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The new mural on Eastcote station bridge

**We look forward to seeing many of you at our
Open Forum on Tuesday 23rd October;
details are on the inside cover.**

EASTCOTE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

OPEN FORUM

will be held on

TUESDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2018

at

ST THOMAS MORE CHURCH HALL

32 Field End Road Eastcote

7pm for 7.30pm

Brian Walters, Deputy Chair of Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch
and lead on the OWL (Online Watch Link) project
will give a presentation on Neighbourhood Watch

Followed by a Q&A session with your local councillors

Please submit your questions in advance to

chairman@eastcoteria.co.uk

Questions will also be allowed on the night

ALL EASTCOTE RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME

Light refreshments will be served during the meeting

EASTCOTE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

FUTURE MEETING DATES

Meetings are held on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the Elsie Fischer Room
(the bungalow at the rear of St Lawrence Church car park)

Open Forum 23rd October

St Thomas More Church Hall

28th November

No meeting in December

30th January 2019

27th February

27th March

24th April

ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME

WHETHER OR NOT ERA MEMBERS

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the autumn 2018 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 and suggestions as to how the publication can be improved are always appreciated. We welcome all articles of relevance, including any of historical interest you might like to share with a wider audience. If you are a club or association, you might like to consider placing an advertisement in the newsletter or publicising a future function or event for maximum impact.

Colour photographs appear with some of the articles; unfortunately, because of space limitations, we are unable to show contemporary pictures of the locality in the centrefold spread in this issue.

If you have any personal photographs (they don't have to be in colour) from times gone by that you think might be of interest to a wider audience, do please get in touch; they may get featured on our new website.

Most interest locally continues to be the scheme for Eastcote town centre improvements (see also article by Councillor Eddie Lavery in this issue).

Following the local council elections on 3rd May, we welcome two new councillors, Ian Edwards in Eastcote & East Ruislip ward and Heena Makwana in Cavendish ward.

New retail establishments opened recently include Aspire (Unisex Salon) adjacent to Ilze's (Chocolat & Macaroons Café) and, under new ownership, Amore (formerly Dessertful). The closure of Barclays Bank after 8th June marks the end of an era, having been on that site since the parade was built in around 1935. Another closure, at the end of July, was of H. C. Grimstead, funeral directors, who had been operating on that site since at least the late-1950s; their business has been transferred and incorporated into the Co-op funeralcare premises, now rebranded as Eastcote Funeralcare. The Prestige Home showroom has also ceased trading.

The mystery photograph on page 12 of the last newsletter was of the rear of *The Retreat*, taken from Farthings Close.

Don't forget that our Open Forum will be held on Tuesday 23rd October at 7.30pm. Further details can be found on the inside cover.

David Harper, Editor

A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

The Local Government Boundary Commission is asking for comments from residents on ward boundary changes (see separate article). This comes at the end of a year which has seen many major public consultations requiring a lot of input from various committee members. First there was MOPAC, the Mayor's Office on Police and Crime, a London-wide consultation about changes to policing in the capital. ERA participated not only in this consultation but also responded to the Mayor's draft London Plan, the latest Heathrow expansion plans and the National Planning Policy Framework. In all cases, these not only entailed spending much time coming to grips with the lengthy reports, but also required the production of well-researched responses.

Work on the Eastcote town centre improvement scheme continues and I am pleased to say that eventually the whole High Street was included. As I write, the plans for the rain gardens are near completion and hopefully will have been started by the time you read this. There are some lampposts still to be installed and it is hoped they will be erected in time for the installation of the Christmas lights. As you know, we have been featuring the various parades of shops in our newsletters and the council have now installed small copper plaques with the parade name and an interesting fact. How many can you find?

It has been suggested that some of the monies left over in ERA's bank account at the end of each year should be donated to local charities. In order for this to happen we need you to nominate any such charity. You can do this by contacting a member of the committee or your road steward.

I am very pleased to welcome Sandra Ruddick who has kindly volunteered to take on the role of ERA secretary and who was consequently co-opted onto the committee at our September meeting.

Chris and Irene Groom stood down as committee members at our AGM in May and, in recognition of their many years of dedicated service to ERA, we have presented them with a pear tree for their garden (see photo in separate article). I can but repeat the many thanks given to them at the AGM for everything they have done during their time on the committee for the benefit of local residents.

The Friends of Eastcote House Gardens have also had a change of chairman and I would like to thank Lesley Crowcroft for all her hard work over many years, leading to the creation of a wonderful resource for local residents, and to congratulate Steve Place on his election as new chairman.

Alison Holtorp, Chairman

EASTCOTE'S SHOPPING PARADES (PART 4)

This is the fourth in a series of articles about the development of individual shopping parades along Field End Road in Eastcote since the suburb started to expand in the 1920s and 1930s. I have taken information from Kelly's street directories running up to 1977 (unfortunately, the one for 1935, a key date, is missing), supplemented by details from electoral rolls.

Nos. 3 to 8 (nos. 1 and 2 don't appear to have been allocated) **Station Approach** extended from the footpath to the car park behind the shops to the corner of North View, covering what are now nos. 211 down to 199. They were originally listed as nos. 187 to 175 when they appeared in the 1936 edition of Kelly's, suggesting there was a partial renumbering; they had changed to their current numbers by 1939. The electoral rolls show the first premises and some of the flats above were occupied from 1935.

Original parade numbers and establishments are shown below, with their current numbers in brackets. Subsequent changes are listed, where known. Flats above the premises were numbered 3A to 8A.

- 3 [211] was occupied in 1935 by Arthur J. Hensey, **estate agents**. Arthur James and his wife Annie Elizabeth were living at 'Wayside', Preston Road at the time. By 1939 it had become Walker Allanson Ltd., **house furnishers**. In 1954 it is described as Allanson, Walker Ltd., furniture dealers, from 1966/67 furniture access and, from 1974, gift shop.
- 4 [209] was T. F. Nash, **builders**, but had become A. G. Developments Ltd the following year. Thomas Fred Nash was a well-known local builder, whose company was one of two which developed much of the Rayners Lane area. From 1935 to 1937, he and his wife Alice lived at 28 Bridle Road, now part of the Missouri Court complex. In 1954 two premises occupied the site – Harrison's Car Hire Service and Eastcote Leathercraft, fancy goods; these lasted until 1964/65. From 1968/69 Little Mischief, children's wear, was the occupier.
- 5 [207] was initially the New Novel **Library** premises, but was renamed Alpha Libraries the following year; the proprietor was William Tabor Sanctuary, who was briefly living above the premises with his wife Margaret Irene Mansell in 1939. By 1939 half of the premises were Hinchcliffe and Co. Ltd., **coal merchants**. By 1954 the two shops were C. S. Bedford, jeweller, until 1968/69 (thereafter D. R. Boswell, and then Station Jewellers Eastcote from 1974) and Crispe, optician, subsequently W. L. Crispe, Ltd., a name that still lives on in 2018.

- 6 [205] was Marcia, **confectioners**, whose proprietor is listed in Kelly's as R. T. (or R. H.) Markes. Arthur Samuel and his wife Jeannie were living at 60 Pinner Park Avenue off Headstone Lane at the time. By 1939 it was called Freeman's, whose proprietor A. J. Freeman is listed as Joseph Albert Freeman in the electoral rolls, and who occupied the flat above until after the war. In 1954 the shop was G. J. Young, confectioner and tobacconist, a name that also lives on in 2018. Gilbert James and his wife Amelia Edith (née Kear) lived above the shop at no. 205A from 1947/48 until 1958, as did their married daughter Amelia M. and Eric S. Rhymer. Gilbert had an elder brother Frederick George, whose son was Ronald Leslie Young, better known as singer and Radio 2 presenter Jimmy Young. Jimmy and his wife Vera (née Wilkinson) are shown as occupying the flat above no. 203A in 1947. Gilbert and Frederick's widowed mother was also at no. 205A in 1947. Quite a family gathering!
- 7 [203] was Ethel, a **hairdressers**, whose proprietor was David Gorman. David Allison Frew and his wife Ethel Emily lived at 46 Lowlands Road. In 1954 the shop was called Hilda, continuing as such until 1968/69; thereafter, the premises became the estate agents Chamberlain & Bickerton.
- 8 [201] was William Noble, a **drapers**, subsequently W. Noble and Son from at least 1954 until 1964/65. William and Elsie Norah Noble lived at 22 Corringham Road, Wembley Park when the shop first opened, moving to 18/22 Springfield Road, Harrow the following year. From 1966/67 the premises was Laurie Ridley, still there in 1977.
- - [199] was Barclays **Bank** Ltd, the manager of which was V. E. L. Jones. The flat above was initially called Bank House, subsequently Barclay's Bank House. Barclays holds the record for the longest continuous tenure in a single premises in the shopping centre and finally closed for business after 8th June this year. (Boots opened at about the same time in Deane Parade but has since expanded to cover two shop fronts, nos. 169 and 171).

My thanks again go to the archives department at Uxbridge library for allowing me to use much of this information.

David Harper, Editor

DRIVING AT NIGHT

It seems that many people are still driving their cars at night with only daylight running lights (DLRs) and not realising that they have no rear lights working. I have even seen the police driving around locally with only DLRs on so it could be anyone. Please, therefore, take care and get to know your car better otherwise you could be fined and possibly get an endorsement on your licence.

~~0000000~~, *Eastcote resident*

CONSERVATION

Long Meadow

The information/welcome boards have now been installed at both ends of the meadow and illustrate some of the wildlife that can be seen there. The biodiversity of the meadow has increased in recent years because of the new regime of grass cutting and the addition of the backwaters.

All the meadows within the London Borough of Hillingdon (LBH) are worked as hay meadows, with the grass being cut during the summer. Many of the Long



Small tortoiseshell butterfly

Meadow butterfly population rely upon the grasses for food and are still feeding at the time of the hay cut. Working in conjunction with LBH, arrangements have been made for certain areas of the meadow grass to be left uncut until the autumn. Once the butterflies have finished flying, the Friends of Eastcote House Gardens (FEHG) Countryside Conservation group will cut the remaining grass. More information about the butterflies inhabiting the meadow can be found on

the FEHG website.

Two sections of scalping path have recently been installed in the areas that turn into a quagmire in wet weather. This will make the walk through the meadow much safer and also more accessible for wheelchair users and baby buggies. Our thanks go to the LBH Chrysalis scheme for funding this project. Grass seed will be sown in October, which means the pathways will be hardly noticeable in a few months' time.

Frogs, toads and dragonflies continue to multiply in the backwater. The FEHG volunteers make sure that the connection to the River Pinn stays open to keep the level of water high enough to keep all these creatures happy.

A 'Wildlife Images Trail' has recently been installed. Starting in the outdoor classroom/play area, a trail of ten posts are laid out in EHG and Long Meadow. Each post has a plaque suitable for taking a rubbing of an animal, bird, insect or plant that can be seen in the meadow. A leaflet giving more information can be found on the FEHG website **www.eastcotehousegardens.weebly.com** and is available at events and at the gardens' café.

Eastcote House Gardens

FEHG are pleased to welcome Catherine Dann to the committee in the role of vice president. Catherine retired from Hillingdon Council in May after 22 years of service to the community. She worked closely on the EHG restoration project, as did David Payne, who upon retirement from the council became our first president. We are very pleased that both Catherine and David are willing to continue their association with us.



Jazzology in action

In other changes to the committee, Lesley Crowcroft has stepped down from the post of chairman after ten years; she now becomes head gardener. Steve Place is now chairman, with Sue Place as vice chair. Andy Weller has taken on the role of secretary; Keith Barnard stays as treasurer.

June 2018 was the tenth anniversary of the formation of the FEHG, during which time the buildings have been restored and the gardens brought to Gold Award standard. There is now a thriving craft group, an archive and there are new publications covering not only the history of Eastcote House but also other interesting areas in Eastcote.

The volunteer gardeners work in all weathers all year round, making a difference to the lives of the residents of Eastcote and further afield. Congratulations go to FEHG on their anniversary. New volunteers are always welcome. If gardening is not your choice, there are always the fundraising events, research for the archive and many other jobs to undertake. More details can be found on the FEHG website www.eastcotehousegardens.weebly.com



Ferret in hand!

The annual summer picnic on 9th June was a great success. With fine weather, all visitors were able to enjoy the many stalls and events taking place. The ferret racing was enjoyed by all, Jazzology provided entertainment, as did the St. Lawrence Players. Many of the gardens' canine visitors took part in the annual dog show.

The dovecote, has been open once a month during the summer, staffed by FEHG volunteers, giving everyone a chance to see inside and learn why and how it was used.

A grass grid path has been installed across Dovecote Meadow, linking the main path with the board walk to Long Meadow. This walkway is another very wet quagmire in the winter so will make access to the outdoor classroom, the dipping platform and Long Meadow much safer. The excessive heat throughout the summer killed off the newly-sown grass; this will be resown in the autumn.

Lesley Crowcroft, for the Friends of Eastcote House Gardens

EASTCOTE CONSERVATION PANEL

A Green Flag has been awarded to the Eastcote War Memorial Garden. This peaceful garden is cared for by the London Borough of Hillingdon (LBH), with volunteer help from the Friends of Eastcote House Gardens and the Royal British Legion Eastcote Branch. The flag-raising ceremony is to take place later this year.

This year the Eastcote Remembrance Day parade and service takes place on Sunday 11th November, exactly 100 years after the signing of the Armistice.

A dedicated team of borough parks inspectors regularly check the boundaries of the borough's parks to ensure that 'park grab' is stopped; the most recent local case was on Pinn Meadows. As a result of swift action by the council's legal team, the land was reclaimed. The inspectors also check the safety all the equipment in the children's play areas.

Harefield Dogs Trust are concerned at the amount of dog faeces left by dog owners in our parks. They are sponsoring notices to remind owners to put their 'litter' in a bin or to take it home. Other forms of litter regularly occur – some residents throw their green waste into parks and open spaces. There is no excuse for this behaviour as LBH collect garden waste from all dwellings every week of the year. Throwing litter out of moving cars is another favourite of the ever-present breed known as litter louts. Please take your litter home and dispose of it with normal weekly rubbish collections or put it in a street litter bin, not in open spaces and roadsides.

At the EHG summer picnic in June, the Hinman Shield was awarded to Coteford Infant School. George and Margaret Hinman lived in Eastcote, were councillors and actively worked for the residents. George saved Long Meadow from development in the 1930s, when it was planned to extend the Eastcote Park Estate through Eastcote House and its grounds and Long Meadow. In 1980, Sheila Liberty (Eastcote's first eco-warrior) and Margaret Ward Dyer (née Hinman) instituted the Hinman Shield to be presented to a school or young person's group that had made a difference to Eastcote. The first recipients were 'Local children for work at Highgrove Nature Reserve'.

Coteford Infant School, an Eastcote school for 92 years, has actively supported the restoration of Eastcote House Gardens for the last ten years, planting bulbs, singing at the tree dressing every year, and coming to EHG for local history sessions.



Coteford School receiving the Hinman Shield

The Hinman Shield is now sponsored by Jay Gadhia of *Forget Me Not*, Eastcote. The Mayor of Hillingdon, Councillor John Morgan, presented the shield to the school.

Congratulations go to local resident Amisha Patel who has won The Beauty for a Cause Eco Ambassador 2018 title as well as the Award for Best Interview in August at the Miss Earth UK 2018 National final. Amisha has spent the last year raising environmental awareness and fundraising for The Ocean Clean-Up, Times Up UK justice and equality fund and Cancer Research UK. She thanks all those who supported her.

Lesley Crowcroft, Chairman, Eastcote Conservation Panel

JOHN THIRKETTLE – AN APPRECIATION

The Eastcote Residents' Association would like to take this opportunity of congratulating a local resident who has also been a long-serving member of ERA as a road steward/coordinator for over 15 years.

John Thirkettle received a well-deserved civic medal at a reception held for him at Hillingdon Civic Centre on 1st February 2018. The citation was read by the Leader of the Council, Ray Puddifoot, and the presentation made by the Mayor of Hillingdon, Councillor Carol Melvin. He was recognised for his valuable contribution to a whole spectrum of volunteering, covering many aspects of life throughout Hillingdon Borough.

John has been a tireless volunteer in Neighbourhood Watch for 28 years and was an active member of the police consultative group. In addition, he became a key figure on the crime prevention panel and was instrumental in ensuring that the crime prevention bus became a regular feature throughout the borough, staffed by volunteers, but with a police presence.

John was also part of the junior citizens project, which many schoolchildren attended, and set up school and youth table tennis clubs. He became vice-chair of the Uxbridge Old People's Association up until 2016 as well as founding the 50+ Physical Activity Club at Brunel University and Activity4kids. Amazingly, he also finds the time to volunteer for various research programmes at the university.

Elizabeth Beggs, Eastcote resident

EASTCOTE REMEMBERS

This year sees the commemorations for the end of World War I. To honour the 16 young men of Eastcote who gave their lives in this most bloody conflict, the Friends of Eastcote House Gardens will be presenting – between November 4th and 17th – two weeks of concerts, talks and an exhibition*. All monies raised during these two weeks will be donated to the Royal British Legion Eastcote Branch.

In Voice and Verse will be giving two concerts, 'Armistice' on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th November, at 2pm. Tickets cost £15 which include refreshments and a donation to the Royal British Legion.

Talks will be given on:

- Tuesday 6th November at 2pm 'Eastcote 1900 to 1920'
- Thursday 8th November at 7pm 'Is it Ticking?'. Bomb disposal from the Western Front to Helmand Province, given by Matt Neave, former captain in the Corps of Royal Engineers
- Thursday 15th November at 2pm. History of the Eastcote Branch of the Royal British Legion, given by Matt Neave, former captain in the Corps of Royal Engineers



Eastcote War Memorial

All talks have free entry but advance booking is essential as there is only limited seating available in the stables; please contact Lesley Crowcroft at the box office via email at lesley.crowcroft@gmail.com or telephone **020 8866 8436**.

* The opening times of the exhibition have yet to be confirmed.

LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT NEWS

Since the last edition of the newsletter, a delay in the opening of Crossrail – the Elizabeth Line – until autumn next year has been announced. This almost certainly means that the proposed changes to bus routes serving Crossrail stations in west London will be deferred. These include:

- new double-deck route **278**, from Ruislip station to Heathrow Airport via Ickenham, Hillingdon and Hayes. Previously planned to run every 12 minutes during the day on Mondays to Saturdays, it is now proposed to operate the route every 15 minutes at these periods, with a 20-minute evening and all-day Sunday service.
- route **140** will be shortened to run from Harrow Weald to Hayes & Harlington station only. It will run every 8 minutes during the day on Mondays to Saturdays and every 12 minutes at all other times. Route 278 will cover the withdrawn section to Heathrow Airport. There will be no change to night bus **N140**.
- new limited stop route **X140** from Harrow Bus Station to Heathrow Airport, with only limited stops, including Northolt station. It will run every 12 minutes during the day on Mondays to Saturdays and every 15 minutes at all other times.

The **Piccadilly Line** autumn leaf fall timetable started on 8th October. There are changes to times of most trains throughout the week on the Uxbridge branch but, unlike last year, the overall service level in peak hours has generally been maintained. As a consequence, many **Metropolitan Line** times have also been slightly revised.

Of local interest is that route **282** will celebrate 50 years of operation on 30th November. The route originally ran from Northwood Station (with occasional journeys starting from Mount Vernon Hospital) to Greenford *Red Lion*, a pub since demolished. After extensions to Southall garage and then to Hanwell Broadway, the route now terminates at Ealing Hospital.

David Harper, Editor

EASTCOTE TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS

The council scheme, designed after input from local residents and councillors, is nearing completion. The scheme was extensive, costing over £1 million, and is intended to create a more vibrant shopping centre by improving the infrastructure throughout. The original scheme was expanded at the request of Eastcote and Cavendish councillors to make all of the individual town centre shops eligible for a shop-front grant and to include new pavements throughout the area. We were pleased with the number of shops that chose to take part in the scheme.

The paving has been replaced from the library to the end of the shops at Woodlands Avenue. The new surface will be easier to navigate for all residents and, in particular, for those with disabilities or for parents with buggies. The scheme did take longer to complete than intended as there were delays in the works required to the bridge over the railway line. The new lighting scheme has installed LED lights with new road and pavement lights throughout the town centre. This has addressed the dark patches particularly in the area around the bend in the road, approaching the traffic lights.

The new mural on the bridge is complete and it is still planned that the Eastcote lettering will be lit up at night. New signage has been introduced to make it easier for visitors to navigate the town.

The final part of the works will be to replace the brick flower beds and create rain gardens. These will be more attractive, improve drainage and provide greater driver visibility. It is planned to complete the work during this autumn's planting season.

Given the pressure that town centres are under, it is very pleasing to see that Eastcote continues to have a thriving retail environment and that the improvements should help to maintain the town centre going forward.

Eddie Lavery, on behalf of Eastcote and Cavendish councillors

LONDON IN BLOOM RESULTS

Eastcote House Gardens	Park of the Year	Gold
Walled garden		Gold
Our Community*		Gold
It's Your Neighbourhood*		Level 5 Outstanding
Long Meadow	Large Conservation Area	Gold
Highgrove Woods	Small Conservation Area	Silver Gilt

* Friends of Eastcote House Gardens volunteers

Hillingdon Borough achieved Gold and category winner for the Large City category

EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS CALENDAR

Don't miss the 2019 Eastcote House Gardens calendar, still only £5,
available from the garden café and at events

HARROW CHORAL SOCIETY

Harrow Choral Society's (HCS) new season in September began with rehearsals for Verdi's magnificent Requiem in preparation for a major performance on 30th March 2019 at Watford Colosseum. Under the baton of Music Director, Simon Williams, it will be leading a 'Three Choirs Concert' involving two other local choirs and around 200 voices in total.

The choir has just completed its most successful season for many years, with each of its three concerts sold out. The final concert in July at St Alban's Church, North Harrow, was a departure from its usual classical repertoire and included Broadway medleys and popular opera extracts. "Being able to fill the Elliott Hall, the Harrow School Speech Room and then finally St Alban's Church was delightful" said chairman Peter Miller. "We've always had a loyal audience base and there does now seem to be a growing expectation that the standard of performance will be high. Not only does this keep us firmly on our toes, it also seems to result in more people wanting to come to see us, which of course is wonderful".

The following weekend HCS reprised its summer programme on its annual away day, this year to Cheltenham, raising £587 for St Andrew's United Reformed Church's spire repair appeal.



Harrow Choral Society in concert at St. Alban's Church, North Harrow

HCS welcomes new members in all voice parts for its exciting new season which will include another optional short, free, course of voice training and musicianship – something which proved very popular last year. For those feeling a little daunted by the prospect of launching straight into Verdi, there is also HCS's award-winning training choir Singing for Starters which rehearses at the same time and venue as the main choir. The training choir guides novice singers, or those with rusty skills, through a structured course of induction into the main choir and is led by professional singer and voice coach Julie Bale.

Anyone wishing to join either the main choir or Singing for Starters should go along to the rehearsal venue at St Alban's Church Hall, Norwood Drive, North Harrow HA2 7PF on Mondays at 7.45pm. More information can be found on the choir's website **www.harrowchoral.org.uk** including some short videos about HCS, Singing for Starters and our recent Netherlands tour. Alternatively you can email **membership@harrowchoral.org.uk** or contact our Membership Secretary, Jill Mans, on **020 8248 7625**. Membership is free for those in full-time education.

Anna Tribick, Harrow Choral Society

THE CENTRE FOR ADHD & AUTISM SUPPORT

Coping with the diagnosis, or possible diagnosis, of ADHD and/or autism is hard. The Centre for ADHD & Autism Support (CAAS), based at Television House, Field End Road, is a well-established local charity making a huge difference to the lives of many children, young people and adults in Eastcote, Pinner, Harrow and the surrounding area.

We work at the very heart of the local community and our services are in high demand on a daily basis. In 2017/18 we had 273 members, supported over 900 people at our centre and more than one thousand other people were impacted by our training and awareness work in the local community.

The Friends of CAAS is a group of local people of all ages helping out as volunteers. They also help organise fundraising events such as quiz nights, concerts, sponsored events, cake sales and our annual big breakfast fundraiser. As the demand for our service increases, we need more local people to get involved and help raise funds.

CAAS is a small charity working at the very heart of Eastcote. To find out more about us please visit **www.centreforadhdandautism.org**; alternatively you can email us at **enquiries@adhdandautism.org**.

Lynne Fearn, Centre for ADHD & Autism Support

HILLINGDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Hillingdon's Volunteer Team of the Year 2017

Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch (HNW) was established in the 1990s to bring neighbours together in order to create strong, active communities where crime and anti-social behaviour are reduced. The aim is to help residents to protect themselves and their properties in order to reduce crime and the fear of crime. These aims are achieved by the creation of street and road schemes known as watches, run by a volunteer co-ordinator or joint co-ordinators. The co-ordinator's role is really down to what the volunteer wishes it to be, the main undertaking being to deliver HNW's bi-monthly newsletter to all members of the watch (all residents) and to provide crime prevention information, for which a comprehensive handbook is provided.

In recent years, throughout Hillingdon, many of the original co-ordinators and deputies have retired owing to the problems associated with advancing years, Eastcote being no exception. Whilst HNW and the local SNTs have worked hard in the quest to find volunteers to start new watches or revive those declared dormant, there are still significant areas in the ward without watch coverage. Long roads in excess of 75 to 100 homes can be split into smaller watches, thus giving the volunteer(s) a manageable workload.

From time to time, opportunities arise for watch members to benefit from reduced costs of crime prevention equipment, currently SmartWater and CCTV. Consult our website (address below) for further details.

HNW in partnership with the Metropolitan Police has introduced a messaging system called OWL (Online Watch Link), which residents can sign up to in order to receive email messages related to local crime and crime prevention. Over 8,000 Hillingdon residents are now reachable and the number is growing fast – why not join them? It's free, it's secure, it's GDPR-compliant and you can sign up now at **www.owl.co.uk** – we will then get back to you with a login and password, usually within a few days.

If anyone reading this is interested in becoming a co-ordinator, there is a wealth of useful information at **www.hillingdonnhw.co.uk**. Alternatively, contact the office at Ruislip Police Station by email at **all@hillingdonnhw.co.uk** or by telephone on **020 8246 1869**. The office is manned every Friday between 10am and 12.30pm – a telephone call beforehand would be welcome if a personal visit for information is preferable.

Frank Gaughan, ERA sub-committee member

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 2018-19

<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
15 October	AGM and Old Houses of Uxbridge	Tony Mitchell
19 November	From Blackwall to Bishop Rock – Britain's Historic Lighthouses	Tom Nancollas
17 December	Research Topics and Festive Fun	RNELHS
21 January	West House, Heath Robinson and the HR Museum	Cynthia Wells
18 February	Saxons at the Adelphi, Strand	Douglas Killock
18 March	Trent Park's Secret History	Helen Fry
29 April	Londoners and the Preservation of Open Spaces	Mark Gorman

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

ERA NOTICEBOARDS

If your community organisation has an event they wish to publicise,
you may wish to use one of the five noticeboards
spread around Eastcote

Please contact
Denise Cherry on **020 8429 5399**
for further details

HILLINGDON WARD BOUNDARY CHANGES

The Boundary Commission has started an electoral review of Hillingdon Borough ward boundaries. The consultation process started in August and is scheduled to run until 5th November. Thereafter, consultation on draft recommendations will run from January to March next year with the publication of final recommendations on 7th May.

The purpose of the review is to consider the number of councillors elected to the council, the number and names of wards, the ward boundaries and the number of councillors per ward. Hillingdon Council proposes an overall reduction of twelve councillors in the borough, from 65 to 53. The last major review was in 1999 and this review is scheduled for implementation in 2022.

Your ideas and views on changes to the current structure are encouraged. There is a widely held view that wards should be based on resident association areas as these seem to best describe local communities. You can provide feedback online or in writing. Full details can be found on the council's website at <https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/34194>

David Harper, Editor

TREE DRESSING

The annual EHG tree dressing will be held on Saturday 1st December 2018 at 1.30pm. Local school choirs will start the season of Advent with seasonal songs.

Come and join us to decorate one of the gardens' trees. The event is free.



CHRIS AND IRENE GROOM – AN APPRECIATION

Shortly after moving back to their home in Park Farm, Chris and Irene Groom were approached by Karen Spink to become road stewards. Feeling that this would be a great way to become involved in their local community, they agreed. Their path to the top started by representing ERA at HARA.

Chris went on to become chairman from 2006 to 2012, during which time he worked tirelessly to promote ERA. In recognition of his achievements, he was voted to the honorary position of president in 2012 and remained in that role until May this year.



Chris and Irene Groom with their pear tree

Irene became ERA's secretary in 2006, a role she tirelessly carried out until earlier this year. She kept us organised, booking halls for meetings and making sure they were open and that everyone was welcome. She also sent out agendas and reminders of meetings as well as recording and keeping the minutes.

Both are continuing as ERA members and road stewards, so we will continue to see them at meetings. Our thanks go to them both for all the effort they put into their roles to the benefit of Eastcote residents.

Alison Holtorp, Chairman

EASTCOTE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Assisting local gardeners for over seventy-five years

New members are welcome – join for only £3 per family per year.

What we do:

- we operate a trading hut, next to Eastcote Community Centre, Southbourne Gardens, for free advice and garden supplies at a good price. We are open on Sundays from 10.30am to 12noon in March, April, May, September and October and from 11am to 12noon in February, June, July and November
- we have summer plant sales at the trading hut – full details are on our website
- we provide an opportunity to display your produce at the shows, which include classes for children. These take place in Oak Hall, Eastcote Community Centre, Southbourne Gardens; details are on our website

Dates for our 2019 shows are:

- spring show – 16th March
- summer show – 15th June
- autumn show – 7th September

We arrange social functions:

- coach trips for 2019 include Waddesdon House and Gardens
- annual dinner at Sensi restaurant, Eastcote, on 14th November

Details are available from the trading hut.

Our AGM will be held at the trading hut in May 2019.

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

MOOR PARK DECORATIVE & FINE ARTS SOCIETY

Morning talks are held on Wednesdays at 10.50am at the Winston Churchill Theatre, Ruislip, and are open to all. Complimentary coffee/tea is available from 10.15am. Free car parking is available. We invite a donation on the door of £5 per person.

17 October 2018 ‘Very bad for Art – Influence of Great War on three artists’,
by Alan Read

Hearing the great war being declared, Augustus John turned to fellow painter Bomberg, “David, this news of the outbreak of war is going to be very bad for art” This lecture considers the impact of that prophecy on three British artists whose work was profoundly affected by that war.

21 November 2018* ‘A Cornucopia of Christmas Customs’, by Jane Tapley

Just a Victorian invention? Many traditions have much earlier origins. This light-hearted lecture reveals all.

* Note that this talk is at The Great Barn, Manor Farm Site, Ruislip. Car parking is available (free car parking may be available at nearby Winston Churchill Hall).

16 January 2019 ‘Let there be Light’, by Alexandra Drysdale

How artists have painted temporal and spiritual light through the ages. Science and Art move forward together in their quest to understand light.

20 February 2019 ‘Aqua Triumphalis Pageantry and the River Thames’,
by Peter Warwick

The Thames has inspired artists, architects and even Royalty. This lecture is a riverscape of history from the Tudor age to the present day.

20 March 2019 ‘250 years of The Royal Academy’, by Rosalind Whyte

Exploring the history and role of one of Britain’s most cultural bodies in the development of British art. How its characters became embroiled in intrigue and controversy.

17 April 2019 ‘How to Read the English Country Church: Pre-Christian
era to the Tudors’, by Rev. Nicholas Henderson

From pre-Christian to Tudor times, one can ‘read’ the passage of time, cultures and people within the art forms and architecture of many old English country churches. For further details please visit our website **www.moorparkdfas.com**



A view of Eastcote House Gardens



Pretty Corner from the bottom of Fore Street

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See our website for information about what's going on in Eastcote
www.eastcoteracouncil.co.uk

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