

Eastcote Park Estate Association

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

Newsletter– April 2011

Easter Egg Hunt

The 2011 Easter Egg Hunt will take place on



Easter Sunday as usual. The date is **SUNDAY APRIL 24th 2011**.

A separate flyer is attached to this newsletter with all the details. Richard Maude has kindly agreed to arrange this again but we do now need someone to take this over for future years. Should you be able to assist Richard please contact him as all help will be gratefully received to ensure this ever popular event continues. We hope that someone will come forward to help organise the event this year and then be able to take command in future years. Unless someone comes forward we are unlikely to be able to run this event in 2012

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on 9th May 2011 At 7.30pm. Please remember that, whilst there will be an agenda circulated, residents can bring up other items under any other business. It is therefore important to attend if you want to be involved in any decisions made.

Please remember that you need to have paid your subscriptions before our Annual General Meeting in order to participate in the meeting. It is of note that, for 2010, 237(94%) of our residents subscribed to the association.

Eastcote Park Gardening Volunteers

We all saw the benefits of work done by volunteers in 2010. The coming gardening sessions are:

April 1st & 21st
May 6th & 19th
June 3rd & 16th.

Meet in the Car Park EHG at 9.30am, tools, refreshments and friendly company provided

New Road Stewards

The effectiveness of the Association is greatly aided by our team of Road Stewards. We always welcome volunteers to assist in this valuable activity to help us distribute the newsletters to neighbours and collect the subscriptions once a year. It's not too time consuming or onerous and helps oil the wheels of our local community. At this time we particularly welcome volunteers from Field End Road and from Bridle Road who would be able to cover the homes in their area (max.15). If you would be willing to help please contact Martin Hand.

All road stewards are invited to an informal supper around March each year. The Association covers the cost of this as a thank you to the road stewards without whom the association would not function.

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Road Stewards

A reminder of the list of our road stewards who distribute the newsletters, any event flyers and collect subscriptions.

Richard White (39 St Lawrence Drive) covers:
St. Lawrence Drive 29 to 61 odd numbers and 32 to 38 even numbers.

Celia Reece covers:
Pamela Gardens 3 to 31 odd numbers plus 10 to 28 even numbers

To be advised (Chris Head / Martin Hand interim) to cover:
Field End road 1 to 9, 25 and 33 to 43 odd numbers and Park Farm Close.

Hilary Prevost (8 Burwood Avenue) covers:
Burwood Avenue 1 to 23 odd numbers and 2 to 32 even numbers.

Rosemary Ryder (16 St Lawrence) covers:
Burwood Avenue 25 to 47 odd numbers plus 34 to 58 even numbers.

Mary Jungreuthmayer (3 Burwood Avenue) covers:
The Glen 1 to 22.

Charlie Sylvester (36 St Lawrence Drive) covers:
Dovecot 1 to 11.

Fred Harrington (44 Burwood Avenue) covers:
Rodney Gardens 40 to 80 even numbers.

Audrey Harrington (44 Burwood Avenue) covers:
Rodney Gardens 2 to 40 even numbers.

Margaret Bacon (7 Pamela Gardens) covers:
Bridle Road 1 to 23 odd numbers.

Otfried Droese (2 Robarts Close) covers:
Robarts Close 1 to 7.

Enid Minchin (9 The Glen) covers:
St Lawrence Drive 1-27 odd and 2-30 even

John Rose (47 Rodney Gardens) covers:
Rodney Gardens 1-55 odd numbers.

Subscriptions

2011 Subscriptions are now due and remain at £3.00. We encourage members to make a donation to our charity, Grangewood School, at the same time as paying their subscriptions.

Subscriptions (continued)

Lists of payment received have now been passed to road Stewards. The Road stewards will call on those who have not, as yet, paid.

Should you not be in a note will be left to advise how to subscribe i.e. by cheque payable to "Eastcote Park Estate Association" to the Treasurer at 33 St Lawrence Drive.

The EPEA Committee is:

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Green Waste

Residents will be aware that waste from our estate is generally collected on a Monday with "Green Waste" being collected on alternate Mondays. Coming Green Waste (blue week) collection days are:

11th April,
9th & 23rd May ,
6th & 20th June.

See <http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk> for details.

Electronic Communications

Our web site is:

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

Should you wish to refer to recent newsletters they are available on the web site. The site also has a good deal of information on the history of the estate with some original drawings etc.

Neighbourhood Watch



Our area remains a relatively low crime area. However in recent months there has been an attempted break-in in Pamela Gardens and the theft of valuables, left briefly in a car whilst posting a letter. Do not make it easy for the passing criminal.

We also remind residents of the risks of leaving car keys in accessible positions. An opportunist crime can easily turn into car theft if car keys are easily found in the house.

A Quote from the BBC website 1.2.11:

Scams hit one in 20 people in the UK last year, with most losing money by handing over bank details or paying upfront fees. The Office of Fair Trading (OFT) said that 39% of those who lost money were the victims of two particular scams. These trick people into giving bank details or paying an upfront fee assuming they are entitled to an inheritance or donating to charity. People were taken in by the authenticity of the request.

A message from the Safer Neighbourhoods team:

In January there have been 10 offences where burglars have entered a home simply by opening an unlocked patio door.

40% of all burglaries are committed by the burglar breaking in through the front of the home, typically through the front door. Commonly these are UPVC front doors or other doors with multi-point locking system. Homeowners incorrectly believe that by pulling the inside handle up they have securely locked their door. Unfortunately it only takes a burglar with a simple tool to reach through the letterbox and pull that handle down and they can walk straight into your home. If you have a similar door you must make sure you pull the handle up to engage the bolts and then lock them with the key day or night. If you do not follow advice you may become a victim of this type of burglary.

It is another popular misconception that burglars operate at night. In fact, in the last two weeks, the peak times for a burglary to occur are between 6 and 10 in the morning & 4.30 and 9 in the evening. The peak days? Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

To protect yourself, we advise that you should close and lock your doors and windows when you are going out. In the evenings, put some lights on. Use timer switches if you are out. Fit a burglar alarm.

Jewellery and electrical items such as televisions, laptops and games consoles are the favourite items for burglars to steal at the moment so make sure you mark them using a UV pen with your postcode and house number. When we recover stolen property, it can be very difficult to trace the rightful owner and without proof the thief or handler may get away with it.

Be vigilant. Keep your eye out for any suspicious vehicles or people in your road. Note down registration numbers, type of car, descriptions of the people involved. Don't be afraid to call the police. If it's urgent then ring 999, otherwise let your Safer Neighbourhoods Team know. It is often the small pieces of information that make up the big picture and if you don't tell us, then we won't know.

Extract from a message from P.C. Rob Belson: following a local burglary:

1. Secure side gates, Lock them from the inside and make sure that the hinges are solid.
2. Add trellis or similar to add height to gates and fences, light gauge trellis is difficult to climb.
3. Back up 'weak' hedges that could be pushed through.
4. Make sure garden furniture can't be used as a step up to higher level (usually less secure) windows
5. Consider the exterior lighting of your property, especially whilst it remains dark in the evenings.
6. As spring approaches consider how visible parts of your property are and prune hedges etc as appropriate (can a suspect hide at the front of your house?)
7. Finally lock doors and windows and Set your alarm. An alarm wont prevent a determined burglar however they make your house a lot less attractive to them.

The team are as usual more than willing to attend any address in order to conduct a crime prevention visit.

Theft in Dovecote

A satellite navigation system was recently stolen from an unlocked car in Dovecote Close

Theft in Rodney

2 cars were broken into in Rodney Gardens recently with cash etc. being taken

Contacts

We encourage residents to raise any issues concerning the estate with the council as and when they have a grievance. Some useful contacts are:

Hillingdon Council

Council Website

www.hillingdon.gov.uk –

Environmental services 01895-556000

In relation to abandoned cars, fly tipping, grass cutting, road gritting, refuse collection, pavements, street lighting and tree complaints.

Environmental services 01895-250189

In relation to bonfires in gardens.

Environmental services 01895- 250155

In relation to bonfires on industrial or commercial sites and noise problems

Local Councillors

Catherine Dann 0208 868 9144

Bruce Baker 020 8426 2348

David Payne 020 8866 2986

Or email EastcoteAndEastRuislip-Ward@Hillingdon.gov.uk

Parks

Parks Constabulary- 01895-239241

Available 9.00am to 10pm

Parking Enforcement Helpline 01895 277383

available in office hours for problems with cars parked on yellow lines or across a drive.

E-mail parkingenforcement@hillington.gov.uk

Police

In the event of an emergency always dial 999, for all other calls to the Metropolitan Police Service please dial **0300 123 1212**.

Day to day crime and disorder issues contact your local safer neighbourhoods police team on 0208 721 2548

Hillingdon Police Community officers- 020 8246 1888. Hillingdon Police Community advice line 020 8246 1501 (Mon-Sat 10am to 5pm). Neighbourhood Watch 020 8246 1869

Safer Neighbourhoods Team
Eastcote and East Ruislip Ward XR35
Telephone: 020 7161 9325

Should you find that any of these contacts need updating please contact Martin Hand.

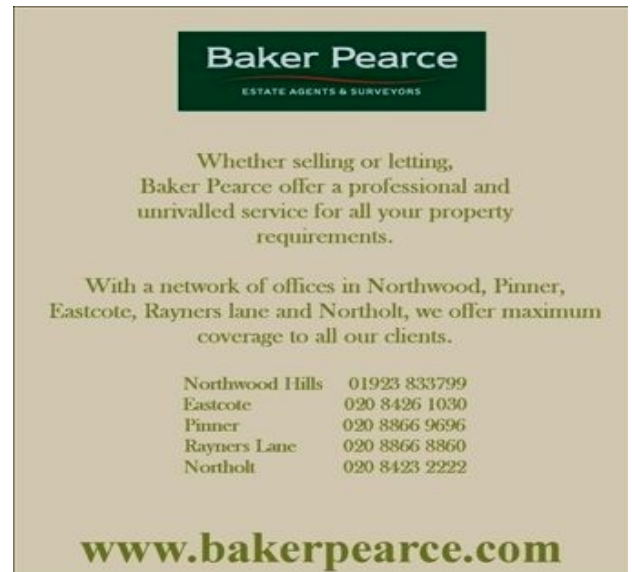
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Michael Sobell House Hospice

The Eastcote Park Estate Association has now had Grangewood School as its nominate charity for 9 years. In the 8 years, 2003 to 2010, we donated a total of £3,556.43. In year 2000 Michael Sobell Hospice was our charity. Whilst we have no plans to change from Grangewood a number of residents still have links with Michael Sobell. Included with this newsletter in a sheet on a number of fund raising, and fun, events Michael Sobell have arranged for 2011. We hope residents will consider participating in one or more of these.

Committee Activity

Some of the actions taken by the committee recently have been.

Contacting those working on sites which had "pub signs" with a view to obtaining a redundant post suitable for a second sign at the end of Pamela Gardens.

Communicating with Hillingdon Council members on the state of roads/pavements on the estate including submitting a condition schedule.

Contacted council on safety issues around lack of no entry sign on one entry to Pamela Gardens following some near misses.

Followed up on the park gate issue with the council who informed this would now be looked at when the refurbishment of the entire estate is considered.

Michael Sobell House Hospice EVENT CALENDAR

—Circulated with EPEA newsletter April 2011



SATURDAY 7 MAY

Annual Plant Sale

Organised by our dedicated team of gardeners. Come along and purchase your bedding & exotic plants, vegetable & fruit patch favourites at reasonable prices.

SUNDAY 15 MAY

On Yer Bike for Care

Get your bike out for a cycle through the Hertfordshire countryside, start training for the summer season coming up and raise funds for the hospice. Watch our website for updates on the new longer route coming for 2011.

FRIDAY 3 JUNE

Ladies in the Night Walk

Join us for our 2nd walk on a lovely summers evening from Mount Vernon Hospital through Moor Park, Northwood returning to the Hospital. You have the option of walking a 5 or 9 mile route depending on your ability. Why not get a group of family & friends together for a fun evening workout. There will be music and exercise on the lawn before the challenge. Visit www.ladiesinthenightwalk.co.uk for updates.

THURSDAY 23 JUNE

10th Anniversary Golf Day at Sandy Lodge

The MSH Charity Golf Day at Sandy Lodge Golf Club is now a well established event. It is a vital fundraiser for us but has also become one of the highlights of the local golfing calendar. Our 2011 event is the 10th anniversary, so will be quite special.

For further information contact:

Entrants: Stephen Lee 01923 825173

email: stephenwlee@btinternet.com

Sponsorship: Roger Michael

email: michael@michaelsobellhouse.co.uk

SUNDAY 10 JULY

Vintage Fair

A fun day out for all the family, there will be stalls selling an abundance of vintage goodies, Swing dance demonstrations, a funky choir, and for the fashion conscious a vintage fashion show, plus the chance to have a hair & beauty makeover with photography. There will be a classic car exhibition, plus, the chance to have your heirlooms & antiques valued by qualified valuers with years of experience from three main auction houses for a small fee. Come and soak up the sun and atmosphere and enjoy a cream tea while doing so. Parking will be **Free** on site for the day via Gate 1.

Time: 11am – 5pm

Price: £5.00 Adult entry £4.00 Senior Citizen

£2.50 children over 5 years old

SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

MSH Annual Sponsored Walk

Best foot forward on our annual Sponsored Walk, now in its 29th year. Enthusiastic walkers of all abilities and ages are invited to take part in a beautiful & scenic country walk along the canal sides of Northwood, Moor Park and Rickmansworth, with distances of 3, 7 or 12 miles.

We need a lot of help:

Help is needed to ensure we have a presence at the following out door events in the summer:-

Eastcote Gardens Charity Day

Revels on the Green

Vintage Fair

Uxbridge Auto Show

Store collections

Marshals for our Ladies in the Night Walk

If you can offer any help, or would like further information about any of the above activities, please contact Ophelia Chambers-Henry 01923 844 829 Or Trish Mule 01923 844 726. Please also watch our website and quarterly newsletter for updates.

www.michaelsobellhouse.co.uk

Eastcote Park Estate

Easter Egg Hunt

ON EASTER SUNDAY 24TH APRIL 2011



TIME: 2.30 PM

PLACE:

**EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS
IN FRONT OF THE COACH HOUSE**

PRICE: £2.00 ALL AGES

Please Contact Richard Maude (020 8582 0934) for tickets. Some tickets may be available on the day but we recommend that you contact Richard and pay in advance. This event is always popular and there will be a limit of just 50 tickets this year.