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Egham Gardens & Allotments Association



SUMMER 2022

EDITORS APOLOGY

Apologies for the lateness of this Newsletter which I had hoped to get out before I, together with three girlfriends, flew to Spain to walk part of the Santiago de Compostela. It was a brilliant experience but what really struck me when walking through small villages or passing single houses in the middle of nowhere, was that everyone was growing their own vegetables. It didn't seem to matter how small the garden they all had a vegetable patch of some sort, with sweetcorn being much in evidence.



The two photos shown here are of an olive tree which we came across in the grounds of a roadside café. It must be hundreds of years old to have grown such a trunk.



At the same café there were gardens beautifully kept and manicured by the ladies you see dressed in white in the photo. They were using a dustpan and brush to take up anything on the lawn that wasn't grass! The Spring Show held on Thursday



SPRING SHOW 2022

7th April went well with quite a number of exhibits.

The Arthur Hampton Challenge Plate for the Best Exhibit in Show went to Mags Thomas



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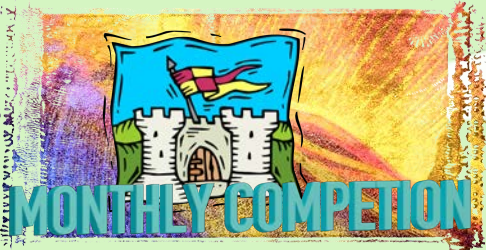
SPRING SHOW CONTINUE



The Joan Abbey Challenge Cup for Best Exhibit (other than Narcissus) went to Jill Williams.



The winner of the cake competition was Cynthia Reilly and Jean Bristow took the prize for the best decorated Easter Bonnet. Thanks to everyone whom came along and contributed to the evening.



MONTHLY COMPETITION : remember to bring something along to each Club meeting to enter the monthly competition which is judged by the speaker on the night.



Sara organised a small group for the trip to RHS Wisley on 29th June which I understand was a success and everyone enjoyed the cream tea.

PLANT SALE ON 14 MAY



ST JOHN'S JUBILEE FETE

We also had a stall at the St Johns Church Jubilee Fete on 3rd June and, although it was a little breezy, the weather was kind and we had a steady stream of people buying the plants



We also had a stall at the Magna Carta Day on 29th June and although the event was a bit later in the month than usual we managed to take a little over £200.



NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERTS

We would still like to recruit some new Committee members so do please let me know if you are interested. Fresh faces and ideas are always welcome.





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EGHAM GARDENS & ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION MERCHANDISE



Wendy has come up with an idea to boost Club funds and has managed to source some aprons and T-towels which are available to buy. Both are printed with our logo. The apron is priced at £10 each. The T-towels are £5 each.



Also pens printed with the Club name for £3.50. will be available at the August meeting.



EGHAM ROYAL SHOW

After a 3-year break, the Egham Royal Show will take place on 27th and

28th August in the field behind the allotments. The show includes a large number of competitive classes for vegetables and plants, which you might like to take part in.

If you are interested,

please contact horticulture@eghamroyalshow.org.uk for details on how to compete.





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ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

Richard Williams has sourced some articles historically printed in the *Staines & Egham News* back in 1944 :

Staines & Egham News – Friday February 4th 1944

The Egham Gardens and Allotments Association are presenting a TALK & FILM SHOW, by Mr Chase, of Chertsey, on “Cloche Cultivation,” at the Lecture Room, Fire Station, on Thursday February 10th 1944, at 7:15 pm. Latest orders for Lime, February 12th.

Staines & Egham News – Friday September 29th 1944

EGHAM GARDENS AND ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

QUESTION NIGHT

Your gardening queries answered at the

LECTURE ROOM, FIRE STATION, 7:15pm on Thursday October 5th.

Exhibit of 6 spring sown onions, good prizes to members.

Orders for Lime to the Secretaries between October 5th and 12th.

1/- per bag (1/11 2 bags).

Staines & Egham News – Friday October 27th 1944

EGHAM GARDENS & ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION invite all interested to the Lecture Room, Fire Station, on Thursday November 2nd at 7:15 pm, when there will be shown RHS lantern slides on tomatoes, raising from seed, etc. and pod bearing and edible fruit crops. Also exhibits of two cabbages, open to Members and Novices classes. Honorary exhibits invited.

Staines & Egham News – Friday December 15th 1944

GARDENERS’ ASSOCIATION – Several members attended the annual meeting and prize giving of the Egham Gardens and Allotments

Association, held on Thursday December 7th. The Committee were re-elected with the exception of Messrs. A Stevens, E Tickner and W Whipps, who retired after serving since the Association’s inception in 1941. Nominations were received for Messrs. C Beeze, McOmish and Prior, all of whom were duly elected on the Committee. The Hon. Secretary, Miss Bayley, and Hon. Treasurer, Mr M Blunden, were re-elected. The exhibit of three parsnips was won by 1 A Tidbury, 2 E Prior, H Hopkins: and novice class: 1 Miss B Hunt. The prizes were presented by Mr A Stevens, who had retired from the Committee.

I Look forward to seeing you at the 11th August meeting when the talk will be given by John Baker on Heavenly Hostas.

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