



Eastcote Park Estate Association

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

Newsletter– October 2019

AUTUMN EVENT

Fish and Chip Quiz Night

Saturday 9th November 2019 from 7.30pm

This year's event will take place in the Church Hall adjacent to St. Lawrence Church in Bridle Road.



To book a place please contact Marg Bacon (Contact details as circulated print) as soon as possible and by 5th November at the latest to ensure we can order the fish and chips for you. Places are available on a first come first served basis. Please pay in advance to avoid the rush of cash changing hands on the night. If you have not been before do try it this

Price: £10.00 to include fish and chips — Bring your own liquid refreshment

Maximum team size: 6 people

For individuals or small groups we can group you with others to make up a table. of Approx. 6.

AUTUMN PLANTING

Planned Date etc: Saturday 26th October 2019 at 10.30am on the entrance island



Marg Bacon coordinates our autumn planting project and more specifically the planting on the entrance island. We will be providing bulbs based on the number of volunteers so please let Marg know as soon as possible if you feel you could help with the planting (contact details on page 4). 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 as well as contributing to the estate.

Newsletter Sponsor

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Contribution from Nick Denys — The rise in urban foxes

Over the last few years I have noticed an increase in the number of foxes visiting our Estate. I often see a fox at least once a week, and some of them are so used to wandering our streets that they don't scamper away when they see me approaching. I also regularly find fox faeces in my garden and occasionally hear their screams late at night. Some people are worried and have asked what can be done to minimise the increase in urban foxes. At first humane methods should be used to deter foxes.



This includes:

- *Denying them an easy food source by not leaving out bins or food overnight.
- *Denying them territory by making it hard for them to get into your garden.
- *Using repellents where foxes foul repeatedly.

If none of these methods work and you are worried about fox activity in your garden pest control companies can advise you what you can do.

For more information the RSPCA has a good webpage:

<https://www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/wildlife/inthewild/foxes>

ESTATE DVD

The title and theme of the video will be "Community Matters" and it will be issued in 2020. The themes will be around the community in terms of what has changed and what has stayed the same. We hope that the video will be available by around the time of our 2020 AGM.

Should you feel you have some information or input to contribute please contact any member of the committee who will put you in contact with Ram Seth who is working hard on the project.

We would like to make the final video available to all residents for free and are looking at ways of doing this recognising that many are moving away from DVDs onto streaming and downloads. We may, however, also make some DVDs available for those residents who want one assuming the costs are affordable.

A director's cut of our 1997 video is available on:

<https://www.londonsscreenarchives.org.uk/title/2382/>

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION



The Christmas lights on the estate will be judged again this year. Good luck to all those who make the effort to brighten our estate at Christmas.

Garden Maintenance Service

We have made it a policy not to make this newsletter an advertising forum keeping it for information on estate matters as far as possible. However, we are aware of the difficulty finding gardening services so we note that the warden of Eastcote House Gardens is leaving the council to set up his own gardening services business called "Nick's garden maintenance service" dealing with lawns, hedges, shrub pruning and bed/border maintenance. He can be contacted on 07555 724 359.

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.

A series of three concerts will take place in the Stables during Autumn 2019:

Jazzology - 20th October £12.00

In Voice & Verse - 27th October £15.00

Stumbling Block - 3rd November £12.00

All prices include refreshments and a Donation to FEHG.

All tickets are available from

Leslie Crowcroft:

lesley.crowcroft@gmail.com
or 0208 866 8436

Subscriptions

84% of our residents have already subscribed for 2019. Subscription remains 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 2018 were residual collections for 2018 not advance collections for 2019. Chris is now collecting residual 2019 subscriptions.

2019 BEST FRONT GARDEN WINNERS

We are pleased to announce the 2019 winners :

- 14 Rodney Gardens**
- 4 Rodney Gardens**
- 72 Rodney Gardens**
- 7 Pamela Gardens**
- 4 The Glen**
- 7 The Glen**
- 20 St Lawrence Drive**
- 49 St Lawrence Drive**
- 6 Burwood Avenue**
- 8 Burwood Avenue**
- 15 Burwood Avenue**
- 47 Burwood Avenue**

Congratulations and thanks go to the winners. Certificates are in the process of being issued. Thanks to all those who work to make our front gardens such an attraction on our estate.

PAVEMENT PETITION

We obtained 187 signatures, representing 137 homes, on our replacement pavement petition. The petition was submitted to the Council on 8th May 2019. A response was received in August noting that a condition survey will be carried out this Autumn.

65+ GROUP

Our group for EPEA members who have reached the age of 65 is not currently taking new members but if you would like to add your name to a waiting list or would like more information please contact Martin Hand, Marg Bacon or Margaret Ross. Please do consider doing this as we would like to make contact with those who may be interested in attending in the future. Activities are varied with guest speakers, quizzes, music and other themed days.

BINS

We believe it is a benefit that we do not have to use unsightly wheelie bins and many of us appreciate our local wildlife. However some residents do experience either crows or foxes breaking open black sacks put out for refuse collection in their search of food. This maybe something you are happy to accept but we do understand that if you put your black sacks out inside a solid bin the council will collect the black sacks from that bin which is an option some residents may want to try.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Please contact Chris Head: (contact details as on circulated print/pdf) to be added to his confidential circulation list of Neighbourhood Watch and other estate issues. The police contacts for Eastcote are: Eascote.Ruislip.snt@met.police.uk
020 8721 2548 or Twitter @MPSEastcoteXH .

A car was vandalised on the estate at 1.21 am on the morning of 27/6/19 by 2 youths. It appeared to be a targeted attack.

A burglary occurred in Burwood Avenue in August. The burglary was committed by gaining entry by forcing open a UPVC door located on the side of the property. There was no one at home at the time of the incident

We mentioned in our October 2016 newsletter the high risk of online scams and frauds. One suggestion to help spot spam email is to hover your mouse over the email address at which it appears to come from. This sometimes reveals that it comes from another address than it initially appears to.

One serious application of deceptive emails has been where fraudsters have sent email which initially appears to come from a solicitor dealing with a home purchase giving bank details for a deposit. The home purchase deposit has been known to be sent to the fraudsters never to be seen again.

The EPEA Committee members are:

Gerry Edwards (Chairman)
Richard Maude (Secretary)
Martin Hand (Treasurer)
Mark Lemon
Marg Bacon
Ash Dhir
Chris Head
Margaret Ross
Peter Ryder
Sam Wren

[Contact details as on circulated print/pdf.](#)

[To contact the committee on general EPEA matters we suggest you email: \[webmaster@eastcoteparkestate.org.uk\]\(mailto:webmaster@eastcoteparkestate.org.uk\)](#)

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.

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