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As we start the 2019 gardening season, here is our introduction to the society's activities.

# 2019 CALENDAR.

Sunday 3 February	Trading Hut reopens 11am - to 12noon
Saturday 16 March	Spring Show
Sunday 21 April	Summer Plant Sale
Saturday 27 April	Coach Trip to Savill Garden, Windsor Great Park.
	Depart 9am, Return 6pm
Sunday 28 April	Summer Plant Sale
Saturday 4 May	Summer Plant Sale
Sunday 5 May	Summer Plant Sale
Saturday 11 May	Summer Plant Sale
Sunday 12 May	AGM at the Trading Hut 11am and Summer Plant Sale
Saturday 18 May	Summer Plant Sale
Sunday 19 May	Summer Plant Sale
Sunday 26 May	Summer Plant Sale
Saturday 8 June	Eastcote House Gardens Summer Picnic and
	Plant Sale 11am - 4pm
Saturday 15 June	Summer Show
Saturday 7 September	Autumn Show
Wednesday 13 November	Annual Society Dinner
Sunday 24 November	Last Day of Trading

Additional Diary Dates will be added during the year. Watch for these at the Trading Hut and via Email. Pop in and meet us on Sundays at the Trading Hut situated between the British Legion Hall and the Eastcote Community Centre in Southbourne Gardens, Eastcote, HA4 95Q.

### THE CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE.

With such a glorious summer and autumn, 2018 was a year that many members won't forget for a long time if only for the challenging gardening conditions! It was also a good year for the Society and we were able to celebrate with three excellent shows, very successful trading, a great trip to Hyde Hall, rounded off by another delightful annual dinner at which it was good to see new faces celebrating. Once again we won the Affiliated Societies Cup at the October RHS London Harvest Show for a collection of nine dishes of apples and pears.

As ever I would like to thank our volunteer members who enable our Society to offer so much. I would also like to thank Catherine Dann for being such an outstanding President.

I look forward to meeting you in 2019.

Gerry Edwards, Chairman.

### HELP IS ALWAYS WELCOME.

As a "not for profit organisation" the Society is most grateful to members who volunteer to help run the organisation. We are always pleased to welcome new volunteers and the rewards are:- good company, 20% discount on most purchases and free membership.

Here are some ways members can help their Society.

There is a range of activities at the Trading Hut including issuing membership cards to Members, serving at the counter, keeping shelves stocked, assisting members to take purchases to their car, and light gardening to maintain our grounds. These tasks would require you to work only one Sunday morning every four weeks.

At the Shows helping to set up and clear away, selling raffle tickets, recording memberships, or helping in the pop-up café selling drinks and home-made cakes.

If you are interested please contact either the Trading Secretary, Alan Thomas on 020 8429 0901, or the Chair of the Show Committee, Sue Alexander on 020 8866 1339.

## TRADING HUT.

Visit us at the Trading Hut on Sundays for free advice and garden supplies at a good price.

## Opening times are:-

10.30am to 12noon in March, April, May, September, and October.

11am to 12noon in February, June, July, and November.

#### HORTICULTURAL SHOWS.

Take part in the shows, which includes classes for children, photography, handicraft, floral art, and baking as well as the usual flowers, fruit and vegetables. So something for everyone! Find out how to get involved with guidance from our website, by downloading the Show Schedule and getting good advice from us at the Trading Hut. The shows take place in Oak Hall, Eastcote Community Centre, Southbourne Gardens, HA4 9SQ. We look forward to seeing you with your Exhibits at 9am on Show Day. We are open to the public at 2.30pm, where admission is free and you can enjoy tea and home-made cakes, as well as pick up some great bargains from the selection of plants for sale. Prize giving is at 4.15pm.

#### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Join us on our coach trip on Saturday 27 April 2019 to SAVILL GARDEN, Windsor Great Park. The cost is £27 per person and includes the coach and entrance fee.

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME** - join for only £3.00 a year for the whole family. Please remember to renew your membership early in the season.

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