



# Eastcote Park Estate Association

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

## Newsletter– January 2020

### Subscriptions

We are pleased to say that for 2019 we, again, had a high level (89%) of membership from our 254 homes.

**2020 Subscriptions are now due and remain at £3.00 for each residence.**

We encourage residents to add a donation to our welfare fund which will again be for the Acorn Youth Club. In recent years donations have averaged a similar amount as subscriptions but are at your discretion. The Acorn Youth club is a local group and is a registered charity which provides weekly meetings for those with learning difficulties.

We encourage you to make an early payment by cheque, payable to: **Eastcote Park Estate Association** or by bank transfer (See details on page 2).

Please ensure you advise your address with your payment particularly for a bank transfer.

Any cheques should be delivered or posted to the treasurer, Martin Hand, at 33 St Lawrence Drive. Early payment will reduce the burden of collection on our road stewards. Lists of payment received to date will be circulated to Road Stewards on **20th March 2020**. The Road stewards will then call on those who have not already paid. Please remember that you need to have paid your subscriptions before our Annual General Meeting on 13th May 2020 in order to participate in the meeting. Should you miss the Road Steward's visit, a note will be left requesting a payment to the treasurer. It is also likely that Chris Head will be good enough to call on those who have not paid around November 2020 so everyone should have the opportunity to belong.

### CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

The Christmas decorations on the estate were judged again in December. The winners were:

1st place..... 24 Pamela Gardens

2nd place..... 31 Pamela Gardens

3rd Place .....39 Burwood Avenue

Well done all of these homes and everyone else who made the estate sparkle around Christmas.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We hope to go ahead with this event again in 2020 on 12th April. However this is dependent on volunteers stepping forward to help organise the event. Either Chris Head or Richard Maude have been involved in running this event for at least the last 15 years. We now need someone new to get involved. Should you feel you could help or would like more information on what needs to be done please contact Chris Head.

### Newsletter Sponsor

**Bennett Holmes**

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## **Bentley Priory Guided Visit**

<https://bentleypriorymuseum.org.uk/>

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 4).

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 would 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. Details about the museum can be found at:

<https://bentleypriorymuseum.org.uk/>



Search Bentley Priory ...

### **OPENING HOURS**

Open Mon, Wed, Fri and Sat

10am – 5pm, Mar – Sep  
(Last admission at 4pm)

10am – 4pm, Oct – Feb  
(Last admission at 3pm)

Opening times are subject to change.

WHAT'S ON VISIT BATTLE OF BRITAIN LEARNING ABOUT BENTLEY PRIORY VENUE HIRE



**Bentley Priory and the Battle of Britain**  
As Headquarters Fighter Command, Bentley Priory played a pivotal role during the Battle of Britain in 1940. Discover how the Battle of Britain was won.

Welcome to Bentley Priory Museum

## **2019 Quiz Night**

Our quiz night took place in November 2019 as planned.

This was very popular in 2019 with 60 people plus quiz masters ordering places.

Thanks to Christine, Gerry and Jack Edwards for organising the quiz questions and managing the quiz on the night. Thanks also go to Marg Bacon for managing the sale of places, organising the teams and buying the fish and chips. It is likely we will not have a similar quiz in 2020 if we go ahead with the dinner (see page 4) but we will probably be back with a quiz in the autumn of 2021.

## **Subscription**

### **Bank transfer payments**

Should you wish to pay by bank transfer the Eastcote Park Estate Association bank details are:

Bank: Santander

Account name : Eastcote Park Estate Association

Sort code: 09-01-27

Account:

Please check bank details to the hard copy of the newsletter delivered to your door to ensure emailed or internet copies are not corrupted and mistakes are not made.

Please ensure you advise your address with your payment particularly for a bank transfer. It is the treasurer's nightmare to have amounts credited to our bank account with insufficient details making it impossible to know who has paid and who has not.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Please contact Chris Head:

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



Two break ins were reported in the autumn. One by removing a kitchen window and one by levering open a side window to a hall. No residents were at home during these crimes. There was a further attempted break in in Rodney Gardens during December.

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

Web site:

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

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

The first 3 events in 2020 are:

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

Tuesday May 12th 1.30pm - 3.30pm Dovecote open. Free entry

Saturday June 6th EHG Community Picnic 11pm - 4pm Free entry.

## 65+ Group

Our group for EPEA members who have reached the age of 65 has a small number of places available for new members. If you would like to join or would like more information please contact Martin Hand, Marg Bacon or Margaret Ross (contact details on page 4).

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.



## 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 would be carried out in the Autumn of 2019.

## Road Stewards

Thanks go to all our road stewards who distribute the newsletters, any event flyers and collect subscriptions.

In this world of cyber crime, scams and data protection issues the committee agreed, in November 2018, to stop putting the details of the Road Stewards in our newsletters along with removing some of the phone numbers of the committee members. Should you wish to confirm the details of your steward please contact Martin Hand ( or by post or note to 33 St Lawrence Drive). There are, as yet, no changes to Road Steward for 2020.

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

We currently have 16 road stewards. However one of the 16 would like to stand down after many years of service to the estate. We would appreciate it if anyone who would be interested in helping out would let Martin Hand (or any committee member) know. We currently invite all road stewards to a committee supper around March every year.

## Welcome Letter

We like to ensure that new residents see our welcome letter. A version is available on our website in the "About EPEA" section but please contact any member of the committee for a printed copy if you would like one.

## Annual General Meeting

This will be covered further in our April newsletter but the planned date is **Wednesday 13th May 2020** at 7.30 pm in the Elsie Fischer room at the rear of the car park to St. Lawrence Church. Should you wish to raise anything concerning the association or what the committee is doing the best way to do this is to attend the AGM. We do our best to maintain the social aspects of the estate and badger the Council on maintenance issues but we are always willing to hear the views of others at our AGM.

## Planned 2020 Dinner

Our last evening dinner was on Saturday 14th October 2017 at the Barn Hotel in Ruislip with 57 residents attending. Should there be sufficient interest the committee will organise a 2020 dinner for around the second weekend in November. The likely price is in the £30 to £40 range excluding drinks and any transport.



Should you believe this is something you would be interested in attending please email [email blanked out](#) or drop a note into 33 St Lawrence Drive to advise your interest. Please advise your name, address and how many places you would be interested in should we go ahead. Please let us know by Monday 16th March if you would be interested. This will not be a firm booking but a note that you would be likely to book if we go ahead.

### 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**

To contact the committee on general EPEA matters we suggest you email:

Webmaster

[@eastcoteparkestate.org.uk](mailto:@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 :**

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**Email: [pinner@bennettholmes.com](mailto:pinner@bennettholmes.com)**

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