

Eastcote Park Estate Association

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Newsletter– MARCH / APRIL 2020

CORONAVIRUS ADDENDUM

The following 6 pages of this newsletter were written during January 2020. The newsletter was finalised, copied and collated prior to the coronavirus situation turning into a pandemic and organisations generally considering whether events should go ahead especially bearing in mind that the Government is forecasting we will hit peak contamination in May. Some events in the newsletter are therefore now cancelled and this addendum is added to advise the situation.

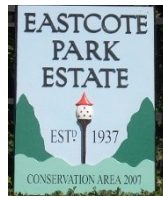
The Easter Egg Hunt planned for Sunday 12 April (as on page 3) is cancelled. Hopefully we will be able to resume the event next year.

The AGM planned for 13th May (as on page 3 and 5) is cancelled. It is unlikely we will have an AGM this year. Should you have any issues you wish to communicate to the committee please email chairman@eastcoteparkestate.org.uk. Copies of our accounts for 2019 can be obtained from the treasurer. Contact details of all the committee are on page 6.

In respect of Michael Sobell Hospice and Friend of Eastcote House Gardens events (on page 4) we currently have no information on whether these are going ahead. Please look at the relevant websites or contact them direct for more information.

The Bentley Priory guided visit (as on page 4) will not go ahead this year. Hopefully we will be able to offer this trip next year.

Subscription sheets (as on page 3) will not go to road stewards on 20th March. We will not ask road stewards to collect subscriptions until later in the year and will advise more on this in the summer. We encourage those who have yet to pay their £3.00 subscription, plus any donation to Acorn Youth club, to make a payment by cheque, payable to: Eastcote Park Estate Association. Please ensure you advise your address with your payment. Any cheques should be delivered or posted to the treasurer, Martin Hand, at 33 St Lawrence Drive.



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Chairman's message

As we move further into 2020 our association is in good shape. We have the full contingent of 10 committee members (as set out in our constitution), a full contingent of 16 Road Stewards. 2 honorary auditors, and a new estate video is on its way. For 10 years around 90% of our 254 homes have subscribed to our association and we have appropriate funds in hand. We also have the long term support of our newsletter sponsor Bennett Holmes.

We hope to make the new estate video available to all estate homes, that subscribe to the association, for free during 2020 using technology to reduce the cost as far as is possible. We believe this will be useful information on the estate as well as good publicity for the estate and the EPEA.

However, it is never good to be complacent. We expect the current committee to re-stand for another term at this years AGM (see page 5) but we would like new members to join us either formally or by coming along to some of our committee meetings during 2020/2021 to get an idea of what we get up to so that they can consider standing more formally in the future. On average current committee members have served for 12 years each with many being on the committee for around 20 years. There are a range of profiles on the committee but it is common for members to have signed up in their forties or fifties and still be there 20 years later. We welcome anyone who may like to get involved but some from the next generation would help secure the future of the association. Should you be interested do contact any member of the committee or come along to the AGM. We currently have 4 committee meetings a year with sub committees where necessary.

Chairman's message (continued)

The situation is similar with our road stewards. We do have a full 16 at this time but would really appreciate new volunteers to fill vacancies as they become available. Our road stewards, like the committee members. have mostly been volunteering for many years. The road stewards role is to deliver newsletters to homes on their list 4 time a year and collect subscription once a year (where not already paid to the treasurer). There are occasional extra duties such as collecting petition signatories or distributing flyers for events but these do not arise very often. Currently no road steward covers more than 29 homes with the average being 16 homes. Do please contact any member of the committee or your road steward if you would be prepared to volunteer for this role.

Extracts from our welcome letter are on page 2 which you may like to consider.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE EASTCOTE PARK ESTATE
ASSOCIATION WELCOME LETTER

full version on our web site: http://www.eastcoteparkestate.org.uk/?page_id=1069

An introduction to the EPEA:

The first houses that began the development of Eastcote Park Estate were built in 1934. By 1937 the Estate was well on the way to being the development that we know today when plans were announced that would drive a road through the Estate, to take traffic from Field End Road through to Joel Street. These plans would have involved taking as much as twelve feet of frontage away from the newly constructed homes. The residents of the time called a public meeting in August of 1937 to consider the proposals and the dislocation and loss of amenities that would be caused to the Estate. The residents subscribed to a fund for the briefing of legal counsel to represent them at a full enquiry into the proposals. The scheme was subsequently cancelled, but from this beginning, the Eastcote Park Estate Association was formed.

Since that time the Committee, which is elected each year, has pursued the original aims which are to maintain, safeguard and improve the amenities for the residents of Eastcote Park Estate and surrounding areas.

The Association does not seek to interfere in the lives of the residents - for instance it will not involve itself in issues which may arise between neighbours nor unnecessarily interject in such things as planning applications for alterations to existing homes.

The Committee gives their time, freely, voluntarily and with enthusiasm for the goals of maintaining the amenity of this rare example of a 'Metroland' Estate - which is recognised by Hillingdon Council as a Conservation area. The Committee represents the views and interests of the majority of residents when required and contributes to local Community spirit by the organisation of a small number of events each year designed to provide all age groups with an opportunity to meet socially with other residents of the Estate. Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is usually held in May and all members are encouraged to attend.

Your Road Steward gives valuable help to the Committee by collecting the nominal annual subscriptions, currently £3.00, delivering Newsletters and acting as a conduit for the flow of information and help between residents and the Committee. If you cannot attend the AGM please let your Road Steward have any comments for consideration at the AGM if appropriate.

There is a long-standing tradition for residents, if they wish, to give a little extra when the subs are collected. The additional amounts collected are presented annually on the resident's behalf to a local charity.

The Association also liaises with our Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, Chris Head, on Neighbourhood watch issues. Regular updates on Neighbourhood Watch (along with any other relevant estate issues and newsletters) can be emailed to residents by Chris. Key Neighbourhood Watch issues are also covered in our quarterly newsletter. Should you wish to be added to the distribution list for emails please send a message to Chris. His contact details are in our quarterly newsletters (printed version only) and can be obtained from your Road Steward.

We hope you will support the work of the Association. We are here to work on your behalf! We also hope to see you or your family at future social functions and at the AGM, so that you will have the opportunity to let the Committee know how we can do more to preserve the amenity and environment of our homes.

We would like to ensure that new residents are aware that the estate is a conservation area. This gives benefits and burdens. Some normal permitted development rules do not apply and there are rules around cutting down trees with a diameter of more than 75mm. Please contact Hillingdon Council for more details on restrictions

If you would like to become more directly involved in the running of the Association the Committee would be most pleased to hear from you. We always seem to need new members and we welcome new ideas.

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 13 May 2020 at 7.30 pm

Formal notice of our AGM is circulated with this newsletter, on page 5, together with the nomination form for new committee members and the agenda.

Please note the date, time and place. Please also remember that, whilst an agenda is circulated (on page 5), 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. Minutes of last year's meeting are available on our website under "about EPEA/AGMs". The Committee invite you to stay for tea after the meeting.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



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

The police contacts for Eastcote are:
Eastcote.Ruislip.snt@met.police.uk
020 8721 2548 or Twitter @MPSEastcoteXH
In an emergency phone 999. For non urgent matters phone 101.

To register for OWL online watch alerts go to :
https://www.owl.co.uk/watchfinder_lookup.cfm
Should you need more information on the OWL system before signing up please contact Chris Head.

Road Stewards

Should you wish to confirm the details of your steward please contact Martin Hand. So far there is just one change for 2020 with Phil Turnpenny taking over from Bob Reile for The Glen.

[Please welcome our road stewards if they call on you as they are doing a stalwart voluntary job for the good of the estate.](#)

Easter Egg Hunt

The 2020 Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Easter Sunday as usual. Chris Head has agreed to organise the event this year. We would appreciate others coming forward to assist.



Should you feel you might be able to help out please contact Chris. All help will be gratefully received to ensure this ever popular event continues. We do need new people to get involved going forward.

Planned date and time:

SUNDAY 12th April 2020 at : 2.30pm

PLACE: EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS IN FRONT OF THE STABLES BUILDING.

Please contact Chris Head during March or April if you would like to participate.

Front Garden Competition

Front Gardens will be judged again this year. Judging will take 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.

Subscriptions

Road Stewards will have received lists of those who had paid by 20.3.20 and will be collecting from others. Subscription remains at £3.00 for each residence but we also invite a donation which will be for The Acorn Youth Club. You should have paid your subscription before the AGM in order to vote on any matters.

65+ Group

Our group for EPEA members who have reached the age of 65 is full again but we would like to build up a waiting list. If you would like to join or would like more information please contact Martin Hand, Marg Bacon or Margaret Ross (contact details on page 6). Please do contact one of us if you might be interested. We are happy to talk with anyone who may be interested in attending now or in the future and will be happy to tell you more about what goes on. Activities are varied with guest speakers quizzes, music and other themed days.

Michael Sobell Hospice — 2020 EVENTS

Address: Michael Sobell Hospice, Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, Middlesex HA6 2RN (Sat. Nav. users use postcode WD3 1PZ)

It was year 2000 when our association last had Michael Sobell Hospice as its nominated charity but we are happy to advise residents of some of their events. Please see notes of some events below (details from their web site). To check details or for information on other fundraising events etc. call 020 3826 2367, or see.. <https://www.michaelsobellhospice.co.uk/product-category/events/>

Quiz Night - Friday 3rd April 8.00 pm

MSH Bike ride - Sunday 17th May 8.00 am

Ladies In The Night Walk - Friday 19th June

Eastcote Residents Association (ERA)

Website : www.eastcoteresidents.org.uk

We remind residents that the ERA is a separate association to the Eastcote Park Estate Association (EPEA). Some confusion has arisen in prior years when the ERA has been collecting subscriptions at the same time as the EPEA. There is a link to the ERA website on our website.

Pavement Petition follow up

As advised to us 6.2.20 the Borough wide condition surveys, including our estate, were completed in December 2019. The survey data is being analysed by an independent consultant and the results will inform maintenance decisions for roads and footways to be included in planned resurfacing schemes for next financial year 2020/21.

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.

2020 Diary dates (all free entry):

Saturday April 4th 11am - 2pm Plant & Second hand book sale in the gardener's yard.

Saturday 2nd May 11am - 2pm Second hand book sale in the gardener's yard.

Tuesday May 12th 2 - 3pm - Tree Walk and Dovecot open.

Saturday June 6th EHG Community Picnic 11pm - 4pm. There is also a second hand book sale on this day and the Dovecot will be open.

Sunday 14th June Herb Walk 2pm to 4pm.

Saturday July 11th second hand book sale 11am-2pm.

Saturday August 8 second hand book sale 11am-2pm.

Sunday 22nd September Open House -and classic car rally 11.00 - 4.00. (plus book and plant sale).

The Dovecot will also be open from 1.30 to 3.30 on the following additional Tuesdays during the Summer months: June 9th, July 14th, August 11th, September 8th.

Bentley Priory Guided Visit

Bentley Priory was the Headquarters for Fighter Command during the Battle of Britain. Its Museum, a beautiful Grade 2 country house, focuses on this critical part of our history as will our tour guide. Guided tours are available for groups of 20 or more. We do however have a tour guide on our EPEA committee which gives us some flexibility on this. We would like to organise a trip to Bentley priory for EPEA members probably in Spring 2020 with our guide. Should anyone be interested please contact Mark Lemon (contact details on page 6). Details about the museum can be found at: <https://bentleypriorymuseum.org.uk/>

2020 Quiz night and Dinner

In our January newsletter we asked for interest in a 2020 evening Dinner. Insufficient interest was expressed for this to go forward so we are now planning an Autumn fish and chip quiz night. The quiz night was very popular in 2019 so we hope we can book an appropriate hall and look forward to seeing many of you this Autumn. Further details will be in our Summer newsletter.

Notice of the 82nd AGM of the Eastcote Park Estate Association

Date and time: Wednesday 13th May 2020 to start at 7.30 pm

Place : Elsie Fischer room at the rear of the car park to St. Lawrence Church, Eastcote.

The Committee looks forward to welcoming as many residents as possible to the AGM and especially new members to the community. Please take note that residents may vote on any items raised under any other business not specifically recorded in the agenda concerning the estate so all are encouraged to attend.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and apologies for absence	Chairman
2. Minutes of the 81st AGM (15th May 2019)	Secretary
3. Matters arising from the minutes	Chairman
4. Chairman's report	Chairman
5. Social Events including 65+ Group	Chairman/Treasurer
6. Adoption of accounts and nominated charity for 2021	Treasurer
7. Election of Auditors	Treasurer
8. Neighbourhood Watch report	Chris Head
9. Election of Committee	Secretary
10. Any Other Business	Chairman

EPEA COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

The Committee of the Eastcote Park Estate Association manages the affairs of the Association and is elected each year at the AGM. The Committee consists of the officers i.e. Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer plus seven elected members making a total of ten.

CURRENT OFFICERS

Chairman: Gerry Edwards 24 Rodney Gardens
Secretary: Richard Maude 41 St Lawrence Drive
Treasurer: Martin Hand 33 St Lawrence Drive

CURRENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ashe Dhir Dovecot Close
Chris Head Burwood Avenue
Mark Lemon St Lawrence Drive
Margaret Bacon Pamela Gardens
Margaret Ross Rodney Gardens
Peter Ryder St Lawrence Drive
Sam Wren The Glen

Should you wish to nominate new members please complete the form below and submit to the Secretary at least 7 days before the AGM accompanied by written agreement from the nominated person.

Nomination Form – Eastcote Park Estate Association Committee

Name address and signature of Nominee.....

Name address and signature of Proposer.....

Name address and signature of Seconder.....

2020 Estate Video—"Community Matters"

The new estate video is currently being finalised. As noted in our October 2019 newsletter we would like to make the final video available to all EPEA members for free and are finding ways of doing this recognising that many are moving away from DVDs onto streaming and downloads. We hope residents will help us reduce cost by taking advantage of the non DVD options of accessing the video.

Our webmaster has created a private YouTube channel for the estate. Our 1997 video has been posted to the channel and Chris Head will be circulating a link to this later this year to those who have signed up to his circulation list. You will not find the video from a search as it is a private channel. Once the new video has been finalised it will be posted to the private channel and Chris Head will circulate a link.

We then plan to have a download day where EPEA members can come along with a memory stick and have the video copied onto their stick. We hope to have a viewing of the video on that day if we can book an appropriate space for doing so. After the download day we will take orders for a DVD from EPEA members (max .1 per household) and, subject to a cost review, hopefully have them created and circulated around the end of the year or early next year.

The EPEA Committee members are:

Gerry Edwards (Chairman)

Richard Maude (Secretary)

Martin Hand (Treasurer and member of 65+ sub committee)

Marg Bacon (Member of 65+ sub committee)

Ash Dhir

Chris Head (also a neighbourhood watch coordinator)

Mark Lemon

Margaret Ross (Member of 65+ sub committee)

Peter Ryder

Sam Wren (Webmaster)

To contact the committee on general EPEA matters we suggest you email: webmaster@eastcoteparkestate.org.uk

Message from our newsletter sponsor

BENNETT HOLMES

Having sponsored the Association's newsletter since 2008 we are keen to assist you in the sale or letting of your property and would welcome the opportunity to discuss any of your property needs.

Pinner Sales and Lettings :
28-30 High Street
Pinner
Middlesex
HA5 5PW
Sales: 020 8866 0127
Lettings: 020 8866 7222

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