



Eastcote Park Estate Association

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

Newsletter– June 2024

EPEA SUMMER FAMILY EVENT

SUNDAY 7th JULY 2024

1.00pm until 5.00pm (with new location)

Our family picnic will now take place in Eastcote House Gardens as the council has designated the Long Meadow (our first choice) as a 'long grass' area this year for ecological reasons. We will set out on the dryer, higher ground behind the café, adjacent to the rear of Pamela Gardens.

Please bring your own picnic and drinks, plus plates, cups, cutlery etc.. The council has confirmed that alcohol is allowed, so beer and wine is fine. We will NOT be providing any food or drink, just cold squash in case it is a hot day. The café will be open its normal hours.

We will supply a few garden chairs for our older residents, or those who have difficulty getting down onto a picnic rug. More able residents should bring their own if they wish. There will be a couple of gazebos in case anyone needs to sit in the shade or hide from a shower.

The event is free for EPEA residents and family members (including grandchildren) who are welcome to join us. All children attending our gathering need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian who will remain responsible for their safety and well being. We will have activities for children such as a craft table, a duck race, rounders and garden games.

AUTUMN QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 16th November 2024 7.15pm

This year's event is booked for the above date in the Church Hall adjacent to St. Lawrence Church in Bridle Road. Please make a note of the date and look out for more information later in the year.



COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Should anyone be interested in joining the EPEA committee do please contact any member of the committee to discuss.

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2024 SUBSCRIPTIONS

We thank the homes who have already paid. Road Stewards have now completed their collections. Should you not have paid, a note would have been left by your road steward but feel free to contact the treasurer to check if you have paid.

Should you not 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. Alternatively you can pay by bank transfer as below.

The annual subscription remains at £3.00 but, as usual, we invite everyone to add a donation to our charity which is the Acorn Youth Club.

Bank transfer payments

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

Bank details redacted from web version

Please ensure you advise your address with your payment. 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.

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. Any duplicate bank transfer payments will be added to welfare for our nominated charity.

Mark Lemon has kindly agreed to call on those who have not paid by **30.6.24** in July or August to invite them to subscribe.

ESTATE VIDEOS

We remind residents that both our 2020 "Community Matters" video and our 1997 Estate video are available on YouTube. Relevant links are available on our website in the EPEA videos tab.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH and OWL

The SNT (Safer Neighbourhoods Team) contacts for Eastcote are: 0208 721 2548 or email SNTXH-Eastcote&Ruislip@met.police.uk

The SNT aims to view all emails within 48 hours, but it may be 3-4 days until your email is seen by an officer due to operational requirements. To report a non urgent crime dial 101 or go to <https://www.met.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

Residents may like to register for the update system run by the Metropolitan Police called "OWL". The OWL system



gives updates for our area but is not limited to our estate. General security advice is also circulated. To register go to:

<https://www.owl.co.uk/>

On the website you will need to join a watch for your post code area and give some personal details. You will probably get an average of about one message a week.

Summertime Security

Please continue be vigilant with your home security during the summer months. 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.

2 NEW ROAD STEWARDS REQUIRED

For many years we have had a full contingent of 16 Road Stewards doing a great job delivering newsletters four times a year and collecting subscriptions once a year. We do now have two vacancies. One is for 1 to 23 Burwood Avenue (odd Numbers) - 10 homes and one if for 1 to 27 Rodney Gardens (odd numbers) - 12 homes.

Please contact Martin Hand or any member of the committee if you think you could volunteer to be a Road Steward or would like more information.

REPORT ON OUR 2024 AGM HELD 8.5.2024

20 people attended our AGM this year.

Mark Lemon stood in for our Chairman and reported on the success of our Coronation event and quiz night in 2023 as well as on Neighbourhood watch issues. He also noted that membership in 2023 was 81% of our 254 homes and we hope to increase this towards 90% in 2024.

It was reported that the EPEA 65+ group had 12 meetings in 2023 with an average attendance of just a few decimal points less than 18.

The treasurer reported on a deficit for 2023 of £354.24 and the closing fund of £3,080.90. A donation of £794.50 from welfare collections plus £270.92 from the coronation event was made to the Acorn Youth club. A copy of the income and expenditure account is available in the About EPEA/AGMs section of our website and can be obtained from the treasurer.

It was agreed that Acorn youth club would be our nominated charity again for 2025. All the 10 existing committee members were reappointed and our auditor, Bhavini Mathews, was reappointed.

There was a discussion on changes in planning restrictions.

It was noted that, should anyone be interested in joining the EPEA committee, they can contact any member of the committee to discuss.

EPEA 65+ SOCIAL GROUP

Our social group for EPEA residents/ members who have reached 65 years of age is continuing to meet on a monthly basis. We are getting close to our target attendance and membership but would still like a few more members to join us. Recent attendances have averaged 20 (approx. 50% of members each month).

Recent newsletters have mentioned the sort of activities we have. There is a £5.00 suggested donation per person each month to cover the cost of hiring the space and guest speakers etc. Please do contact Martin Hand, Marg Bacon, Margaret Ross or any member of the committee if you would like more information. or would like to join. Contact details are on page 4.

WELCOME LETTER FOR NEW RESIDENTS

We like to ensure that new residents see our welcome letter. This is available on our website in the "About EPEA" section but please contact any member of the committee for a printed copy if you cannot access online. This, amongst other things, gives the reason for setting up our Association in 1937.

A bit of history

We continue to be fortunate to have so much green space around us particularly with Eastcote House Gardens, Long Meadow and Ruislip Woods. However the situation was a bit greener 120 years ago. A quote from the Middlesex and Buckinghamshire Advertiser of July 2nd 1904 reporting on the opening of a local section of the Metropolitan Line is given on Page 21 of Ron Edwards Book "Eastcote from village to a Suburb". This reads:

Indeed the country between Harrow and Uxbridge is beautiful in the extreme. On Thursday, bathed in glorious sunshine, and scented with new mown hay, the countryside was at its best. Here stretches of meadowland with herds of sleek cattle grazing lazily, there the clink and rattle of the grass cutting machines. Again, to mark as it were, the rural aspect of the new line, plump partridges raised their startled heads and a pheasant, with its glorious plumage shining like burnished gold ran to cover. And all this almost within the sound of Bow Bells.

Ron Edwards' book is available to order from Hillingdon Libraries. (22 copies across the borough).



Information from the web site of The Friends Of Eastcote House Gardens (FEHG)

Web site: <https://www.eastcotehousegardens.org.uk>

Saturday 13th July 2024: 10.00 - 13.00

Craft/Book Sales, Dovecote Open

Saturday 10th August 2024: 10.00 - 13.00

Craft/Book Sales, Dovecote Open

Sunday 15th September 2024 : 10.00 - 16.00

Heritage Day - Craft/Book/Plant Sales, Dovecote Open

Saturday 5th October 2024 : 10.00 -13.00

Craft/Book Sales, Dovecote Open

[Please check the Friend's website for up to date information on what is coming up.](#)

Gardening Sessions continue every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the year starting at 9.30am.

Please contact the FEHG via the 'Contact us' page of their web site if you wish to attend any of their gardening sessions.



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)

Kishan Bhanderi

Ash Dhir

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

As an agent established within your local area since 1986, Coopers are delighted to sponsor the Eastcote Park Estate newsletter from 2021. We look forward to building a long standing relationship with the association!

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We look forward to working with you all and discussing any sales or lettings property needs you may have over the coming years.



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