

EASTCOTE IN BLOOM

Following campaigning by the Eastcote Residents' Association (ERA), Eastcote has received an array of hanging baskets throughout Field End Road, with thanks to Hillingdon Council.

Eastcote's main shopping area received some seasonal inspiration just in time for the summer, as a number of hanging flower baskets were installed on lampposts. The injection of colour throughout the area offers an immediate visual boost and really livens up the area.



The baskets were delivered following requests from the ERA, noting the improvements and investment in neighbouring towns. With help from local councillors and support from local residents, the council delivered the baskets in June. Eastcote has recently received a number of minor improvements in the local landscape, with new seating installed by Budgens and seating repairs completed outside the library. In addition, Eastcote has recently received major road surface improvements as well as junction improvements outside the station in 2012.

With the recent formation of the Eastcote Chamber of Commerce, it is hoped that Eastcote will have an even brighter future ahead, with local businesses and residents working together to bring further enhancements to the area.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MAKES PROGRESS



Members of the newly formed Chamber of Commerce

From left, Rupi Karnani, Les Drussel, Ginette Meade, Carole Patterson, Jackie-Lynn Bowden, Cllr Nick Denys, Vince Small, Dominique Brione, Cllr Michael White, Cllr Catherine Dann, Cllr Becky Haggart, Cllr Eddie Lavery and Jayson Jerrom

Friday 5th September was the first time the newly formed Eastcote Chamber of Commerce committee put the case to the councillors covering the Field End Road area and beyond for improvements and developments needed in the town. Members of Eastcote and East Ruislip and Cavendish Wards were addressed by the committee on a long agenda of items. From routine matters like the flooding during the days of heavy rain to future development of the street scene, the general consensus is that Eastcote town centre has been neglected compared with its neighbours in terms of investment and this was the driving force behind launching the chamber. "It was great to meet the councillors; they seemed incredibly receptive and helpful. I hope we can maintain a healthy working relationship with them" said Vince Small, Chairman.

The committee was formed in June with support from Hillingdon Council and other local chambers. The Eastcote member numbers have grown rapidly, looking likely to have exceeded 60 by 25th September, when the chamber held their first members' night.

If you have any thoughts about what improvements are needed in Eastcote, or if you are a business anywhere in Eastcote, the chamber would like to hear from you on [**eastcotecc114@gmail.com**](mailto:eastcotecc114@gmail.com)

Vince Small

Chairman, Eastcote Chamber of Commerce

THE ROLE OF THE MAYOR



The Mayor is the first citizen of the borough. This means that only Her Majesty The Queen, members of the Royal Family and the Lord Lieutenant take precedence over the Mayor at events in the borough.

The insignia of the mace, robes and chains of office indicate the Mayor's authority in the borough. The chains of office and the robes represent the responsibility, authority and dignity which are attached to the office of the Mayor, and the mace precedes the Mayor in procession and on various other official civic duties and also when the Mayor enters and leaves the council chamber when council is sitting.

The Mayor connects the present day with history and acts as a symbol of continuity. The Mayor should be non-political and must be seen to represent every section of the community regardless of political persuasion. The many engagements that are undertaken by a Mayor are an expression of giving cohesion to the life of the borough.

It is a ceremonial role and the Mayor is expected to devote much of her time to civic, ceremonial and representational functions. One of her many duties is to act as chairman of the meetings of the council and it is the Mayor who has the duty of receiving important guests to the borough, such as the Queen. The Mayor also presides over citizenship ceremonies in the borough.

The Mayor is elected annually from among the councillors and takes office after the council meeting in May.

Catherine Dann
Mayor of Hillingdon



REMEMBRANCE DAY
PARADE AND SERVICE
EASTCOTE
Sunday 9th November 2014

Eastcote War Memorial, Field End Road 10.40am to 11.20am
All are welcome to attend

NEW INSPECTOR FOR HILLINGDON NORTH CLUSTER



Inspector Rob Bryan has recently taken up the post of new cluster inspector for the north of the borough.

Rob has 25 years' police service and has been a resident of Hillingdon for the last 22. He has previous experience of Safer Neighbourhoods policing in both Hounslow and Southall and in 2007 he won the Community Police Officer of the Year award.

Rob says "I have worked in local policing before in the good old days of 1-2-3 on each ward. Times have definitely changed and I know I will have my hands full trying to squeeze every last piece of visibility from the resources I do have. I will not be making bold and unachievable promises. What I will promise you is that I will do my very best to put officers back on the beat, targeting crime and antisocial behaviour.

As a Hillingdon resident, and a previous victim of burglary and motor vehicle crime myself, I really do understand your concerns. They are my concerns too! And as a police officer I also appreciate why abstractions occur, and the compromises we make to balance competing demands. I believe that makes me well qualified to take up this post."

Inspector Rob Bryan can be contacted on 07500 097182 or you can email him at **rob.bryan@met.pnn.police.uk**

Rob says "Contact me if you want to discuss any issue. I will get back to you as soon as I can."

Rob's first job will be to speak to ward panel chairs across the cluster and, where no panel exists, ensure one is set up. He will be speaking with his local police teams to ensure they are holding regular and meaningful public meetings so that you can access your officers easily. He is keen to introduce himself in person at residents' association and neighbourhood watch meetings. If you would like him to attend your next meeting, please email him with the date and time.



COUNCILLOR CATHERINE DANN

I have been a councillor on Hillingdon Council since May 1990. There are 22 wards in Hillingdon and they all elect three councillors, except Harefield, which only has two councillors as there are fewer residents in that ward. Elections are held every four years and 65 councillors are elected onto Hillingdon Council.

In Eastcote and East Ruislip Ward there are just over 12,000 people for the three ward councillors to represent and deal with their inquiries. The council provides over 800 services including parks and open spaces, trees, highways, recycling and waste collections, planning applications, public house and street trading licences, dealing with anti-social behaviour, supporting elderly and vulnerable residents, schools and adult education, social services, registrar's office, sport, leisure, libraries, housing and council tax.

We work closely with other outside agencies such as the police, National Health Service, utilities such as water, gas and electric, and Transport for London. Our residents' inquiries will cover any of the above and it is sometimes more appropriate for the MP to take up a local resident's issue. We also work with local voluntary groups who support our residents in so many ways, and we serve on several local groups, committees or school governing bodies.

Our High Street shops are an important part of our local community and we prefer not to see them empty but are also aware of the views of some people that there can be too many of one type. Although there is a limit on some of these shops, this is higher than some residents would like. The Eastcote Chamber of Commerce is a new group of local business representatives and the local councillors are looking forward to working with them.

As councillors we are here to represent the voice of the local people and to pursue their inquiries concerning the council's services. We serve on various council committees covering the many services the council provides. It is always satisfying to be able to resolve someone's problem but it can take a while sometimes and of course it is frustrating not to be able to do so.

Catherine Dann
Councillor, Eastcote and East Ruislip Ward

OUR NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILLORS



COUNCILLOR NICK DENYS

On Friday 23rd May I was proudly elected as a councillor for Eastcote and East Ruislip. I stood for election because I enjoy living in the area and I want to do my bit to make sure that our part of Middlesex continues to be a hidden jewel. Eastcote is one of those places that most people outside Hillingdon have not heard of, but become impressed by once visited. It was my wife, who grew up in Pinner, who first introduced me to the area about eight years ago. When we decided

to start a family, Eastcote felt like the right place to settle down and I'm glad to report our instincts have been proved correct.

One of the main reasons why Eastcote is a place people want to live in is because so many locals take an interest in our environment. To name only a few of the groups, you have the Eastcote Conservation Panel, Friends of Warrender Park, Friends of Eastcote House Gardens, the newly reinvigorated Eastcote Chamber of Commerce and, of course, the Eastcote Residents' Association (ERA). As a councillor, it has been a privilege to work with these and other groups to make Eastcote better. A small example of the fruits of ERA and the councillors' joint labour are the beautiful hanging baskets in Eastcote High Street.

As your local councillor I am here to represent you. If you have a problem please email me at ndenys@hillingdon.gov.uk If you see me wandering up Eastcote High Street, or scratching my chin in Budgens as I decide what to have for dinner, do say hello.

Nick Denys
Councillor, Eastcote and East Ruislip Ward

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.

For further information telephone 020 8866 0985.



COUNCILLOR BECKY HAGGAR

Hello, and first of all a big thank you for electing me as one of your local councillors. I feel truly privileged to work with so many wonderful conscientious residents who care so much about the community as I do. We have an amazing team of both councillors and residents whose heart is truly in their community.

I have lived in Ruislip all my life. I have a very supportive husband and three lovely girls, all of whom go to local schools, so I have a very personal as well as a business interest in our borough. I first became interested in a councillor's role when as a resident I formed and chaired a local group to upgrade our park, and from then it just grew. I love my work immensely, and serving residents is an amazing opportunity which I feel humble to have received.

I am by profession a fitness instructor and dietician for both adults and children and enjoy the outdoors. I run my own business and hold classes in the borough, keeping everyone healthy and fit. I also run a charity that I and my husband set up called Hillingdon Brain Tumour Group where we meet up and provide support for families with brain tumours in our borough. Having experienced brain tumours first hand in our family, it has led us to be able to help in this area.

I enjoy charity work and work with the cancer centre in West Drayton. I have enjoyed the challenges so far that come with the councillor's role. Helping solve problems is rewarding and I am really looking forward to many years of working with our local residents. "The most rewarding tasks are the ones where you work extra hard so that you can make a positive difference to the life of others".

If you see me out and about in Eastcote please do stop and say hello.

Becky Haggar
Councillor, Eastcote and East Ruislip Ward



COUNCILLOR TEJI BARNES

Firstly I would like to thank all the residents who voted for me in the local elections last May and give you all a brief update on what it is like being a newly elected councillor.

I was newly elected in May 2014 as a Conservative Cavendish Ward councillor.

I have lived in the borough all my life, but in Ruislip for the last 16 years, and I had taken the role of councillor for granted until I was asked to stand for the council. Since getting elected I have discovered how diverse and rewarding it is. I have had to deal with ward issues involving copyright, alley gating and housing and have also had the opportunity of sitting on many committees, giving a greater insight to the workings of the borough. Although I have a background in banking, which has helped in some of the committee work, the skills I find most useful are the ones I gained as a qualified professional life coach, both as a councillor and a driving instructor (which is my day job). I am amazed how much there is to learn as a councillor but I am pleased to say I am beginning to see results from my efforts.

I had wanted to become a councillor and I am very happy and proud to live in a borough (and being part of the team) that really does put their residents first; this makes me feel profoundly grateful.

Teji Barnes
Councillor, Cavendish Ward

PLANNING

Residential properties – immediate change to recent permitted development rights

With effect from 22nd September 2014, Hillingdon Council has revoked the permitted development rights that came into force in May 2013 allowing for single-storey rear residential extensions to extend up to eight metres from detached properties and up to six metres from semi-detached/terraced properties.

The direction that ratifies this change states that planning permission will, once again, be required for all single-storey residential extensions that ‘extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling house by more than **four metres.**’

Generally, if you are planning an extension, even where you feel full planning permission is not required, you should:

- check with the Hillingdon planning department to ensure you make the required applications and thus receive the necessary permissions to achieve a legal build that meets all planning and building regulations
- work with your neighbours - discuss your plans with them at an early stage to understand and address any concerns they may have. This may seem obvious, perhaps, but the calls we receive suggest this does not always happen

Change of use for offices to residential

The May 2013 changes to permitted development rights relating to offices remain in force until May 2016, as detailed at the time:

- offices can be converted to residential properties. The council has 56 days to consider the proposal but only on the grounds of transport and highway issues and contamination and flooding risks

Recent change of use applications have included:

262-270 Field End Road This office block has approval for 12 flats to be created

187A Field End Road ‘The Curtain Gallery’ site has approval for four flats in total, with a ground floor studio and the retention of the retail outlet

Audit House,
260 Field End Road The decision on the creation of 22 flats is currently awaited after a previous application was refused solely on the lack of transport, contamination and flooding information having been provided; such information is now included

CONSERVATION

Eastcote House Gardens

Summer picnic 2014

Saturday 7th June dawned wet, very wet; undaunted, the Friends of Eastcote House Gardens (FEHG) set up for the great day. By 11am the rain had cleared and a steady stream of visitors descended on the gardens.

Visitors were entertained by Field End Infant School's drumming club, a tai chi demonstration and the St Lawrence Players performed their very own legend of Eastcote House. For the more energetic, there were children's races and a tug-of-war. The unbeaten champions are still The Case is Altered public house; more competition is needed next year! Not to be left out, our canine visitors had their own show with an Elvis lookalike to steal the show. Councillor Catherine Dann, Mayor of Hillingdon, and MP Nick Hurd joined in the fun and were able to admire the classic cars and explore the many stalls.



The star of the show

Our thanks go to local shopkeepers and businesses who supported the event.

Archaeological investigation in June/July 2014

A trial dig was held in 2012 to ascertain whether there were any archaeological remains worth investigating. From the results of the geophysical survey and the trial dig, which were very encouraging, the Heritage Lottery Fund and London Borough of Hillingdon decided to support community investigations from 2014 to 2017.



Pupils from a local school taking part

Participants from the community ranging in age from seven to over 70 took part in this exciting project. The main trench was on the site of Eastcote House, with smaller trenches exploring the ha-ha and the site of the former coach house. Five hundred young people attended the dig. AOC archaeology were assisted by FEHG, AOC overseeing the digging and FEHG giving an

archaeological tour of the listed buildings and structures. Pupils from eight schools, four uniformed groups and The Challenge network took part.

Members of FEHG formed the nucleus of the diggers and washing finds

Sunday 13th July was open day and the Mayor of Hillingdon, Councillor Catherine Dann, visited and took one of the guided tours given by Les Capon of AOC. Jane Brown, a Hawtrey descendant, joined the day to see the remains of the family home.

There were hundreds of finds from the site of Eastcote House, including rusty nails, the tip of a flint knife and other knapped flint used as tools. Remnants of Eastcote House front porch, one column, the floor, some decorative stonework and Tudor cellars were revealed. The most exciting find was some flint foundations that predate the Tudor period and could possibly be those of Hopkynes, the cottage known to have stood here in the 1400s. These foundations will be fully explored in 2015.

The coach house trench revealed a forge, believed to date from the late 17th century. There is a central brick area with some burnt bricks at the rear, possibly the site of the furnace; at the opposite side is a pit full of clinker, where the anvil could have been installed. This area will become the site of the new building housing the tea rooms and, as the brick structure is too fragile to move, will therefore be lost.

A member of the archaeology team will be giving a talk on the 2014 dig, details of which will be posted on the diary dates page of the Eastcote House website.

The gardens in bloom

The gardens were judged for Park of the Year. As the walled gardens had many of the borders stripped out awaiting the arrival of contractors to work on the walls, they were not up to their usual high standard.

Results of the awards ceremony held at the Oval on 8th September were fantastic; the London Borough of Hillingdon received a Gold Award and was the category winner. In the category Park of the Year, Eastcote House Gardens (EHG) received a Gold Award and were the category winner, making them the best park in London!

The Gardens were also included in the Hillingdon entry for the London in Bloom and Britain in Bloom tours.

Long Meadow

This year Long Meadow was judged as part of London in Bloom as a conservation area and was awarded Conservation Area of the Year.

The FEHG Countryside Conservation group has worked very hard to improve the meadow. The river works are now complete, with a dipping platform near the Sheila Liberty Bridge, and two backwaters created in the meadow. Wetland plants will be added in the autumn.

The Hinman Shield



Field End Infant School was the recipient of the Hinman Shield for 2014/15, presented at the summer picnic by Dr. David Payne, president elect of FEHG. The shield was awarded for the school's continued involvement with EHG which included helping with bulb planting, donating three silver birch trees for Long Meadow and the choir coming to the tree dressing. Our

thanks also go to Jay Gadhia of *Forget Me Not* Eastcote for continuing to sponsor the shield.

The task of choosing the recipient of the Hinman Shield has become a very difficult one with so many groups of young people working for the community; all deserve an award. To be able to reward more groups, Joan and Terry Butfield, members of FEHG, are very kindly sponsoring The Friends of Eastcote House Gardens Community Award; details of the first winners will appear in the next newsletter.

The Paris marathon

Raquel Russell Ponte ran the Paris Marathon in April and raised £1,790 for the EHG Restoration Fund; she was made an honorary member of the FEHG at the picnic.

Fundraising

The restoration fund, started in May 2011, has now reached £19,711.06, leaving £5,288.94 to be raised for the match funding for the restoration project, as stipulated by the Heritage Lottery Fund. FEHG thanks the Eastcote Residents' Association for their most recent donation to the fund.

Messenger Conservation has been appointed as the contractor to undertake the restoration work. Works began on 11th August with a scheduled completion date of 31st March next year. During the works period FEHG will not be able to hold any public events, thus reducing our ability to raise the outstanding amount needed for the match funding.

If anyone would like to make a donation, or fundraise, please contact Lesley.crowcroft@gmail.com Information will be posted on the EHG website **www.eastcotehousegardens.weebly.com** on the progress of the restoration works. More photos of all events can also be seen on the website.

WARRENDER PARK

During the month of August, the Friends of Warrender Park and Highgrove Woods were nominated by Waitrose in Ruislip to take part in community matters. A sum of £142 was raised, some of which will be used to support the work being carried out by the 6th Eastcote Beavers and Cubs.

The 6th Eastcote have taken over the old paddling pool bed, and will have a seasonal display of flowers. The monies raised will help with the purchase of hand tools and bulbs, plants and seeds. Bulbs for planting this autumn have already been ordered, sponsored by ERA. Beds of poppies were planted by the council, to commemorate the start of the First World War.

The results of the London in Bloom judging for Park of the Year awarded the park Silver Gilt; Highgrove Woods was awarded Silver Gilt and was the category winner for Small Conservation Area of the Year.

EASTCOTE WAR MEMORIAL

Working parties, made up from members of the Eastcote Royal British Legion, Eastcote Conservation Panel, FEHG and ERA, spent two energetic sessions working in the war memorial garden. Tired shrubs were removed or cut back, and tons of ivy removed; another session will take place in early October.

On August 4th, 100 local residents attended a very simple but very moving candle-lit service at the memorial. All candles were extinguished at the end of the service and replaced with poppies.

The 2013/14 poppy appeal had raised £42,124.26 by 17th August, with another six weeks to go to end of the 2013/14 appeal; this is a branch record. Jeff Duley, branch chairman/membership secretary/poppy appeal organiser/recruiting

advisor for the Eastcote Royal British Legion, will always welcome extra volunteers for the annual Poppy Appeal collection in October/November. Please give him a call on 07808 739434 if you can spare a couple of hours. All collections take place at local supermarkets; there are no door-to-door sales.

Lesley Crowcroft
Chairman, Eastcote Conservation Panel

FRIENDS OF PINN MEADOWS

The public consultation regarding Hillingdon Local Plan Part 2 (www.hillingdon.gov.uk/lpp2) began on 22nd September and runs until 4th November. It proposes to remove Pinn Meadows and other cherished sites such as Eastcote House Gardens and Manor Farm from Hillingdon's Green Chain and designate them instead as Metropolitan Open Land (MOL). While designation as MOL is welcomed, the removal from the Green Chain is not, and we feel that the council, who purport to want to provide maximum protection for their green spaces, should follow the lead of other London boroughs such as Southwark who have dual designation of Green Chain and MOL status for *all* their Green Chain sites.

The council also proposes to weaken the wording of the existing Green Chain policy from "Any proposals for development in Green Chains will be firmly resisted unless ..." to "Development in Green Chains will only be supported if ...".

These issues were raised with council officers at the Hillingdon Borough residents' planning forum on 26th June. They advised that the reason for changes to Green Chain designation was to bring its policies more in line with government policy, which was to weaken protection for green spaces; however, other London councils have not felt the need to take these measures. Indeed, the Planning Inspector, when he reported on Hillingdon's current Green Chain policy in July 2012 stated "With regard to open space and recreation provision generally, to "green corridors" and to biodiversity matters, I find that the policies and provisions are well justified, will be effective and are consistent with the London plan and the framework. No significant issues have been raised that cause me to question the plan's soundness in these respects, and therefore no main modifications are needed."

We are therefore asking all our supporters to join us in responding to the public consultation and urge the council to retain the Green Chain designation for Pinn Meadows and to keep the existing Green Chain policy, to give the greatest possible protection from any future development. Please see our website www.fopm.org.uk for details on how you can respond to the public consultation with your views.

In other news, together with the council's countryside conservation officers, we held a scything festival and picnic on Pinn Meadows on Saturday 5th July, with many people trying their hand at the ancient art of scything before joining residents and their families on the fields for a big picnic, which was also attended by the Mayor.



The Mayor of Hillingdon, Councillor Catherine Dann, joining the scything festival and picnic on Pinn Meadows



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN EASTCOTE

Come and see the Mayor of Hillingdon switch on the Christmas lights on Thursday 13th November at 4pm, outside the Ascott pub in Field End Road, Eastcote.



THE HISTORY BEHIND THE ROAD NAMES FOR PEMBROKE PARK, EASTCOTE

When it was decided to develop the former MOD site at Lime Grove, Eastcote, also known as RAF Eastcote, which is now called Pembroke Park, many people were concerned that the history connected with the site would be lost and forgotten. Between 1943 and 1945 the site served as an outstation of the now famous Bletchley Park and then it became the centre for GCHQ before its move to Cheltenham in 1954. In fact there was still a link with the security services for several more years because a small department, Communications Electronic Security Department (CESD), remained at Eastcote until the 1970s when it, too, finally moved to Cheltenham. In order to record some of this history, the local history society in co-operation with the Eastcote Residents' Association approached the developer Taylor Wimpey with a view to having the new roads on the site named to reflect its history. The developer was very sympathetic and in fact agreed to all the new roads and apartment blocks being named in this way, provided the names complied with Hillingdon Council's street-naming guidelines.

The next stage was to compile a list of possible options for names together with the reasons for their inclusion. This was the initial list:-

1. Russia, France, Belgium, Greece, Holland, Poland, Norway, and China

While the site was an outstation of Bletchley Park, each bay of bombe machines was named after one of these allied countries.

2. Danzig, Athens, Warsaw, Krakow, Stavanger, Zeebrugge, Canton, Hankow, Shanghai, Moscow and Avignon

Each bay, which was named after one of the allied countries, housed approximately eight to ten individual bombe machines, which in turn were named after cities within that allied country. So some of the names suggested were as above.

*3. Wren/Wrens **

800 Wrens were stationed at Eastcote when it was an outstation of Bletchley Park.

*4. Enigma **

This was the famous German code machine with which Bletchley Park and Eastcote was associated.

*5. Pembroke **

The site was known as HMS Pembroke V during the war.

*6. Flowers **

Thomas ‘Tommy’ Flowers was appointed to lead the team that designed Colossus, which was the forerunner of the modern computer. He was not employed at Eastcote but he was an employee at the nearby GPO Engineering Research Station at Dollis Hill, which had strong links with Eastcote. Former staff can recollect him working on site at Eastcote and felt that his contribution should be recognised.

7. Colossus

This was the first semi-programmable electronic computer which was used at Eastcote and Bletchley Park.

*8. Coleridge **

This was the code name given to GCHQ’s operation at Eastcote in 1946 to break ciphers which were used by the Soviet army, navy and air force on the main communication networks in the USSR.

*9. Blagrove **

Edith Gordon Blagrove, later Lady Brind, was in charge at Bletchley Park of the Wrens at HMS Pembroke V and its outstations including Eastcote.

10. Cobra

This was one of the systems used by Bletchley Park to break the German North Atlantic Naval Codes.

11. Ultra

This was the name of the intelligence generated to save allied convoys in the Atlantic.

*12. Ellis **

James Ellis was a noted cryptomathematician who worked initially at Eastcote in the 1950s.

*13. Aitken **

James Macrae Aitken was another noted mathematician associated with Bletchley Park and Eastcote during the Second World War and afterwards.

14. Welchman

William Gordon Welchman helped to break the Enigma code with a device which revolutionised the effectiveness of the bombe machines (there were 110 bombes housed at Eastcote).

15. Yoxall

Leslie Yoxall was an elite cryptographer who spent some time at Eastcote after the war before moving to the new headquarters of GCHQ at Cheltenham.

*16. Cooper *, Alexander *, Denham*

Josh Cooper, Hugh Alexander, and Hugh Denham were famous code breakers who worked at Bletchley Park and transferred to Eastcote after the war to continue working for GCHQ.

17. Hooper

Sir Leonard Hooper served at Bletchley Park and then at Eastcote as Director of GCHQ.

18. Foden

Air Vice-Marshall Arthur Foden was a senior in the CESD which remained at Eastcote until the 1970s. In fact he oversaw their move to Cheltenham when all the departments were finally brought together there. He was therefore the last Director at Eastcote.

19. Gardiner

Brigadier C.D. Gardiner was Deputy Director at Eastcote in the CESD, which remained at Eastcote until the 1970s.

*20. Adstock Manor *, Wavendon House *, Gayhurst Manor and Stanmore*

These were other Bletchley Park outstations similar to Eastcote.

21. Knockholt, Cheadle, Flowerdown, Hawklaw *, Cupar, Bower *, Brora* , Magask, Ford End, Wincombe*, Beaumanor*, Gilnahirk, Barnet*, Poundon*, Denmark Hill*, Sandridge*, Whitchurch, Forest Moor, Montrose*, Sutton Valance and Highbridge*.*

These are the names of closed UK wartime wireless intercept stations, which would have been associated with Eastcote and Bletchley Park. Their inclusion was suggested by the historian at GCHQ.

After further consultation this list was reduced to a preferred options list when we knew how many roads and flats were to be built on the site. The submitted list was approved by all involved and as a result these are the road and flat names on the Pembroke Park estate which the developers marketed under the name of Sandringham. The community hall was planned to be called Enigma Hall in Enigma Square and it is also planned to erect a memorial on the site to commemorate the site's historical importance (see separate article). Hopefully the combination of the road names and the plaque will ensure that an important aspect of local history is not forgotten.

* Names finally chosen to name roads or apartments

Susan Toms,

Ruislip, Northwood and Eastcote Local History Society

PEMBROKE PARK MEMORIAL TO HMS PEMBROKE V

It is hoped that, by the time you read this article, the memorial to HMS Pembroke V will be complete, to record the history of the area more recently know as RAF Eastcote.

It will be sited on the small green by the new zebra crossing on Eastcote Road between Fore Street and Flowers Avenue. The wording on the memorial plaque was provided by the Ruislip, Northwood and Eastcote Local History Society who provided the plaque together with the Eastcote Residents' Association. The plinth was constructed by Taylor Wimpey. The plaque will read:-

Pembroke Park takes its name from the World War II base HMS Pembroke V. From 1943 to 1945 it was an outstation of the Government Code and Cipher School (GC&CS) at Bletchley Park and as such played a significant role in deciphering enemy signals. The site was home to 800 Wrens who worked on 110 'bombes' (electro-mechanical decoding machines) with the support of 100 RAF technicians. After the war GC&CS changed its name to Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) and moved to Eastcote, where it remained until the relocation of most of its functions to Cheltenham in the early 1950s. A small unit stayed at Eastcote until the late 1970s. All the names of the new buildings and roads have been chosen to reflect the history of the site.

ROAD RESURFACING

Hillingdon Council has finally completed road surface works along Field End Road and the service roads in the Eastcote shopping area.

The Eastcote Residents' Association (ERA) is delighted to announce that Hillingdon Council has finally completed the long-overdue road surfacing works throughout Eastcote's shopping area. Many had complained that the road surfaces were of poor standard, with potholes and uneven surfaces causing havoc for motorists.

The ERA and the local councillors had been lobbying Hillingdon Council for some time over the expected standards of the roads in the borough, so we were pleased to note that the work had finally been completed. Gentle (but continuous) pressure does work and we urge residents to use the Hillingdon contact centre to report any road defects for the best resolution.

By the time you read this it is hoped that the terrible road to the rear of the shops leading to the car parks behind Budgens and Boots will have had their promised resurfacing.

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 2014-15

<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
17 November	Down in the dumps: the curse of the suburban waste tips 1920–1950	Peter Hounsell
15 December	Members' evening	
19 January	The story of the Tradescants	Jon Newman
16 February	An American President in Ealing: the John Quincy Adams diaries	Paul Fitzmauric
16 March	18th century Whitechapel	Jane Cox
20 April	Growing up in Uxbridge	Ken Pearce

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

EASTCOTE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Assisting local gardeners for over 70 years

Pop in and see us on Sundays at the trading hut next door to Eastcote Community Centre, Southbourne Gardens. For opening times see our website www.succulent-plant.com/eastcote, telephone Alan Thomas on 020 8429 0901 or email eastcotehorticultural@yahoo.co.uk



URGENTLY SEEKING

Road stewards collect annual ERA subscriptions, recruit new members and deliver newsletters twice a year.

Stewards are required for

Aragon Drive

Bridle Road Nos. 33-73 and 30-92

Cardinal Road

Castleton Road

Dollis Crescent

Field End Road (centre)

Greencroft Avenue

Rodney Gardens

Salisbury Road

Southbourne Gardens

Widenham Close

We are also seeking an area road steward covering Aragon and Boleyn Drives/Cardinal Road/Cleves Way/Garth, Cranmer and Essex Closes and Field End Road South to liaise with road stewards in the area regarding the collection of subscriptions and delivery of newsletters. This vacancy has arisen due to Dympna McDermott needing to give up the role. Our thanks go to Dympna for her great support in the past.

None of these roles should be onerous (duties could be split between neighbours/friends and you don't have to live in the same road) and are a great way to get to know your neighbourhood.

If you think you might be able to help, please contact Alison Akerman, Senior Road Steward, at alison@fsmi.uk.com or telephone her on 07771 846754; alternatively, contact any ERA committee member.

EASTCOTE CRICKET CLUB PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Eastcote Cricket Club is very proud of its over 150 years of history. Celebrations have been going all summer and there is much more to come with two exciting events at Lord's "the home of cricket" planned for later this month and in November. A match against Cross Arrows on the Nursery ground is set for 28th September and a once-in-a-lifetime dinner in the Long Room for 15th November.

Even more importantly, the club is looking ahead with energy and ambition to the future. In terms of both on- and off-field activities, there are plans to build on the existing strengths of the club and to play a full role in the local community.

The club is extremely popular with colts and we have about 300 with many more on the waiting list. We have had great success at many age levels in recent seasons, at county and even national level. Girls as well as boys are very welcome and we have a number of quality coaches looking to help them learn the game and appreciate the camaraderie that team sports bring to their lives.

At adult level we regularly run four men's sides on a Saturday (three in the Middlesex County Cricket League) and two on a Sunday. In recent years we have also revived a Ladies XI, the members of which are very keen and enthusiastic to improve their skills and enjoy our social activities too. More players at all levels are always welcome - social members too! Contact details are on our website **www.eastcotecc.hitscricket.com**

Socially, the club is also very active all the year round, quite unusual for one based around a summer sport. Events include the recent fun day, quizzes, Guy Fawkes and Halloween parties, Christmas dinner, etc. In the first quarter of each year we run an indoor bowls tournament that brings in lots of members and valuable trade to our welcoming bar.

We are currently close to being able to build an impressive new changing room facility that is fit for the 21st century. This is only possible with financial help from a number of sources and great local support from organisations including the Eastcote and Northwood Hills Residents' Associations as well as our neighbours, the Friends of Eastcote House Gardens.

In summary, Eastcote Cricket Club is one with an impressive history, a vibrant present and a strategy for an even brighter future.

MICHAEL SOBELL HOUSE

We are delighted to announce that the new Mayor of Hillingdon, Councillor Catherine Dann, has chosen Michael Sobell Hospice to benefit from her 2014/15 charity appeal.

Dates for your diaries:

Friday 31st October at 2pm – Colourdash

Brunel University London Campus, Uxbridge

Join in this fun five-kilometre event at Brunel University and get pelted with (non-toxic) colour from head to toe along the route. Enjoy the party atmosphere and music, with barbeque food available. Runners are asked to raise at least £50 in sponsorship. The registration fee is £15 for adults, £12.50 for 11- to 18-year-olds and students; this includes a white tee shirt, sunglasses and your own bag of colour to release at the mass colour throw. Please note that the minimum age for entry is 11 years. All 11- to 16-year-olds must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday 8th November, 11am to 2pm – Festive coffee morning

Michael Sobell Hospice Lecture Hall, Gate 3, Mount Vernon Hospital

Pick up some reasonably priced festive gifts. There will be lots of interesting stalls and tea, coffee and refreshments will be served. Entry and parking are free.

Sunday 14th December – Light up a life

Michael Sobell Hospice Lecture Hall, Gate 3, Mount Vernon Hospital

A special event when people come together to celebrate, reflect and remember loved ones who are no longer with us – whether they received hospice care or not. There will be two ceremonies this year at 3.30pm and 5.30pm with performances from the Lemon Tuesday choir. Refreshments will be served. Parking is free and pre-booking is essential.

You can support the hospice by purchasing our festive charity cards. They are now available in our retail shops, in the fundraising office or via the Michael Sobell Hospice website. There is a range of contemporary and traditional cards available.

To register or book for any of our events please visit our website www.michaelsobellhospice.co.uk or call 01923 844730.

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See our website for information about what's going on in Eastcote

www.eastcotera.co.uk

If you would like to feature a local event on our website or in our newsletter
email the details to ERA@eastcotera.co.uk

