



# Eastcote Park Estate Association

<http://www.eastcoteparkestate.org.uk>

## Newsletter– SEPTEMBER 2017

### 80th ANNIVERSARY DINNER SATURDAY 14th OCTOBER 2017

7.00 pm for 7.30 pm BARN HOTEL RUISLIP

At the time of writing, there are only 8 places left for what should be a great night. Should you wish to attend please contact Margaret Ross (contact details on page 4).

Live music from the 50s and 60s will be played during the evening. The cost is £34.95 per person, excluding drinks. Bookings must be accompanied by a non re-fundable deposit of £10.00 per person for the meal. Tickets will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis.



**Please advise Margaret Ross of your menu selections and any special dietary requirements by Monday 25th September 2017 (Menu choices on page 2).**

**Any balancing payment must also be paid by 25th September so that we have full payment and your menu choices by that day.**

### AUTUMN PLANTING

Planned Date etc: Saturday 28th October 2017 at 10.30am on the entrance island

We ask for volunteers to help with a further autumn planting session to add more spring flowering bulbs to our estate islands. Marg Bacon coordinates the planting project and more specifically the planting on the entrance island. The planting date for the entrance island will change if the weather is poor so those who help should have a pleasant and sociable hour or so as well as contributing to the estate. We will be providing bulbs based on the number of volunteers so please let Marg know as soon as possible if you are interested (contact details on page 4).

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Sixty Five plus Group

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## **80th ANNIVERSARY DINNER — MENU CHOICES**

1. **Soup of the day or**
  2. **Scottish smoked salmon, marinated cucumber, horseradish cream and caviar or**
  3. **Duck & goats cheese tart, butter squash foam, onion marmalade & red wine sauce**  
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  4. **Roast ribeye beef, seasonal vegetables, roast potatoes, buttered spinach, Yorkshire pudding & red wine jus or**
  5. **Pan fried salmon, potato & tomato confit, green vegetables, lemon butter sauce or**
  6. **Roast leg of lamb, roast potato, root vegetable and buttered spinach, lamb minted jus or**
  7. **Open ravioli, squash, forest mushroom, spinach, parmesan shaving, black truffle oil**  
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  8. **Apple tart tatin with vanilla ice cream or**
  9. **Orange pudding with calvados ice cream or**
  10. **Chocolate fondant with raspberry sorbet**  
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- Tea and coffee with chocolate truffles**

## **PAVEMENTS**

Following an extensive item in the July 2017 newsletter re remind residents that it is all our responsibility to ensure visitors, contractors and delivery vehicles are not parked on the pavement. Should damage be incurred by your contractors or yourself you could end up with the bill.

Should you wish to report pavement parking call parking control on **01895 271418**. We encourage you to do so to protect the pavements on our estate.

We believe the Council will be replacing other pavements on the estate at one road per financial year. It is incumbent on all of us to try and look after them.

## **NEW RESIDENTS WELCOME LETTER**

Should you be new to our estate then do take a look at our welcome letter on:

[http://www.eastcoteparkestate.org.uk/?page\\_id=58](http://www.eastcoteparkestate.org.uk/?page_id=58)

This can also be found from the "About EPEA" section of the website. Should you not have internet access do ask any committee member for a copy.

## **Contribution from Nick Denys (Councillor for our Eastcote & East Ruislip ward)**

### **Eastcote Town Centre Improvements Happening Soon**

Hillingdon Council has a long-standing Town Centre Improvements programme. You may have seen how Ruislip Manor and Northwood Hills have recently been spruced up. I am pleased to report that Cllr Dann, Cllr Haggar, myself and our Cavendish colleagues have managed to secure £1.3m to transform Eastcote shopping area. Some of the initial work has already begun. Shop front design improvements for over 20 shops have been completed and, where necessary planning consent is underway. You may have already seen the ghost signage at the corner of Abbotsbury Gardens - to help local businesses by advertising parking possibilities to passing traffic.

Contractors will soon be starting the works, which will hopefully vastly uplift the shopping experience within the town centre. I'm told that new businesses are already being attracted to locate in Eastcote.

Before the major works begin we would be interested to hear your views, especially on:

- decluttering and consistent use of street furniture,
- improving cycle parking,
- improving the landscaping, including the foliage and trees, and
- opportunities for creating more pedestrian crossing points.

Two information days will be held at Eastcote library on Saturday 2 September between 11am and 3pm and on Thursday 7 September between 12noon and 7pm. This will be an opportunity to meet with council officers from the Town Centre Improvements team. Should you miss these sessions but have views that you would like the Council to consider please email me at [ndenys@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:ndenys@hillingdon.gov.uk).



**Message from The Friends Of Eastcote House Gardens (FEHG)**

Web site:

[www.eastcotehousegardens.weebly.com](http://www.eastcotehousegardens.weebly.com)

Gardening Sessions continue on 1st & 2nd Fridays and 3rd Thursday of each month starting at 9.30am.

Long Meadow, a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation, has been awarded Green Flag status for 2017.

Thanks to a suggestion by the Deputy Mayoress Mrs Fiona Morgan, nesting boxes for kestrels and tawny owls will be installed in Long Meadow. Funding for these will come from the Robert Symes Fund administered by Northwood Hills Residents' Association. FEHG installed nesting boxes for smaller birds in EHG earlier this year; all residences were soon snapped up. The boxes were made by the volunteers at the Rural Activities Garden Centre.

New Welcome and information boards are soon to be installed at either end of Long Meadow.

A Ransom, single furrow plough has been installed in the Prairie planting on Dovecote Meadow. This plough from Hillingdon's collection of historic farm implements has been restored to the original colours.

If residents see an invasion on any open land, they should immediately phone 999 and report the incident to Hillingdon Council on 01895 250111.

**LONDON OPEN HOUSE IN EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS — SUNDAY 17.9.17:**

Grade 2 listed buildings open and a classic car rally from 11.00am to 4.00pm

**Second hand Book & Bulb Sales**

Saturday 7th October and Saturday 9th December 11am-2pm.

Eastcote House Gardens 2018 Calendars are available from [lesley.crowcroft@gmail.com](mailto:lesley.crowcroft@gmail.com) or at Open Days for £5.00.

**ESTATE HISTORY**

On the EPEA website there is a some history of the estate and the homes on it but we would like to enhance our knowledge of the history of the estate.

Should anyone have access to a Galley Homes brochure or any sales literature please contact Mark Lemon. These can be photocopies as we are not expecting anyone to hand over originals. In addition if anyone has any memories of folks moving in to the homes when they were new please share these with Mark.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION**

The Christmas lights on the estate will be judged again this year.



**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**



The travellers that appeared in the long meadow in August were removed by the local authority and police. It appears they made forced entry from the main road adjacent to the Case is Altered. Residents are asked to be vigilant.

We still have somebody walking around the estate at night checking doors to see if cars are left open . Residents are urged to be vigilant on this also.

## The Eastcote Park Estate Association - Sixty Five Plus Group

Prompted by the contribution from Nick Denys in our last newsletter we have considered setting up a group for the over sixty fives on our estate. It does seem possible that there are a number of our residents who would appreciate such a group. Three committee members have agreed to coordinate interest on this and start meetings up. Whilst we have some ideas for activities it will be down to those who attend some initial gatherings to decide, as a group, what activities would be appreciated. Until we have got together to decide on activities we are thinking of an initial afternoon tea session where we can start to gather suggestions and plan further activities.

Whilst there is the possibility of funding from Hillingdon council, the EPEA will initially fund the cost of tea, biscuits and room hire. Whether there are charges for future events will depend on what is decided to do. Whilst, again, the future will depend on what the group decides to do, we envisage we would base activities around monthly afternoon tea sessions. Any activities at the afternoon sessions or additional events would depend on what is decided by the group.

Please contact either Margaret Ross, Margaret Bacon or Martin Hand ( contact details below) if you would be interested in attending. We will then book an appropriate room and advise the date and venue to those who have advised interest. We would hope to book a room in a local church or the stables building in the Estate House Gardens. We will endeavour to coordinate some transport if there are any who cannot make the journey independently.

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### Message from our newsletter sponsor

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