

“The train approaching platform 1 is for ...”



Although the train used for this year's weekend 'Steam on the Met' event on the 12th and 13th of September did not run in passenger service on the Uxbridge branch, it did travel empty to and from the depot at Ruislip. It is seen entering Eastcote station on the Saturday afternoon on its way back to the depot. Another photograph appears in the 'Picture View' section.

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the autumn 2015 issue of the Eastcote Residents' Association newsletter. We hope you find it a colourful, interesting and informative read and a useful source of local information. Your comments on how we can improve the publication are always appreciated. We welcome all articles of relevance to the local community here in Eastcote. As a club or association, you might like to publicise a function or event; why not consider placing an advertisement in the newsletter?

This is the third issue where we have included full-colour photographs with the articles and these are complemented with contemporary pictures of the locality in the 'Picture View' section. Another feature we would still like to explore is 'then and now', where older photographs of Eastcote are published alongside their current equivalents; if you have any old photographs and would be prepared to loan them to us for this project, please contact one of our team.

An additional feature from this issue is to record the opening dates of new or relocated retail establishments in Eastcote. There are, unfortunately, still several vacant premises to be let.

The postbox outside the new post office at 145-147 Field End Road was finally erected in May, replacing the one at the old post office site.

Since our last issue, the Sainsbury's Local supermarket under the flats (known collectively as Bourne Apartments) in Field End Road, opposite the station, has finally opened. Sadly, our long-established Budgens supermarket (formerly Bishops, until taken over in the 1980s) closed at the beginning of August; it has now been confirmed that Aldi are set to take over the premises. Their planning application for 'front and rear external alterations, including new shopfront' can be viewed on the Hillingdon planning applications website. This includes resiting the store entrance to the right-hand side of the block.

Older residents may remember that Eastcote used to have small branches of both Tesco and Sainsbury's. Tesco opened at 137 and Sainsbury's at 173 Field End Road in the late 1930s. Sainsbury's lasted until the late 1960s and Tesco about a further ten years. The sites are currently both occupied by banks – Halifax and Santander. With Tesco snapping up the old Woolworth's premises after it closed in 2008 and the new Sainsbury's Local, we have come full circle!

David Harper, Editor

URGENTLY SEEKING YOUR HELP

Over the past few months we have sadly had Joyce Gander (re Boleyn Drive) and Jess Lee (re Linden Avenue) having to stand down from their road steward roles. Our many thanks go to Joyce and Jess for their past endeavours and we wish them both well.

We are now therefore urgently seeking replacement road stewards for Boleyn Drive and Linden Avenue, as well as needing stewards to cover other roads – a selection being Cardinal Road, Aragon Drive, Cleves Way, Southbourne Gardens, Sunningdale Avenue, Field End Road, (shopping centre area), Acacia Avenue and part of Lime Grove.

We do not wish to lose members but, if we cannot find people to cover (i.e. to collect annual subscriptions and deliver the newsletter twice a year), we are in danger of having this happen.

Please contact Alison Akerman, Senior Road Steward on **07771 846754** or **alison@fsmf.uk.com** if you can offer to help – you do not have to live in the same road. The task should not be onerous but it does entail knocking on doors to collect subscriptions and ideally to encourage residents to become members if they are not already so. It is a very good way of meeting people and learning more about the local community.

Alison Akerman, Senior Road Steward



REMEMBRANCE DAY

PARADE AND SERVICE
EASTCOTE

Sunday 8th November 2015

Eastcote War Memorial, Field End Road, 10.45am

All are welcome to attend

POLICE MATTERS



*Rob Bryan,
Inspector for North Hillingdon*

I would like to take this opportunity to raise crime awareness about a number of crime types that are becoming more and more prevalent.

CYBER-CRIME

Secure your computer by activating your firewall. Firewalls are the first line of cyber defence: they block connections to unknown or bogus sites and will keep out some types of viruses and hackers. Use up-to-date anti-virus/malware software – this can help prevent viruses from infecting your computer.

Install the latest operating system updates: turn on automatic updates to prevent potential attacks on older software.

Avoid being scammed: the majority of viruses are delivered via a false email that asks you to click on a link. These are often malicious and users should not open unsolicited emails. Remember, banks and financial institutions will not send you an email asking you to click on a link and confirm your bank details.

Use strong passwords: a strong password is one that contains a minimum of ten characters and is a combination of letters, numbers and special characters. Use different ID/password combinations for different accounts.

Be social-media aware: make sure your social networking profiles are set to private and check your security settings.

Protect your data: make regular back-ups of all your important data and store them in a separate location. Consider using encryption for essential files.

Protect your e-identity: verify the credentials of organisations and people prior to giving out any personal information.

When making online purchases, make sure that the websites you are using are secure. Using public wifi hotspots can also leave you vulnerable to a cyber attack. Where possible do not use them to conduct financial transactions. Secure your mobile device: mobile devices can also be vulnerable to hackers and viruses. Ensure all downloads applications are from trusted sources.

DON'T BECOME A VICTIM OF FRAUD

Be suspicious of all “too good to be true” offers and deals. There are no guaranteed get rich-quick schemes.

Do not agree to offers or deals immediately. Insist on having sufficient time to obtain independent or legal advice before making a decision.

Do not hand over money or sign anything until you have checked the credentials of the company or individual involved.

Never send money or give bank or personal details to anyone you do not know or trust (whether in the UK or abroad) or use methods of payment that you are not comfortable with. Your bank or personal details are valuable – make sure you protect them.

Always log on to a website directly rather than clicking on links provided in an email.

Always get independent or legal advice if an offer involves money, time or commitment.

If you spot a scam or have been scammed, report it and get help. Contact Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040** or online at **actionfraud.police.uk** Contact the police if the suspect is known or still in the area.

Do not be embarrassed to report a scam. Scammers are cunning and clever; there is no shame in being deceived. By reporting you will make it more difficult for them to deceive others.

If you receive a suspicious phone call, end it immediately. Hang up the phone. In order to clear your line from the scammer, wait at least five minutes before making any calls. Do not hand over any money or items purchased as a result of this type of phone call.

Please be aware of the following:

- your bank will never attend your home
- your bank and the police will never collect your bank card
- your bank and the police will never ask for your PIN

CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE FOR MOBILE PHONES

Ensure you keep a record of your phone's IMEI number in case it is stolen. This is a 15-digit unique number which can be obtained by pressing ***#06#**. Some products may have this on the device or on the original packaging. You will need this information if your phone is lost or stolen.

Register your phone free on the Immobilise website. This helps the police to identify you as the rightful owner and return your handset to you if lost or stolen.

Use security or PIN locks to protect your data and prevent the phone being used if stolen.

When not in use, never leave your phone unattended in a public place or vehicle.

Take particular care of your phone at bars, cafés, coffee shops, restaurants and music venues; thieves are known to target these venues.

If using your phone in public, stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you. Avoid using your mobile phone in public at night. If you do have to use your phone, try to find an area that's well lit. Avoid getting your phone out at stations and bus stops as these are areas that thieves target.

Never reply to spam messages you may receive over SMS or Bluetooth, even to text 'STOP'.

Consider installing a tracker application on your smartphone as it could help trace your device if stolen. If your device *is* stolen, act quickly – inform the police and tell them you have a tracker app installed.

Be aware that buying a phone from anywhere other than a reputable outlet carries some degree of risk. If you do innocently buy a stolen phone, you can never acquire its legal title.

Check any photograph of the sale – is it a stock photo? Ask for further pictures if in doubt.

Consider the price and check it against similar items and mobile phone recyclers' valuations.

You should ask the seller for their name, the IMEI number of the phone, if it is locked to a network or not and if it has been modified in any way. If the seller cannot provide these details, we would strongly advise you not to proceed with the transaction.

Use an auditable payment method, such as cheque, credit transfer or PayPal to the named person. Do not pay into a third person's account as you lose control of the transaction.

Inspector Rob Bryan

ERA NOTICE BOARD

If your community organisation has an event they wish to publicise, you may wish to use one of the five notice boards spread around Eastcote. There is no charge but please give us a little time before the event as we only refresh the boards every few weeks.

NOTICE BOARD

St Lawrence Church

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 28th November 2015

10.30am to 2.30pm



*St Lawrence Church Hall
Bridle Road, Eastcote*

Refreshments available

JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT



St Lawrence Players is a group of people who love amateur dramatic performances. We meet at St Lawrence Church Hall on Thursdays at 8.15pm and produce three productions a year, but also have social events, theatre trips and perform at community events, just for the fun of it! We are always looking for new talent and welcome anyone to come along and see if they'd like to join us.

Our next production will be on the 4th, 5th and 6th February 2016.

Visit our website www.stlawrenceplayers.org.uk for more information, including details of forthcoming events and productions, photographs, some of our past productions and a brief history about ourselves.

**THE EASTCOTE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE
A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PEACEFUL
NEW YEAR.**

A WARM HELLO FROM ALL YOUR EASTCOTE AND EAST RUISLIP WARD COUNCILLORS



What do ward councillors do?

Your ward councillors are here to assist you with any issues you may have about the area you live in. Most of our tasks relate to environmental issues, housing, family life, care issues, and generally keeping residents updated with the latest information about the type of services the council and its partner agencies provide.

For example, just recently we have been assisting residents in Grooms Drive facilitating environmental issues. We have also been working with residents in Missouri Court to improve their facilities and have helped by answering and sorting out issues at their coffee mornings.

We continually work to improve the area and facilities.

Councillors also work with the voluntary groups sitting on committees to see if there is any support the local council can give.

Councillors can have extra responsibilities within their job:

- Councillor Dann has just completed her third term as mayor
- Councillor Denys has just taken on the Chair of the Ruislip, Northwood & Pinner Conservative Association
- Councillor Haggar has taken on the Carers' Champion role for the whole of Hillingdon and is a member of the domestic violence group

As well as actively being on various committees in the council, we also play an active part as governors of some of our local schools.

Each of these really embraces the concept of residents come first and their value within the community.

Ward budget

Councillors for each ward in Hillingdon are given a ward budget. This budget comprises a small amount of funding which can be allocated to assist local

community groups. If you feel that you have, or know of, a group that aids the community and may benefit from this, please get in touch with us (all grant spending is monitored).

Recently the ward budgets have been used at Missouri Court for improving various facilities for the residents.

Over the next few issues we shall keep you updated with our work and how you can keep abreast of what's going on! Don't forget to always check the Hillingdon website for details and the new *Connect to Support* web page which offers a wide range of information and advice about services to help adults keep healthy active and stay independent.

If you are unable to access a computer, it's a good idea to pop into your local library and use the free IT facilities there.

I hope that you have found our little introduction informative. If you have any future issues please feel free to come and ask for our assistance.

Becky Haggart
Councillor, Eastcote and East Ruislip Ward



EWE-NITED STITCHES

Why not come along and join a team of fellow knitters and crocheters and have a knit and a natter?

We make handmade items for those in need, supporting local neonatal units and the British Red Cross.

We get together on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month at H.C. Grimstead, funeral directors, 164 Field End Road.

Check the window of the shop for details of our next gathering.
Donations of wool or handmade items are greatly appreciated

EASTCOTE CRICKET CLUB

By the time you read this, our season will be coming to a close – and a very active season it has been in many ways for the club. There have been successes for our adult teams, our colts' teams and we now enjoy considerably improved facilities.

We are very proud of our colts section. This season we had over 300 boys and girls aged between five and 17. We provide facilities for children at all levels of ability and for those who have never played the wonderful game before. Our Friday nights throughout most of the summer see up to 180 youngsters at the club and this night provides the initial introduction to our youngest members. On other evenings our eight colts' teams can be seen practising or playing. We hope to be able to extend this within the next few years to include our first all girls' team. We have once again had many successes, including our Under 13 team coming second in the national competition, from 1,700 teams that entered! Our Under 10 team has again reached the Gubby Allen final played at the Nursery ground at Lord's – a really special experience for them. Pleasingly, all our other teams have performed well, too, in their various competitions. All our colts are coached by club volunteers.

Those of you who have passed our ground during the year will have noticed a replacement of our changing rooms for the second pitch "on the hill". This has been a major project for the club which has taken over three years to obtain the funding and to complete the build. It was essential for us that the building fitted in with the surroundings at Haydon Hall and we believe we have achieved this, although it did cost over £240,000 to do so. We were fortunate to obtain substantial outside funding, but the club still has to find £45,000 to pay the balance over the next few years. The building was opened in June jointly by our local MP Nick Hurd and ex-England cricketer and current selector Angus Fraser. The new facility was built to provide improved facilities for our colts' and particularly our women's team. The team is improving year by year and plays in the North London league. However, our playing numbers are still not as strong as we need, so do please contact us if you would like to come and play at Eastcote. Previous cricket experience is not essential.

Our first team has been successful this year in obtaining promotion to the Middlesex Premier League – so we can now again say we are one of the ten best clubs in Middlesex. Our second team also retained their position in the top division and, while our third team were unfortunately relegated, we had other successes. Our Saturday fourth team, along with our Sunday second team, gives opportunities for our better colts to start playing adult cricket.

It won division 7b of the Thames Valley League, gaining promotion for the second year running. We regularly open the batting and bowling with boys aged between 13 and 15 and, despite the young overall average age (which is increased by a few more mature players!), we won our league this year.

The cricket club has been based in Eastcote for over 150 years and we very much see ourselves as a community club with links to many local organisations. So, if you fancy playing cricket, or simply would prefer to become a social member, please come down and see us. The club is open all the year round and there will usually be a committee or senior member there to welcome you. Otherwise you can contact us via our website www.eastcotecc.hitscricket.com



The new changing rooms opened by Nick Hurd and Angus Fraser



PICTURE VIEW

Steam train viewed from the railway bridge in Field End Road on its way to Harrow from Ruislip depot on 13th September

The refurbished stable block in Eastcote House Gardens



The Cavendish Pavilion and ornamental gardens

Torrential rain caused extensive flooding on 26th August. Here is Field End Road at the junction with Morford Way



Pine Gardens open space. This area was featured in a short British Pathé film from 1954. Go to www.britishpathe.com and search for Children's Road Safety.

The War Memorial and gardens





A traffic-free Field End Road early on a Sunday in August

RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS – OPENINGS AND RELOCATIONS SINCE LAST ISSUE

Date opened	Establishment.	Address
May	Harrow Lighting	103 Field End Road
May 2nd	Michael Sobell Centre	183 Field End Road
May 9th	Langley Fresh	185 Field End Road
May 26th	Patisserie Brione	188 Field End Road*
June 5th	Sainsbury's Local	216 Field End Road
September 1st	Ed's The Modern Barber	190 Field End Road
September 16th	Punjabi Kitchen Express	97 Field End Road
October 3rd	Ann Louise Bridal	170 Field End Road

* relocated from 190

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM! THE NORTHWOOD AND PINNER HOSPITAL SITE

Many of you will be aware that the Northwood and Pinner Hospital site has been deemed surplus to requirements by Hillingdon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and, as such, could at a future date be sold off by NHS Property Services. This site has tremendous local importance. The public of Northwood, Northwood Hills and Pinner purchased the site as a permanent memorial to the dead of World War One. From 1919 until it passed to the care of the NHS for safekeeping in 1948, all the running costs were paid by public donations.

When the hospital closed in 2008, an assurance was given by Hillingdon Primary Care Trust that the site would remain as a local resource. This is a promise that Hillingdon CCG has now reneged on by declaring the property surplus to its requirements. It is the view of both Northwood and Northwood Hills Residents' Associations, and Community Voice, that ownership of the site should now be passed back to the local community, free of charge. The community should decide on its future use, which we also believe should be health related, in order to continue honouring those who gave their lives for the freedom we all share today.

In recent months we have been in discussion with the doctors at the Northwood Health Centre; they all share our vision of moving the existing health centre to a new purposely-built one that would front the Pinner Road. This would make for easy access to the health centre, particularly for the elderly and infirm and would also have the benefit of the bus stop right outside.

Discussions have also been taking place with NHS Property Services but, frustratingly, these seem to be taking forever and a day. The company also seems inclined to sell the site to the highest bidder, regardless of its use. If we are to save the site and use it for the benefit of local residents, we need to move things forward at a quicker pace.

So what next? A call to arms! We are planning a huge petition, which will be delivered to the Secretary of State for Health to show the strength of the community's feelings about the site.

We urge everyone, when asked, to sign the petition; if you are able to assist by doing some knocking on doors, please let our Hon. Secretary, Trevor Dixon, know as soon as possible.

EASTCOTE CONSERVATION

Warrender Park and Highgrove Woods conservation area

The 6th Eastcote Scouts and Beavers are still maintaining the flower bed in Warrender Park; the summer bedding was sponsored by the Friends of Warrender Park. Regrettably some of the bedding plants were stolen by persons unknown. It never ceases to amaze how low and despicable some people can be. The 6th Eastcote will be joining the Friends of Warrender Park who will be sponsoring the planting of bulbs at the beginning of November.

Later in the year, surplus plants from Eastcote House Gardens will be given a good home in Warrender Park.

Result of London in Bloom 2015

Warrender Park achieved a Silver Gilt in the Park of the Year award and Highgrove Woods Conservation Area was awarded a Gold standard.

Congratulations go to the Friends of Warrender Park and to the 6th Eastcote as well as to the Highgrove Woods volunteers; all groups work very hard to make these areas some of the best in Hillingdon.



TREE DRESSING



Saturday 28th November 2015 at 1.30pm in Eastcote House Gardens. Come and celebrate the start of Advent and National Tree Week. Join with local schoolchildren and the Mayor and Mayoress of Hillingdon to decorate the magnificent weeping ash.

No parking available

Paths

The conservation panel chairman noted the poor state of the path from the Tudor Lodge Hotel to the Black Horse public house; this was reported to the council, who have confirmed that it will be repaired in the near future.

Eastcote British Legion poppy appeal

For the collecting year ending 30th September 2015, a total of £50,345.91 has been collected to date; this is the highest ever achieved by the Eastcote branch of the Royal British Legion (RBL). A big thank you goes to everybody.

Poppy appeal

Anyone willing to collect for the next poppy appeal during the period 24th October to 7th November 2015 should contact the Eastcote RBL poppy appeal organiser Jeff Duley at jeff.duley@btinternet.com or telephone **07808 739434** for more details; you must be aged 16 or over. Can you spare just two hours? If you cannot help this year, book in advance for 2016.

Eastcote House Gardens

Official opening

The restored buildings were officially opened by the Mayor of Hillingdon, Councillor Catherine Dann, on May 14th. The new building was not quite finished in time, but the café was able to open at the end of June in time for the archaeological season.

Summer community picnic June 6th

The annual community picnic was able to go ahead although the builders were still on site. The event was once again supported by local Eastcote businesses, community groups and local people.

The dog show was a great success, with a record number of entries. St Lawrence Players entertained, High Note singers serenaded and delicious pavlovas were for sale. The restored stables and dovecote were open to the public for the first time.



Inside the dovecote

Heritage Lottery Fund

The Friends of Eastcote House Gardens (FEHG) are pleased to announce that, by the middle of June 2015, they had raised the £25,000 match funding required by the Heritage Lottery Fund for the restoration project. They are also well advanced in completing the other £125,000 in volunteer hours. Our thanks go to all who have supported us and helped us raise this money.

FEHG are still fundraising to buy trees, shrubs, bulbs and plants to help make Eastcote House Gardens the best of gardens.

Check out our website
www.eastcotehousegardens.weebly.com

Archaeology

This year's dig confirmed the existence of Hopkyttes, the first known building at the Eastcote House site. It appears (subject to confirmation) that Hopkyttes originated in the 13th century, with a chimney and fireplace added during the 14th century. In another trench, artifacts dating back to the Iron Age and the Roman period were found. Les Capon of AOC Archaeology wrote a daily blog and this can be found on the FEHG website news section; just click on the link.

FRIENDS OF EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS COMMUNITY ARCHIVE

**The first publication from the community archive was published
on June 6th 2015;**

**'Eastcote House & Gardens, the People and the Place'
by local author Andy P. Weller.**

**To be published in the autumn: 'Secret Eastcote'
also by Andy P. Weller, price £10.**

To order a copy contact lesley.crowcroft@gmail.com

Tree works, etc.

Regrettably it has been necessary to remove three diseased trees in recent weeks, one mature whitebeam and two sycamores. The ha-ha will be restored once the tree roots growing into the structure have been dealt with.

Walled garden

The gate to the walled garden is now being locked at dusk. It is hoped this will reduce the amount of vandalism there. This has ranged from plants being hacked down or stolen to, at times, drug taking.

London in Bloom 2015

Eastcote House Gardens were entered into the London in Bloom Park of the Year category. It was a mammoth task bringing the gardens back into order after the building work. The garden walls were not completed until the beginning of May, leaving empty flower beds. By the judging in July, FEHG had managed to put in a temporary planting which obviously pleased the judge. The gardens were up to standard and retained the coveted Gold award.



FRIENDS OF EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS

Volunteer gardeners meet on the first and second Fridays and the third and fourth Thursdays of each month, starting at 9.30am. Tools and good company are provided. For more details contact lesley.crowcroft@gmail.com

In the London in Bloom Its Your Neighbourhood category, for volunteer community groups, FEHG were awarded Level 5 Outstanding, with a mark of 97/100, again keeping the standard set in previous years.

Long Meadow

The installation of the backwaters last year has improved the biodiversity of the River Pinn. Frog spawn was recorded in the spring, and a lot of interest was also shown by dragonflies. In the autumn of 2014 FEHG conservation volunteers planted alder buckthorn to encourage brimstone butterflies to breed in the meadow. The brimstones had been recorded during the weekly butterfly count, but there was no food source for the larvae. A success can be claimed this year as larvae were found on the young shrubs.

In the London in Bloom Conservation Area category 2015, Long Meadow was awarded Silver Gilt.

EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS CALENDAR

The 2016 Eastcote House Gardens calendar – only a few remaining. For your copy contact Lesley Crowcroft lesley.crowcroft@gmail.com or telephone **020 8866 8436**



Price £5

Ruislip, Northwood and Eastcote Local History Society

Ruislip, Northwood and Eastcote Local History Society meets on the third Monday of each month, from September to April, at 8.15pm at St Martin's Church Hall, Ruislip. Visitors are welcome (£2 donation). It also organises walks and outings, undertakes research and produces regular publications.

Lecture programme 2015-16

<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
16 November	Richard III: the King under the Car Park	Mathew Morris
21 December	Members' Evening	
18 January	The US Presence in Ruislip	Sean Kelly
15 February	St Vincent's: 100 Years of Caring	Jacquie Scott
14 March	A History of Winsor & Newton: Artists' Colourmen	Ian Garrett
18 April	Watford after the Dissolution: the Royal Manor of Watford	Pat Simpson

For further information, please contact the Membership Secretary, Annita Farrant, on **020 8841 5927**, or visit our website www.RNELHS.org.uk



EASTCOTE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SOCIAL CLUB



The Eastcote Royal British Legion Social Club is a well established, family-friendly club associated with the Eastcote branch of the Royal British Legion. A wide range of facilities and events are available for our members and our main hall is available to all. You do not need to be ex-service to join.

Why not come along to one of our quiz nights held every Thursday evening or to bingo on Friday evenings? The club is located in Southbourne Gardens near the junction with Oak Grove. For more information telephone **020 8868 1763** or email info@eastcoterbl.co.uk

MICHAEL SOBELL HOUSE

Saturday 28th November – eight-mile walk from St Luke’s Hospice in Kenton to Michael Sobell Hospice in Northwood, starting at 10.30am

Join Councillor James Bond who is walking in memory of his mother who was cared for at the hospice. The walk will bring together everyone with a connection to one or both of the hospices who would like to walk for a lost loved one, or simply to support both charities. Registration is free but participants are asked to raise sponsorship.

Sunday 29th November – ‘Light up a Life’ ceremonies at Michael Sobell Hospice Lecture Hall, Gate 3, Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood

Join in this special event when friends and family come together to celebrate, reflect and remember loved ones who are no longer with us, whether or not they have received hospice care. Ceremonies are at 4pm and 6pm. The service is a non-religious, simple but poignant collection of readings and festive songs. At the end of the ceremony the hospice ‘Light Up a Life’ tree is illuminated, with each light representing the life of someone being remembered. Attendance to the event is free but you need to reserve a place.

Saturday 12th December – festive coffee morning 10am – 2pm Michael Sobell Hospice Lecture Hall, Gate 3, Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood

Come along for a browse at our festive coffee morning, with a variety of gift stalls, home-made seasonal favourites, live entertainment, children’s reading corner and Red Cross massages. Entry and parking are free.

Details of all Michael Sobell Hospice events are on our website www.michaelsobellhospice.co.uk or call the fundraising office on **020 3826 2367**. Please note that we now have new telephone numbers; details are also on our website.

EASTCOTE ART SOCIETY

The society has again had a busy and successful summer period, with exhibitions at the Cow Byre in Ruislip, the Great Barn at Manor Farm, and again on the railings of the Ascott pub in Eastcote, and at Eastcote House Gardens.

We always run a public vote for “Your Favourite Painting” in our annual exhibition in the Cow Byre, won this year by Eddie Butcher for his painting of the River Isar, in Munich. A total of 57 paintings were voted for this year, which indicates the wide range of styles and quality of those displayed in the exhibition.

Our outdoor exhibition at the Ascott pub always appears to invite poor weather, but the public love this exhibition and ask us to do more than one such event during the summer period. We will be reviewing this suggestion.



Once again the society participated in the Combined Arts Exhibition in the Great Barn, which this year attracted over 1,000 visitors and displayed not only 300 paintings but sculptural work in both clay and paper, textile work, embroidery and stained glass and a wide range of woodturned items.

A demonstration in woodturning in the Great Barn

Work from students of Coteford Infants school was very well received by the public, as was the range of programmed demonstrations. The image shows the interest in watching expert woodturners at their craft. It is hoped to increase the range and variety of exhibits and demonstrations at this annual event to demonstrate the art-based activities in the area.

We continue to attract new members but would love to invite anyone interested in visiting us or becoming a member to contact Graham Pellow, chairman, by emailing grahampellow08@gmail.com or going to our website www.eastcoteartsociety.co.uk

EASTCOTE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Assisting local gardeners for 75 years

New members are welcome at only £3 per year for the whole family.

What you get:

- advice and gardening tips from the trading hut, open on Sundays from 10.30am to 12 noon in March, April, May, September and October and from 11am to 12 noon in February, June, July, and November
- summer plant sales
- an opportunity to display your talents at our shows, which include classes for children; dates for the 2016 shows are:
SPRING SHOW – 12th March
SUMMER SHOW – 18th June
AUTUMN SHOW – 10th September
- Waddesdon Christmas lights coach trip – 21st November 2015
- Coach trip to Kew gardens – Spring 2016

The trading hut is next door to Eastcote Community Centre, Southbourne Gardens. For more information telephone Alan Thomas on **020 8429 0901**, email eastcotehorticultural@yahoo.co.uk or visit our website www.succulent-plant.com/eastcote



TRINITY HOMELESS PROJECT



Do you have good quality unwanted furniture or electrical goods?
We are a social enterprise that reuses quality unwanted furniture and electrical goods, providing paid employment and training to disadvantaged people and bargain prices to the public.

For free collection, call our shops in Uxbridge on **01895 256655** or in Hayes on **020 8797 9505**, email info@wearetrinity.org.uk or visit www.wearetrinity.org.uk or [facebook.com/trinityfurniturestore](https://www.facebook.com/trinityfurniturestore)

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