



*The dovecote and walled garden in Eastcote House Gardens,  
resplendent in early autumn colours  
In this year's London in Bloom competition, the gardens achieved several gold  
awards and were the Park of the Year category winner*

**We look forward to seeing you at our  
Open Forum on Tuesday 24th October;  
details are on the inside cover.**

## **EASTCOTE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

### **OPEN FORUM**

TUESDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2017  
ST THOMAS MORE RC CHURCH HALL  
32 Field End Road Eastcote  
7pm for 7.30pm

What do you think of the proposed town centre improvements? Have you new ideas or solutions to existing problems in Eastcote?

If so, please come along and meet your local councillors who will be able to answer your questions on issues you may wish to raise.

ALL EASTCOTE RESIDENTS WELCOME  
Light refreshments will be served during the meeting

## **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 2017-18***

<b><i>Meeting</i></b>	<b><i>Topic</i></b>	<b><i>Speaker</i></b>
16 October	AGM and "The Lord Chancellor's Wallpaper"	Graham Goode
20 November	Randall's of Uxbridge	Sir John Randall
18 December	Christmas meeting	RNELHS members
15 January	Women in mediaeval London	Prof. Caroline Barron
19 February	One Thames or two? The archaeology of London's river	Jon Cotton
19 March	History of Pinner Hill Estate: 500 years of change	Jo Crocker
16 April	Architecture of the London Underground	Oliver Green

For further information, please contact the Membership Secretary, Annita Farrant, on **020 8841 5927**, or visit our website: **[www.RNELHS.org.uk](http://www.RNELHS.org.uk)**

## EDITORIAL

Welcome to the autumn 2017 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 those of historical interest – to the local community here in Eastcote. 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.

Colour photographs appear with some articles and, in the centre pages, these are complemented by contemporary pictures of the locality and of events and activities at Eastcote House Gardens this year. 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.

The talking point locally at the moment is the scheme for Eastcote town centre improvements (see also article by Councillor Becky Haggart in this issue). Many of you will have been to one of the information sessions held in Eastcote library during September.

If you live in a road where there were old concrete lampposts, you will be aware that the council have now replaced them all with new metal ones with brighter, white LED lights; some existing metal lampposts have also had their orange sodium vapour lights similarly replaced.

For those of you who were intrigued by the picture quiz in the last newsletter, here are the answers:

- the number in the first photo (2515) can no longer be seen as it was on the old concrete lamppost at the beginning of Deane Croft Road, by the doctor's surgery
- the second photo (R155) was the number on a designated public footpath sign in Boldmere Road/Ivy Close (the R stands for Ruislip-Northwood)
- the third photo (51) was the number on a lamppost in Field End Road just beyond Kildare Close, opposite Woodlands Avenue; the other lamppost with that number is in High Road Eastcote between *The Black Horse* and Flag Walk
- the last photo (E) represents parking zone area E, covering Eastcote roads north of the railway line; zone E2 similarly covers roads south of the railway while zone E1 covers Devonshire Lodge and Devon Parade car parks

*David Harper, Editor*

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Eastcote Residents' Association (ERA) reaches out to 4,000 households from Salisbury Road in the north to Whitby Road in the south, from the footpath running down the western side of Warrender and Bessingby Parks in the west to the boundary with Harrow in the east. Thus ERA represents a broad and diverse membership and we strive to speak on behalf of all residents. About 50 per cent of the households pay a £2 annual subscription for which they receive two newsletters a year and which helps cover the administrative costs of running a website and annual meeting expenses. Representing everyone invariably means walking a fine line – for every viewpoint there is always someone who thinks otherwise.

Getting it right is a real challenge, but the committee is here to offer advice and support wherever it can, either by suggesting actions you can take for yourself and/or making representations to councillors or council departments. One of the areas in which ERA gets involved is planning. The weekly summary and the notifications of all new planning applications sent to ERA by the council are reviewed to ensure that planning rules are being adhered to and, if they are not, an objection is raised. Some of the issues that result in ERA lodging a complaint are because the application:

- diminishes our heritage, i.e. involves a listed building or one of three local conservation areas
- is of community significance, i.e. a new housing or commercial development
- is detrimental to the area, i.e. out of keeping or garden grab

In order for ERA to have a voice at planning meetings, it is essential to be able to demonstrate community support. Affected residents are encouraged to write to the council with their views and to sign a petition. In order to gain the right to speak at a planning meeting, the council requires a petition of at least 20 signatures from Hillingdon residents. ERA is now registered with Hillingdon Council for e-petitions and the first attempt attracted over 200 signatures.

On another note, it is a heart-warming experience to be able to report on the community spirited activities of some of our residents. I received the following message of thanks from Andrea Gohil: "I should like to say how grateful I am to the person who instigated the clear up of the alleyway from Columbia Avenue to Eastcote Station bus stop which runs between the factories. I've been talking to various people, from the factory owner to the street cleaner, and no one knew who was responsible for it. Well done." Further investigation elicited the following response from Councillor Michael White: "At one of our street surgeries, one of the residents from Columbia Avenue asked if they could do a litter pick. I organised for equipment to be dropped off and joined them for their first pick". Later, Marion

Try wrote: "Thank you for giving this your attention! Yes, the litter pick was a successful event! Gratifying to know it has been noticed and appreciated. Thank you!" There are plans to keep the litter pick going on the first Sunday of each month at 12 noon in the hope that this will generate a more cared-for attitude towards, as well as the improved appearance of, the green playing field and well-used pathway! The council not only provided the necessary equipment but also collected the bags of litter with the regular council refuse collection.

Last summer I received a phone call from a resident asking for help to find the relevant person to contact at the council in order to report that vandals had pulled up a recently planted tree outside her house. She went to great efforts to look after it, pulling it onto her drive and carefully watering its roots and protecting it until the council arrived a few days later to replant it. As far as I know, it survived its ordeal. Then, recently, whilst walking around I noticed a front garden with a stunning display of hanging baskets and troughs filled with a tumultuous display of begonias. This certainly brightened my day and reminded me that, in our last newsletter, we not only thanked Jean and Margaret for the colourful display in the station garden plots last year, but also included some photos.

It is encouraging to hear about people doing their bit to improve the area for everyone so, if you have a neighbour who you feel has done something positive for your neighbourhood, please let us know. If you would like to organise a litter pick or have other ideas about how to improve your street, then why not do what Marion did and ask a councillor for help.

***Alison Holtorp, Chairman***



*Menacing clouds over Warrender Park*

## WOODLANDS AVENUE AND THE CURIOUS CASE OF THE HOUSE RENUMBERING

Woodlands Avenue is a very large crescent giving access to Field End Road from both north and south ends. It was developed in earnest from the late 1930s, continuing after the Second World War. The first of four bungalows there, at the station end, was certainly occupied by 1918. These bungalows initially only had names, and one of these still survives – The Cottage – the other three being named Scarvell (previously The Bungalow), Meadowlea and The Nook.

In 1937 the only other occupied houses in Woodlands Avenue were also at the north end, as far as Windermere Avenue. Curiously, they were numbered sequentially from 43 to 54 on the south side and from 55 to 72 on the north side. By 1938 nos. 73 and 75 had been added on the south side beyond Windermere Avenue and development at the south end of the road had commenced, up to no. 21 (odds) and no. 42 (evens). Further development up to no. 43 (odds) and 72 (evens) had taken place by 1939, but this meant that house numbers would have been duplicated at the other end of the road; it was therefore decided to add 500 to their original numbers.

New houses built at this end of Woodlands Avenue continued this sequence, on the north side from 574 to 656 (evens) and south side from 573 to 627 (odds). It was not until 1951 that all houses were numbered into the common sequence that exists today.



*One of the original bungalows in Woodlands Avenue*

<i>Current nos.</i>	<i>Previous nos.</i>	<i>Original nos.</i>
69-119 odds	627-577 odds	
121, 123	575, 573	75, 73
125-149 odds	554-543 seq	54-43 seq
158-240 evens	656-574 evens	
242-276 evens	572-555 seq	72-55 seq

***David Harper, Editor***



## RUISLIP WOODS FESTIVAL 2017

This year the festival was celebrating the 20th anniversary of Ruislip Woods becoming London's first National Nature Reserve. For the second year running the Ruislip Woods festival fell on a beautiful spring Sunday in May. Last year's event attracted such large crowds that we were obliged to move this year's festival to the camp site on Breakspear Road North, opposite Bayhurst Wood car park. It was so successful that we want to retain the camp site for future festivals, especially as it provides enormous car parking capacity.

There was much to entertain the crowds and the favourite highlight was the flying display of birds of prey. With an improved flying area, the sight of a harrier hawk swooping down towards the watching crowd at a speed well over 150 mph – at head height – was spectacular. Amongst our usual exhibitors was local artist Martin Gibbons, who gave children special insights into how to draw birds. He was also keen to share advice with would be artists.

Ferret racing proved very popular, as did the Welsh Axemen, who were up to their usual daring tricks. The chainsaw carver produced an outstanding owl which was auctioned off. There was a ramble to join and a family dog show to enter, organised by Dogs Trust.

Musical entertainment was by courtesy of the Morris men. Visitors also enjoyed some old footage of local films that brought back memories.

No one went hungry or thirsty as the scouts provided their traditional range of refreshments.

On the two Saturday evenings prior to the festival Louise Sleeman led successful bat walks for the Trust. The bats have been very helpful, coming out in good numbers to give us a good display at each of the events.



*Axeman at work*

## **EASTCOTE TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS**

A warm hello from Eastcote & East Ruislip and Cavendish Ward councillors. As always, we are continually working with residents and the council to address issues and improve residents' lives in our wards. It has been a very busy year so far, seeing a high level of work in planning and general day-to-day issues.

We are pleased to share with you the council town centre improvements plan.

As part of Hillingdon Council's popular and successful town centre improvements programme, the local Eastcote & East Ruislip and Cavendish Ward councillors have presented a robust case, securing significant investment of some £1.3 million to transform Eastcote town centre.

The proposals address residents' top two concerns which are:

- an increase and improvement in the street lighting throughout the town centre, extending into the side roads and to the car parks to alleviate safety concerns when it is dark, and
- further pavement improvements, following earlier work so that there will be new paving throughout Eastcote town centre

These priority works will be completed urgently ahead of other improvements, including extensive 'rain garden' landscaping; this will not only look attractive but also help to mitigate against surface water flooding. New Eastcote bridge signage will also provide a better welcome for residents and visitors to the area.

The Eastcote Residents' Association and Conservation Panel representatives have been involved from the early stages, very helpfully contributing their expertise and local knowledge into the development of the street scene designs.

An information leaflet outlining the full proposals and phased delivery was delivered to some 4,000 local residents living closest to the town centre for feedback by mid-September. Two information days were held at Eastcote library early in the month. This was an opportunity to meet with council officers from the town centre improvements team working directly on the project.

Shop-front design improvements for over 20 shops have been completed and, where necessary, planning consent is under way. Contractors will be starting to undertake the works which will vastly uplift the shopping experience within the town centre. New businesses are already being attracted to locate in Eastcote.

The good news is that the £1.3 million funding secured will now achieve a transformational change within Eastcote town centre and help to sustain this



convenient and popular place for local shopping, dining and leisure activities. This is all very positive and exciting news for all our residents and councillors.

If you have any issues or concerns within your local area please do not hesitate to contact us.

*Becky Haggard, Councillor, Eastcote and East Ruislip Ward*

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION EASTCOTE BRANCH

Collectors are urgently required for the the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal outside various supermarkets in the Eastcote, Pinner and South Ruislip areas, from 28th October to 11th November 2017. If you can spare two hours, please contact Jeff Duley, Branch Chairman and Eastcote Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Organiser, on **07808 739434**. Money collected from the Poppy Appeal is desperately needed today, as ever, for the relief of physical, emotional and financial distress of serving and ex-service personnel and their dependants.

As at 17th July, branch fundraising for the year ending 30th September stood at £41,892.60. Thank you to everyone for their generous support.



### REMEMBRANCE DAY

### PARADE AND SERVICE EASTCOTE

Sunday 12th November 2017  
Eastcote War Memorial, Field End Road 10.40am to 11.30am

All are welcome to attend

## MICHAEL SOBELL HOSPICE

Michael Sobell Hospice is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year by holding several fundraising events to mark this poignant milestone. Below are details of some forthcoming events.



### **Friday 6th October – ‘Jail & Bail’, 10am**

In hospice care week, join this once-in-a-lifetime experience, in partnership with Ruislip police station, and get locked up in a cell to help raise vital funds for the hospice. The only way out will be to raise £500 in sponsorship money. Mobile phones will be allowed for last-ditch calls to friends and family for extra funds! Places are limited, so reserve yours now by contacting the events team on **020 3826 2362** or email **ochambershenry@michaelsobellhospice.co.uk**

### **Sunday 8th October – fundraising walk, 8.15am registration, 9am start**

The walk starts and ends at Gate 3, Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood. Join us in a three- or twelve-mile walk, taking you through the beautiful countryside around Moor Park, Harefield, Rickmansworth and the Grand Union Canal. Dogs and children are welcome too! Entry fees are £10 per adult, £5 per child (under 16) or £25 for a family (two adults and two children). For more information and to sign up online, visit our website **www.michaelsobellhospice.co.uk**

### **Sunday 22nd October – 2pm service at Holy Trinity Church, Northwood**

All are welcome to join the Reverend Ann Lynes for a celebration of 40 years of Michael Sobell Hospice in the local community and to give thanks for local hospice care across Hillingdon, Herts and Bucks. This is a multi-faith service, with music, readings and prayer. Light refreshments will be available on the day.

### **Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th November – ‘Light up a Life’ ceremonies**

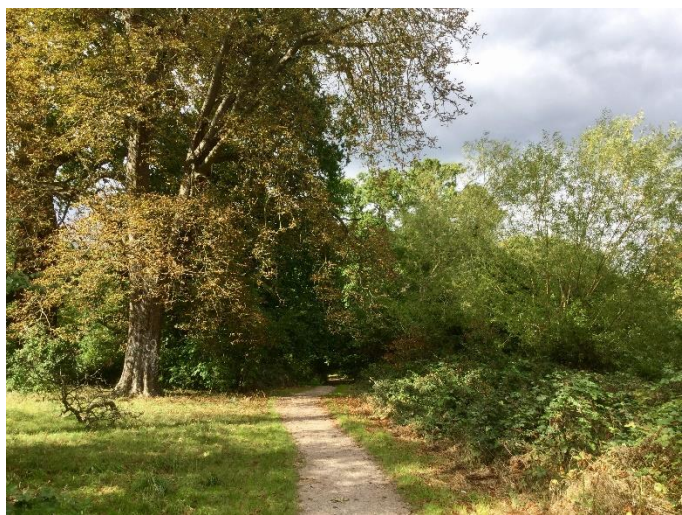
These annual remembrance services will take place on the last weekend in November, with both 4pm & 6pm ceremonies. This is an opportunity for families and friends to come together in honour and memory of loved ones. For up-to-date details about the services, venues, and to dedicate a shining light in memory of a loved one, please visit **www.michaelsobellhospice.co.uk**

### **Saturday 2nd December – ‘Festive Gift Fayre & Santa Dash’, 10am.**

For the most up-to-date details visit **www.michaelsobellhospice.co.uk**.

### **Friday 15th June 2018 – ‘Ladies in the Night’ returns with a twist!**

Keep an eye out for the early-bird offer and save money in January!



*The footpath from Warrender Park to Highgrove Wood*

## Events & activities at Eastcote House Gardens this year



*Price Waterhouse Cooper volunteers*



*4th Eastcote Scouts litter picking*



*4th Eastcote Scouts receiving the Hinman Shield*





*Dog show winner*



*Everyone at work*



*Mediaeval foundations on  
Dovecote Meadow*

### **EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS CALENDAR**

The 2018 calendar is available for only £5 from

**[lesley.crowcroft@gmail.com](mailto:lesley.crowcroft@gmail.com)**

All photographs were taken by members of FEHG or visitors to the gardens.



*Dovecote Meadow with horse-drawn plough  
from Hillingdon's heritage farm implements collection*



*The new zebra crossing installed at the bottom of Field End Road*



## CONSERVATION

### Long Meadow

Long Meadow, a site of importance for nature conservation, is part of the Eastcote Village conservation area, linked to Eastcote House Gardens by the Sheila Liberty Bridge; one side is bounded by the High Road, the other by the River Pinn. The Friends of Eastcote House Gardens (FEHG) volunteer group, working in conjunction with the London Borough of Hillingdon, look after the meadow. This year, Long Meadow has been awarded a Green Flag, one of the five Hillingdon sites to be awarded this accolade in 2017.

The FEHG volunteers, led by Steve and Sue Place, work in the river, keeping down invasive species such as Himalayan balsam, removing fallen branches and, of course, the ever-present litter. From time to time, work is needed to keep the mouth of the backwater free from silt to maintain the water supply from the river. FEHG are sometimes helped to clear the litter by scout groups. This year the 4th Eastcote Scouts were awarded the Hinman Shield for their work at Eastcote House Gardens and Long Meadow. The Shield was presented by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor John Morgan.

Welcome boards are due to be installed soon at both ends of the meadow. These will show where the veteran trees are as well as information on the wildlife that visits the meadow.

Earlier in the year, FEHG were joined by new recruits from Price Waterhouse Cooper who, as part of their induction week, spent some time helping in the meadow.

During the last five years, records of butterfly and dragonfly species and numbers have been recorded. The results show that Long Meadow has at least 23 different species of butterfly visiting. Marbled white butterflies have been recorded this year for the first time in five years. The recorded data will appear in both the London Atlas of Butterflies and London Atlas of Dragonflies.

Many bird species also call the meadow home, including kestrels and tawny owls. During the visit of the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress, Mrs. Fiona Morgan, the latter thought the idea of nesting boxes for kestrels and owls would be an excellent one. She has very kindly organised these to be funded from the Robert Symes Fund. FEHG are also very grateful for the support they receive from the Northwood Hills Residents' Association.

In places, the pathway through the meadow becomes a quagmire in wet weather; FEHG are seeking Chrysalis funding for sections of scalping paths to remove this problem.

### **Eastcote House Gardens**

Eastcote House Gardens (EHG) basked in the most beautiful summer weather for the annual Picnic on 3rd June. There were many people enjoying the stalls and events or just chilling out with a picnic. The dog show had a record number of entries, raising over £100, which was donated to the Harefield Dogs Trust. Long-time supporters of EHG, the St. Lawrence Players, again staged a personalised entertainment just for us. The Players took a retiring collection for their charity of the year, raising just over £80.

The Mayor of Hillingdon, Councillor Carol Melvin, made a shortened visit having been delayed in London because of road closures owing to the Trooping of the Colour rehearsals.

The fourth and final archaeological dig took place at the end of June, with the open day on Sunday 9th July. The surprise find of the year was a mediaeval building on Dovecote Meadow; there was no record of this building anywhere. It is assumed to have been part of the outbuildings belonging to Hopkyttes, the known building on the site. Part of the foundations of Hopkyttes were found within those of Eastcote House. It appeared to be a farm building, possibly a storehouse of some kind. All the findings of the last four years will be issued in a new book from the FEHG archive early in 2018.

The last project to be carried out with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund will be the outlining of Eastcote House with an interpretation board.

A new addition to Dovecote Meadow is a Ransome single-furrow horse-drawn plough, from Hillingdon's heritage farm implements collection. The plough sits at the front of the new prairie planting opposite the dovecote.

The FEHG craft group goes from strength to strength; if you would like to join, please see our website for more details. If you already belong to a craft group or just enjoy working on your own, perhaps you would like to join our poppy project, making knitted, crocheted or felt poppies for a display at EHG to commemorate the 1918 Armistice. Patterns are available on the website.

More information about Long Meadow and Eastcote House Gardens can be found at **[www.eastcotehousegardens.weebly.com](http://www.eastcotehousegardens.weebly.com)**

***Lesley Crowcroft, Chairman, Friends of Eastcote House Gardens***

## **RIVERS OF EASTCOTE – PROTECTING THEM FROM POLLUTION**

We are so lucky living in Eastcote to have a number of green open spaces for residents to enjoy. The River Pinn and the Yeading Brook flow through the area and both are valuable resources for residents to appreciate healthy walks and observe wildlife such as grey wagtails, mallard, moorhen, little egret and kingfishers. These birds rely on the fish and insect life present in the river, with freshwater shrimps, sticklebacks, bullheads, minnows and stone loaches being routinely found during water-quality monitoring by local volunteers.

Although our rivers are better than some urban rivers in London, they still suffer from pollution from a wide variety of sources, including misconnections from resident properties, road run-off, litter pollution and fly-tipping.

The major source of phosphate and sewage pollution in the river is a result of poorly connected plumbing in domestic houses. It has been estimated that up to five per cent of properties in London boroughs have misconnected plumbing. For most houses built after 1920, the waste water drains into a separate sewer system allowing clean rainwater to drain into a surface water system, ultimately ending in the local river. If any dirty water pipes from appliances, sinks, baths, showers or toilets are connected to this surface water system, rather than the foul water system, this will pollute our local river. It would make a real difference if all residents could check they have the right connections in their homes for all surface water and foul water plumbing. More information can be found on the ConnectRight website at **[www.connectright.org.uk](http://www.connectright.org.uk)**

Another source of pollution may result from blockages in the foul water system, where large congealed lumps of gunk (“fatbergs”) build up and block the foul water sewer which then overflows into the nearest escape route, either backing-up or running into the surface water system. The major culprits are wet wipes, make-up pads, fats, oil and greases going down the drain. Residents can help by using an old container to collect cooking fat and oil, scraping food residues from plates, and disposing of wet wipes, cotton buds, nappies and other items in the bin rather than flushing them away. More information is available at **[www.thameswater.co.uk/binit](http://www.thameswater.co.uk/binit)**

Finally, reporting water pollution on our local rivers is something that we all can do by calling the Environmental Agency’s incident hotline on **0800 80 70 60**.

***Paul Busby, Friends of the River Pinn and Yeading Brook & Thames 21***

## EASTCOTE'S SHOPPING PARADES (PART 2)

This is the second 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.

Nos. 1 to 17 **Devon Parade**, on the east side of Field End Road, extended from what is now no. 197 on the corner of North View to no. 161; it excluded nos. 173 and 175 which were built later, but I have included their details here for completeness. Access to the flats above the shops was via two communal staircases and balconies, still in use today. The first premises appeared in the 1933 edition of the local street directory, but it was not until the 1937 edition that the last ones were listed. Original parade numbers and shops are shown below, with their current numbers in brackets; many were still there well into the 1960s. Unlike Field End Parade, several of these premises were branches of larger chains.

The information I have is taken from Kelly's street directories, supplemented by electoral rolls of the time, although this information does not always coincide. In particular, the street directories do not list Devon Parade by name beyond no. 11 even though electoral rolls show flats up to no. 17a. They also suggest that there was a partial renumbering of premises in the main Field End Road sequence – nos. 161-197 were initially shown as nos. 139-175.



*Devon Parade*

- 1 [197] was the Express **Dairy Co. Ltd.**
- 2 [195] was the Westminster **Bank Ltd**; the manager was B W Martin, later R E Pudney.
- 3 [193a] was Sketchley Ltd., later described as Sketchley Dye Works Ltd., **cleaners**
- 3a [193] was a **bakers**, Wright-Cooper Ltd. Robert and Gwyndoline Cooper lived in the flat above the shop.
- 4 [191] was J & A Christie Ltd., **coal (and coke) merchants**.
- 4a [191a] was **boot (and shoe) repairers** Double-Wear Ltd.

- 5 [189] is listed as Rotherham Estates Co. Ltd., **estate agents/builders**. The company was, of course, responsible for the construction of many houses in the area. Samuel George Brealy and his wife Barbara Eileen, who managed the premises, lived in Dollis Hill Lane, Cricklewood. Corry & Corry, estate agents, were at this address in the late 1950s.
- 6 [187] was Hilda, **confectioners**, run by Hilda Mary Anderson; she and her husband Herbert Robert lived in the flat above. The shop was called Bunce's (tobacconists and confectioners) by the late 1950s.
- 7 [185] was Dancer & Green, **greengrocers**. Clifford Charles Dancer and Cyril William Green lived in High Wycombe initially; by 1935, when Clifford Dancer had left, Cyril Green was living in Cannon Lane, Pinner. By the late 1950s the shop was an outfitters with the name Ralph Webb Ltd.
- 8 [183] was O'Hara & Son, **butchers**, run by Charles George O'Hara who lived in Kings End, Ruislip. By the late 1950s it was called Richards.
- 9 [181] was The Devon Stores, **grocers**; the proprietor was George Clifford Dowsing who initially lived in Larden Road, Acton. He and his wife Jennie Eleanor later moved to 31 Meadow Way. The premises was called Stevens & Steeds by the late 1950s.
- 10 [179] was Alex Wright, **drapers**. Alexander Henry and his wife Mary Louise lived above their shop. By the 1950s it had become Alma, ladies outfitters, and later Etam Ltd.
- 11 [177] was the Midland **Bank** Ltd. with manager T H Evans. As HSBC, it is still there as the successor to the Midland.
- [175] was Walton (London) Ltd., **fruiterers**.
- [173] was John Sainsbury Ltd., **provisions merchants**.
- 12 [171] was Boots, the **chemists**, who in 2017 still occupy this shop as well as no. 169 next door!
- 13\* [169] was Meyers Brothers, another **greengrocers**. Frederick and George Meyers lived in East Acton Lane, Acton.
- 14 [167] was Hutton Ltd., a **fish buffet**.
- 15 [165] was the **household stores** premises of Cato's Ltd.
- 16 [163] was occupied by the True Form **Boot** Co.
- 17 [161] was initially occupied by the Middlesex Garden Supply Co.; this later became Kingston's Lawrence Ltd., **butchers**.

\* the electoral roll lists this as no. 16

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

*David Harper, Editor*

## DEVELOPMENT OF BUS ROUTES IN EASTCOTE (PART 3)

This is the last of three articles dealing with local bus routes, devoted to route **398**. The number was almost certainly chosen because the 98 group of routes had previously run in the area, albeit along quite different roads.

Route 398 was originally introduced sometime between the winter of 1987/88 and summer of 1988 as a commercial route and run by private operator Scorpio Coaches. It ran on Mondays to Saturdays, except evenings, between Ruislip Station and Northolt *Target* via Ruislip Manor, Eastcote, Rayners Lane, Alexandra Avenue, Northolt Park, Northolt and the Islip Manor estate. Through Eastcote it operated direct via Elm Avenue and North View.

In 1993 the route was diverted via South Harrow and via the Racecourse estate in Northolt. It first featured on bus maps as part of the London Buses network sometime after October 1994; the operator had by then been rebranded as Blue & White. It was later formally tendered as part of the London Bus Network and taken over by Sovereign Buses, Harrow, in January 1997.

From March 2001 the route was diverted at Northolt to run to Greenford, Westway Cross Retail Park and to operate via Southbourne Gardens and Field End Road between Ruislip Manor and Eastcote, giving direct bus access to residents in parts of south Eastcote for the first time and with the convenience of stopping at both Underground stations.

In September 2009 the route was further diverted in Northolt Park to run to Wood End instead of Greenford and from September 2016 an evening and Sunday service was introduced. The service runs twice-hourly throughout the week.

I am once again grateful to Ian Armstrong from his *London Bus Routes* website for allowing to me to use much of the later information included here.

### Transport news

In common with many other London bus routes recently, route **282** has seen its frequencies thinned slightly throughout the week in an attempt to improve reliability by giving buses more recovery time at their terminals. In summary, the weekday daytime service now runs every 13 minutes (previously 12), the evening and Sunday daytime service every 16 minutes (previously 15), and the early morning Saturday and Sunday service every 21 minutes (previously 20).

*David Harper, Editor*



## ERA ROAD STEWARDS

Our team of road stewards cover a large part of Eastcote and, although we have some new stewards this year (welcome and thank you), we continue to have areas where we have lost or have never had stewards to deliver our newsletters, collect annual subscriptions and grow our membership. Please do contact me if you can help, via email at **alison@fsml.uk.com** or by phone on **07771 846754**.

A sample of the roads where we need cover includes: Southbourne Gardens, Woodlands Avenue (part), Field End Road (centre, mainly above shops), Maybank Gardens, Coombe Drive, Pine Gardens and Sunningdale Avenue.

*Alison Akerman, Senior Road Steward*

## TRAVELLERS – ACTION TO TAKE

On Friday 4th August 2017 at 3pm, twelve ‘traveller’ vehicles gained access to Long Meadow in Eastcote. Nick Porter, the site manager at Eastcote House Gardens witnessed the incident; he took immediate action. The ‘travellers’ were moved on by 9pm.

If you see ‘travellers’ setting up camp on any public land, please make two calls, one to the police on 999, the other to Hillingdon Council. Once reported, the council have a set plan for dealing with such incursions; the quicker a Section 61 notice can be served on the ‘travellers’ the quicker they can be moved on.

## EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDEN – TREE DRESSING

**Saturday 2nd December 2017 starting at 1.30pm**

Bring a decoration and join us decorating a park tree for Advent

Seasonal songs will be presented by local school choirs  
Refreshments will be available in the Stables, served by  
Friends of Eastcote House Gardens



## POLICE CONTACTS

To contact the police, dial **101**; in an emergency always dial **999**.

If you have a local issue, please contact your Safer Neighbourhood Team sergeant or inspector via email as follows:

- Eastcote & East Ruislip – Sergeant David Peaks at **david.j.peaks@met.police.uk**
- Cavendish – Sergeant Alicia Botha at **alicia.botha@met.police.uk**
- Northwood Hills – Sergeant Samantha Quinn at **samantha.quinn@met.police.uk**

Alternatively, your local Safer Neighbourhood Ward police officers can be contacted as follows:

- Eastcote & East Ruislip on **020 8721 2548**
- Cavendish on **020 8721 2550**
- Northwood Hills on **020 8721 2546**

If they are off duty, their phone will divert to voicemail and you should get a reply within 24 hours.

## 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.

## **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)

29th November 2017

No meeting in December

17th\* January 2018

28th February 2018

28th March

25th April

\* provisional

**ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME  
WHETHER OR NOT ERA MEMBERS**



*Eastcote Bowling Club green, Cavendish Park*

## ERA COMMITTEE

<b>Chairman:</b>	Alison Holtorp – 020 8866 8186
<b>Secretary:</b>	Irene Groom – 020 8866 0985
<b>Senior Road Steward:</b>	Alison Akerman – 07771 846754
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Alison Dungworth – 07793 814084
<b>Planning:</b>	Jackie Redrup – 020 8868 6080
<b>Newsletter Editor:</b>	David Harper – 020 8868 8583
<b>Newsletter Designer:</b>	Arthur Plummer – 020 8868 7915

Keith Barnard – 020 8868 1755  
Elizabeth Beggs – 020 8429 4713  
Deesha Chadha – 07976 920351  
Carolyn Derecki – 020 8866 5495  
Chris Hankin – 020 8866 8186

Ian Murray – 020 8866 4133  
David Payne – 020 8866 2986  
Malcolm Penny – 020 8429 1182  
Karen Spink – 020 8866 7279

**President: Chris Groom**

## CONSERVATION PANEL & EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS

Lesley Crowcroft – 020 8866 8436

## LOCAL COUNCILLORS

### **Eastcote & East Ruislip Ward**

Cllr Catherine Dann – 020 8868 9144  
Cllr Becky Haggart – 07769 323142  
Cllr Nick Denys – 07915 066021

### **Cavendish Ward**

Cllr Eddie Lavery – 020 8866 1367  
Cllr Michael White – 01895 637863  
Cllr Teji Barnes – 07475 093593

### **Northwood Hills Ward**

Cllr Jonathan Bianco – 01923 820544  
Cllr John Morgan – 01923 821552  
Cllr Duncan Flynn – 07769 653052

### **MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT**

Nick Hurd – 01923 822876  
Boris Johnson – 020 7219 4682

### **GLA Member for Ealing and Hillingdon**

Dr Onkar Sahota – 020 7983 6558

**See our website for information about what's going on in Eastcote**  
**[www.eastcoteraco.uk](http://www.eastcoteraco.uk)**

**If you would like to feature a local event on our website or in our newsletter,  
email the details to [ERA@eastcoteraco.uk](mailto:ERA@eastcoteraco.uk)**