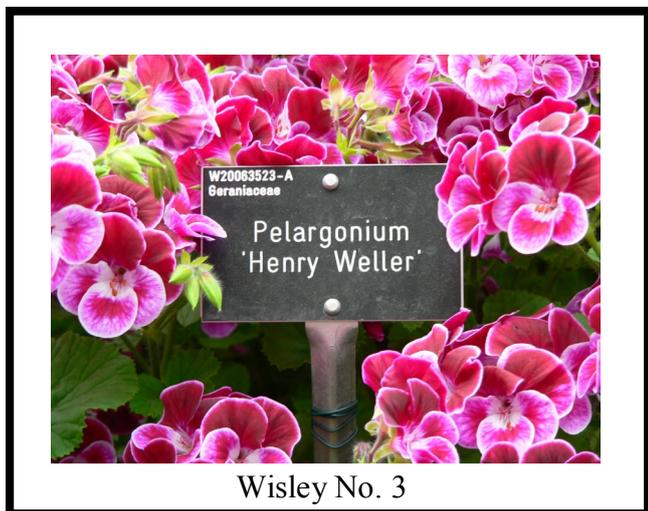
In 2015 we had two coach trips which were well supported by our members. The first was to RHS Wisley Gardens on 30 May.



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Wisley No. 2



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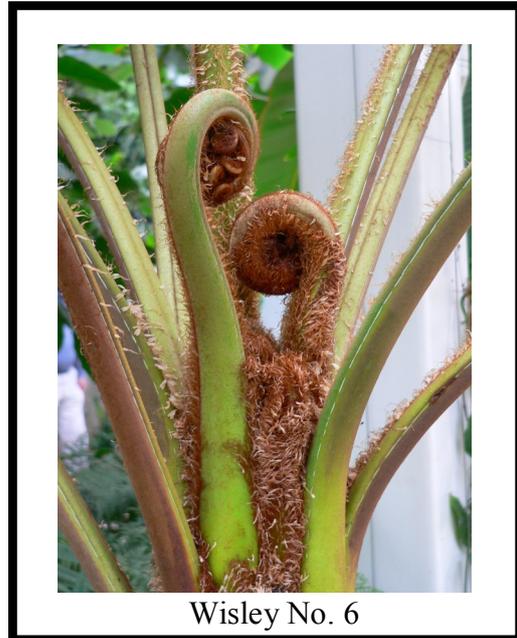


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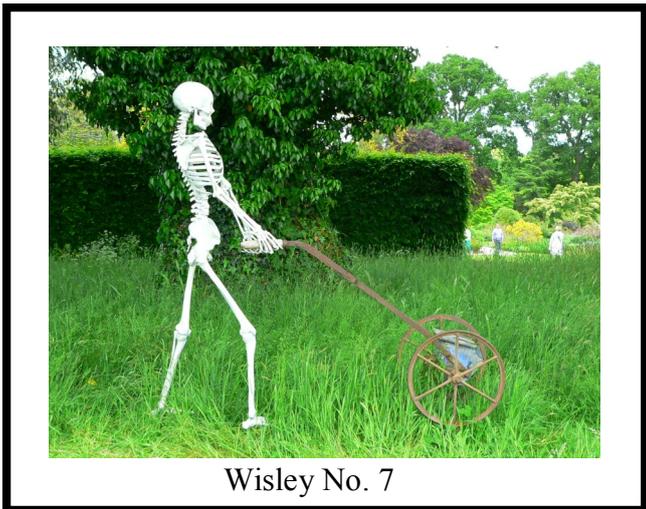
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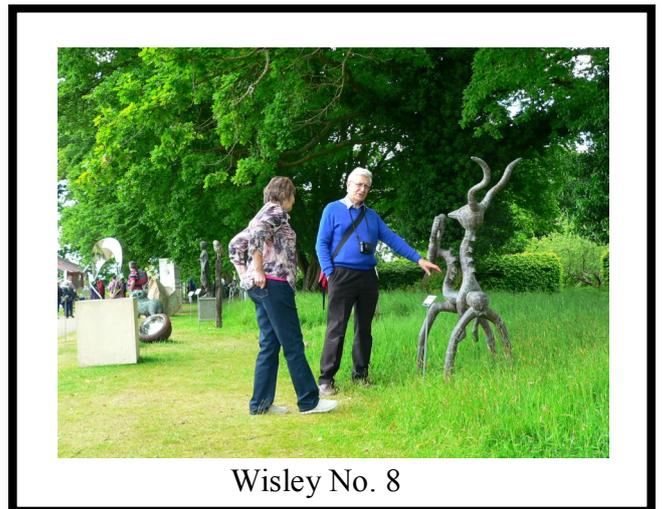
Wisley No. 5



Wisley No. 6



Wisley No. 7



Wisley No. 8

We enjoyed fine weather, with the azaleas and rhododendrons showing well. In addition to seeing the gardens full of colour there was a display of birds of prey with flying demonstrations throughout the day. Exploring the gardens was made more interesting by the art and sculpture exhibits, which were fascinating. The art was on sale but I didn't hear of any of our members being tempted.

EHS AGM - 25th April 2015



AGM No. 1



AGM No. 2



AGM No. 3

EHS at the Eastcote House Gardens
Annual Picnic 4th June 2015



EHG Annual Picnic No. 1



EHG Annual Picnic No. 2



EHG Annual Picnic No. 3



EHG Annual Picnic No. 4



EHG Annual Picnic No. 5



EHG Annual Picnic No. 6

Annual Award Winners 2015

To be awarded at the Spring Show on 12th March 2016.

Banksian Medal	<i>Friends of Eastcote House</i>	John Marshall	Joint: <i>Tom MacRee</i>
		Children's' Cup	<i>Ella MacRee</i>
		(awarded at the Autumn Show 2015)	
TG Cross Memorial Cup	<i>Alan Thomas</i>	Popular Gardening Rose Bowl (novices)	<i>not awarded</i>
Bertram Park Rose Bowl	<i>Lesley Crowcroft</i>	T G Morris Memorial Challenge Cup	<i>Gerry Edwards</i>
Cross Cup	<i>Ann Baker</i>	Woodman Cup	<i>Kewal Seedher</i>
Highmead Cup	<i>Gerry Edwards</i>	EHS Photographic Cup	<i>Angela Bamping</i>
St Catherine's Cup	<i>Anne Harry</i>	The Fran Thomas Cup	<i>Patricia Cooney</i>
Tryfan Cup	<i>Alan Thomas</i>		

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Chin	£3.50
Upper Lip	£3.50

Ladies OAP's (Mon - Fri):

Dry Cut	£12.00
Wash & Cut	£14.00
Wash, Cut & Blowdry	£20.00
Wash & Blowdry / Set	£12.00
Perm, Cut & Finish (Tue - Wed)	£47.00
Perms	£35.00
Colours	£20.00 - £25.00

Gents Prices:

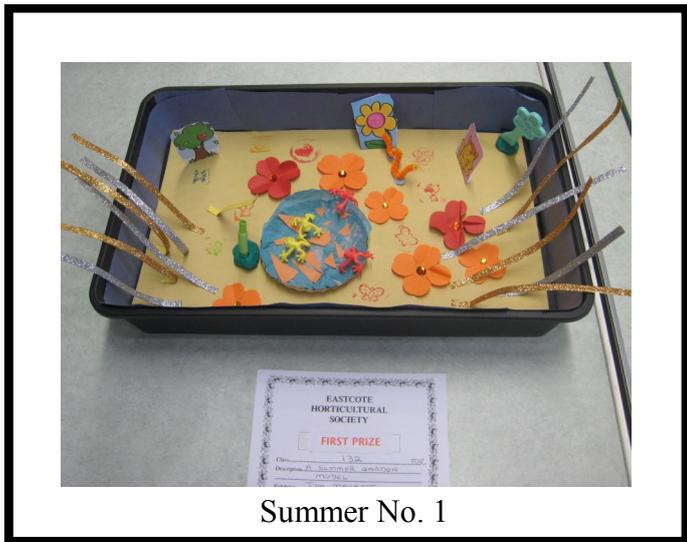
Cut	£9.00
Wash & Cut	£11.00
Flat Top	£10.00
Beard Trim	£3.00
Boys under 15 (Mon - Fri)	£7.00

Gents OAP's (Mon - Fri):

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Beard Trim	£3.00

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EHS Summer Show 13th June 2015



Summer No. 1



Summer No. 2



Summer No. 3



Summer No. 4



Summer No. 5



Summer No. 6

EHS Autumn Show 12th September 2015



Autumn No. 1



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Autumn No. 3



Autumn No. 4



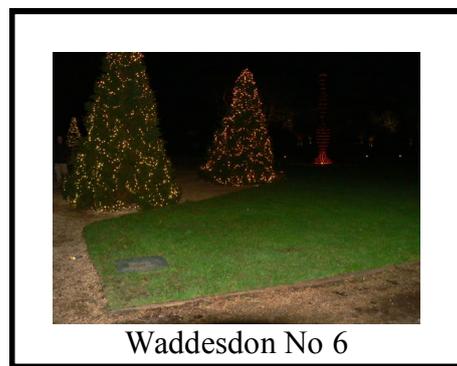
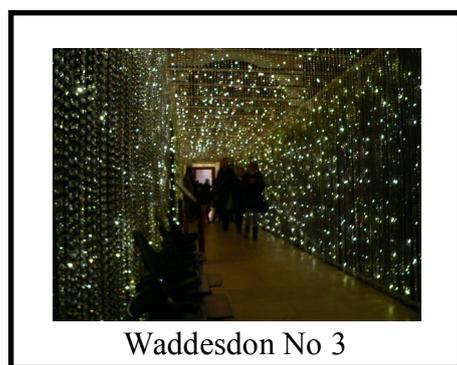
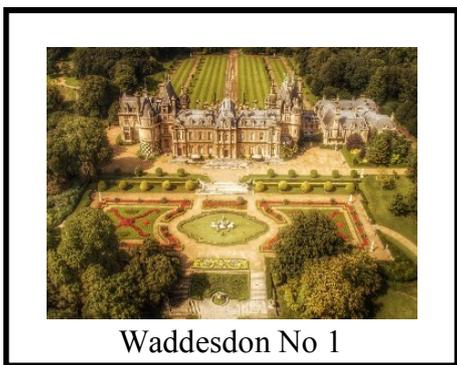
Autumn No. 5



Autumn No. 6

Social Secretary's Corner [cont'd] November 2015.

WADDES DON MANOR. Our second coach trip was rather different in that we didn't make our traditional visit to a garden. Following members' feedback we booked a visit for 21st November to see the Christmas celebrations at Waddesdon Manor. The artist, Bruce Munro, had set the outside of the Manor alight with a music and light show which ran for a few minutes every hour and every half hour, so there were plenty of opportunities to enjoy it. Inside the house the theme was Lights and Legends which focused on stories from around the globe. These were alongside the traditional Christmas decorations, with beautiful trees and the dining table set for a feast. However, as if this wasn't enough, there was a Christmas market with stalls set up around the outside of the Manor. Quality independent traders offered a wide range of gifts and food. Some made perfect presents and some were consumed on the spot. The decorations in the Manor and the light show across its exterior change every year and I suspect there may be a call from our members to make another visit in the lead up to Christmas this year.



ANNUAL DINNER. The annual dinner was held on 12th November and we enjoyed our meal at the Bosphorus Restaurant in Eastcote. Although the restaurant has a different name, it is still owned and managed by the same Turkish gentleman who ran the restaurant when it was called the Meze Bar and Restaurant. The amount of chatter and laughter emanating from our long table was a good indication of the success of the evening.



Annual Dinner No 1



Annual Dinner No 2



Annual Dinner No 3



Annual Dinner No 4

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Calendar of Events 2016

12th March	Spring Show	2.30pm – 4.30pm
23rd April	Coach Trip to Kew Gardens	8.45am -- 6.00pm
24th April	Annual General Meeting	11.00am
24th April	Plant Sale weekend	10.30am – 12.00pm
30th April & 1st May	Plant Sale weekend	10.30am – 12.00pm
7th & 8th May	Plant Sale weekend	10.30am – 12.00pm
14th & 15th May	Plant Sale weekend	10.30am – 12.00pm
22nd May	Plant Sale Sunday	10.30am – 12.00pm
18th June	Summer Show	2.30pm – 4.30pm
10th September	Autumn Show	2.30pm – 4.30pm
November	Annual Dinner	TBA

The RHS - The Affiliated Societies' Challenge Cup - 2015.

2015 was a bumper year for apples and maybe the best for 30 years. Unfortunately, though, pears were not so good as the weather was quite their during their flowering period and few pollinating insects were flying. This meant it was quite a challenge trying to find good pears for any show this year let alone for the RHS London Harvest Show! Fortunately, we were able to find enough to stage and we kept our fingers crossed that they didn't ripen before judging.

Our entry looked very good once it had been staged at the RHS New Hall at Westminster. This time we had two competitors from Devon and Nottingham. In quality terms our exhibit was considerably better and justifiably earned first prize and the Affiliated Societies Challenge Cup.

The dishes of fruit exhibited in this entry were:

DESSERT APPLES:

Cox's Orange Pippin
Golden Delicious
Royal Gala
Spartan

COOKING APPLES:

Charles Ross
Bramley's Seedling
Howgate Wonder

DESSERT PEARS:

Conference
Doyenne du Comice

I saw quite a few EHS members at the show, but if you didn't make it, may I encourage you to do so in 2016. It is being held on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th October 2016 in the Lindley Hall at RHS Westminster.

Gerry Edwards - Chairman.

EHS Summer Plant Sale: 2016 Dates for your diary

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Further details will be available nearer the dates.



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The Hillingdon Autumn Show 2016

This show will be held on Saturday 17th September at Uxbridge Civic Centre.

All residents of the London Borough of Hillingdon are eligible to exhibit and entry forms are available from Borough Libraries or on-line.

2016 SPRING SHOW SCHEDULE.

The 2016 Spring Show Schedule 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.

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The committee meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Elsie Fisher Room in the bungalow to the rear of St Lawrence Church, Bridle Road. Local residents are welcome at these meetings.

Contact the ERA by e-mail at: era@eastcote.co.uk

or view the website: www.eastcoter.a.co.uk

THE FRIENDS OF EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS.



EVENTS FOR 2016

13th January AGM 10am in the Stables.

6th February National Story Telling Week begins with an event in the Stables starting at 2pm. This is a free event suitable from age 6 to 106, seating limited so booking essential. Contact Lesley.crowcroft@gmail.com

March date and time to be confirmed. Plant and S/H book sale in the Gardener's Yard.

20th May In Voice and Verse celebrates the Bards 400th Anniversary year with a special concert at EHG. More details to follow.

21st May A tree walk around the gardens as part of the Tree Council's 'Walk in the Woods' month.

4th June Summer Picnic.

August Bat Walk, date and time to be confirmed.

18th September Open House Weekend.

26th November Tree Dressing

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**Full details available at the Trading Hut,
on the website, or by e-mail.**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**The Annual General Meeting will be held in the
EHS Trading Hut, Southbourne Gardens, Eastcote,
on Sunday 24th April 2016 at 11.00am.**

RUISLIP CENTRAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

EVENTS AND SPEAKERS FOR 2016

- Feb. 16th RCHS AGM & Social Evening
- Mar. 8th **Guest Speaker and TV Presenter JIM BUTTRESS-**
Talking about "London's Royal Parks." *TICKET EVENT ONLY*
- Apr. 2nd RCHS SPRING SHOW, The Great Barn RUISLIP 1pm-4pm**
- Apr. 16th Plant Sale & Coffee Morning
10am-12.30 at 106 Evelyn Avenue, Ruislip
- Apr. 19th **TALK "Creating a Butterfly Garden" by DAVID BEVAN**
- May 17th **TALK "Growing Fuchsias for the Garden & Show Bench" by JOY CRAIG**
PLANTS FOR SALE
- Jun. 25th RCHS SUMMER SHOW, The Great Barn RUISLIP 1pm-4pm**
- Sep. 10th RCHS THE GREAT AUTUMN SHOW, The Great Barn RUISLIP 1pm-4pm**
- Sep. 20th **TALK "Kew Gardens" by JENNY JONES (A Volunteer at KEW)**
- Oct. 18th **TALK "The Making of Henstead Exotic Garden" by ANDREW BROHAN**
PLANTS FOR SALE
- Nov. 15th **Guest Speaker Radio and TV Presenter ***PIPPA GREENWOOD*****
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CACTUS SECTION: Calendar of Events

February 15th A.G.M 8pm at The Manor Farm Hall (Ruislip Carpark, St. Martins Approach)

TALKS for the Cactus Section

All talks take place at the Manor Farm Hall, St. Martins Approach, RUISLIP

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