



Eastcote Park Estate Association

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

Newsletter– JULY 2018

AUTUMN EVENT

Saturday 17th November

More information to follow later in the year on this event but there will be the usual fish and chip quiz with team sizes of up to six as in recent years. We hope to leave the ticket price unchanged at £8.00 but will review this later in the year. Please note 17th November in your diary if you are intending to participate.



FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION

Front Gardens will be judged again this year. Judging takes place during July and August. Not everyone can be a winner but thanks to all those who make our estate so good to walk around. Should any current or previous year's winners have photographs of their gardens they would be happy to be included in the EPEA newsletter please pass these to Martin Hand.

SUMMERTIME SECURITY

Now that summer seems to have arrived do please be vigilant with your home security. For example whilst you are enjoying that barbecue in your back garden do ensure that your front door and windows are securely locked – it only takes a moment for that opportunist thief to take advantage of lax security.

AUTUMN PLANTING

We will cover this in our next newsletter but we would like people to come forward as volunteers to help with further autumn planting sessions to add more spring flowering bulbs to our estate islands.

Marg Bacon coordinates the committee 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 one page 4). The planned date will be in the next newsletter.



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REPORT ON 2018 AGM ON 16.5.18

Approx. 30 people attended our 2018 AGM.

There was a presentation on the plans for our new estate DVD by Ram Seth (see page 4 for more on this). The meeting agreed that the maximum length would be 2 hours and a maximum of approx 10% would be allocated to general Eastcote historical matters as these may impact the estate. The video will be in sections with narrators and hopefully some key content brought forward from the 1997 video.

The meeting thought a further annual dinner in 2019 would be appropriate.

The neighbourhood watch report noted that we had not had much in the way of burglaries in the last year but car crime was the issue we should be aware of. It was noted that the "OWL " neighbourhood watch system" was being rolled out with information emails on this to come from Chris Head to those on his circulation list in the near future. Chris was asked if he would retain emergency contact numbers for residents in case of fire or flood etc. The answer was yes although the OWL system may be a better way of holding such emergency contacts.

Accounts were presented and further copies are available from the Martin Hand on request.

Acorn youth club was approved as our charity for 2019 and all the existing committee and auditors were re-elected.

Subscriptions

Road Stewards have now completed their collections. 84% of our residents have already subscribed for 2018. Subscription remain at £3.00 for each residence but we also invite a donation which will be for The Acorn Youth Club. Should you not yet have paid then payment can be made by cheque, payable to: **Eastcote Park Estate Association**. This can be delivered to the Treasurer at: 33 St. Lawrence Drive. It is of note that any monies collected by Chris Head in October to December 2017 were residual collections for 2017 not advance collections for 2018. We hope Chris will call for residual 2018 collections at the end of this year.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Please contact Chris Head: headc@btinternet.com to be added to his confidential circulation list of Neighbourhood Watch and other estate issues.

In an emergency phone 999. For non urgent matters phone 101. For local ongoing issues, please contact your Safer Neighbourhood Police Team: Eastcote.Ruislip.snt@met.police.uk
020 8721 2548 or Twitter @MPSEastcoteXH

OWL neighbourhood watch system

OWL is a system set up by the police through neighbourhood watch. Further information will follow from Chris Head but the key points are:

Local authorities send out alerts via OWL about crime & local issues happening right now in your area. It helps prevent burglary, finds missing people, makes people feel safer, and even catches suspects.

OWL helps reduce crime and keeps people informed of what's going on locally. It's a shared, secure platform for the public and local authorities to maximise the potential of Neighbourhood Watch, Rural Watch, Business Watch and dozens of other schemes. OWL sends you the latest local crime alerts and provides management tools for maintaining and expanding watches.

ROAD STEWARD REQUIRED

For some years we have had a full sixteen Road Stewards doing an excellent job of delivering newsletters and collecting the annual subscriptions. One of the sixteen would like to stand down after several years of service to the EPEA. Should you feel you would be interested in volunteering please contact Martin Hand or any member of the committee.

BOOKS ON EASTCOTE

Eastcote and other Hillingdon libraries have a number of books on Eastcote. Amongst these is "Eastcote from Village to Suburb". This book, written by Ron Edwards, was published in 1987. It was recently available on Amazon for £8.81 but is free to read from your local library. We have asked the Council if we could make this available on our website but the Council hold the rights and would only allow 5% to be made available. However, as they point out, it is available to read for free from your local library.



Message from The Friends Of Eastcote House Gardens (FEHG)

Web site:

www.eastcotehousegardens.weebly.com

Volunteer gardening Sessions continue on 1st & 2nd Fridays plus the 3rd and 4th Thursday of each month starting at 9.30am. Tools, Refreshments and good company provided. No experience necessary. Use the "contact us" section of the website to log your interest in volunteering.

Diary dates :

The Dovecot will be open to the public on July 17th, August 21st and September 18th.

Second hand Book & Plant Sales will be on 4th August and 6th October.

Sunday 23rd September is London Open House day to include a Classic Car Rally .

Eastcote Remembers events will be held during the period Saturday 3rd November to Saturday 17th November .

Tree dressing will be on December 1st.

Contribution from Nick Denys - Councillor for our Eastcote & East Ruislip ward

Celebrating the RAF and Hillingdon's History

This year is the 100 year anniversary of the creation of the Royal Air force (RAF). This is an anniversary that has particular significance to the London Borough of Hillingdon. Our history is so intertwined with the RAF's that the eagle on the Hillingdon coat of arms specifically denotes our area's connections with the RAF.

Most famously, RAF Uxbridge headquartered No. 11 Group RAF, which was responsible for the aerial defence of London and the south-east of England during the Battle of Britain. The Operations Room was also responsible for providing air support during the evacuation of Dunkirk in May 1940 (Operation Dynamo) and the D-Day landings (Operation Overlord). It was in the site's bunker that Winston Churchill first said, "Never in the history of mankind has so much been owed by so many to so few". If you want to find out more the Battle of Britain Bunker museum is just off St Andrew's Road, Uxbridge.

To mark the anniversary, during June Uxbridge town centre will host the RAF Freedom of Hillingdon Parade. Up until October free talks will be presented by personnel from RAF Northolt, at libraries across the Hillingdon. To find out when these will happen search "RAF 100 Talk series" on the Hillingdon Council website.

My Grandad, after he escaped from the Nazi invasion of Poland, flew Lancaster Bombers for the RAF. I have always felt proud that he did so, to help make sure we stayed free. I also feel fortunate that my generation has never had to face such a great challenge. It is always good to remember what previous generations have done for us.



ESTATE DVD

Thanks go to Ram Seth who is working hard on a new estate video. Should anyone have any suggested content or information to be considered for the new video we intend to set up a notice board area on our website to log these. Any information can also be passed to Ram via any committee member. A one hour twelve minute version of the Directors cut of the 1997 video was made available by Hillingdon Council on :

<https://www.londonsscreenarchives.org.uk/public/details.php?id=2382>

This edition of the community video developed by the Eastcote Park Estate Association to mark it's 60th Anniversary in 1997, contains archive material which was not previously shown.

This material has now been included in this special "Director's Cut" to ensure that it is not lost.



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