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Egham Gardens & Allotments Association



NEW TREASURER & EGM

I am pleased to advise that Janet Hales has agreed to stand for election for the role of Treasurer for 2022. In order to ratify her appointment we need to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting the Agenda for which is enclosed with this Newsletter. This will be held during the Spring Show meeting to be held on 7th April 2022.



REDUCED COMMITTEE

The Committee as a whole has shrunk a little over the

past months so if you would like to join us please let me know. We meet on various dates throughout the year – usually in the Red Lion, Egham and new blood/ideas are always welcome. I believe it is important to keep the Club fresh and to endeavour to appeal to all ages.

Janet Hales and will be held outside the United Church of Egham on 26th March from 9am to 1pm. A collection is also being made for Marie Curie on the day. If you have any plants, flowers or gardening bric a brac to donate please let us know.



DAFFODIL DAY

You will also see with this Newsletter a flyer for the forthcoming Daffodil Day which is being organised by



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THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

“PLANT A TREE FOR THE JUBILEE”

QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY : This is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. People from across the UK have been invited to “*Plant a Tree for the Jubilee*” and asks everyone to get involved.

You don't need to plant anything huge as there are many smaller species of trees that can provide a symbol of inclusion and bring life to your garden for many years to come, so no matter what size your garden you can still get involved. Everyone is encouraged to play their part to enhance our environment by planting trees during the official planting season between October and March. Her Majesty and the Prince of Wales planted the first Jubilee tree in the grounds of Windsor Castle. You can even get a “virtual” plaque to commemorate the planting. You can get a physical plaque but these are, in the main, for larger areas of planting.



VISIT TO RHS WISLEY



We have arranged a small outing to RHS Wisley on 29th June 2022 where a “behind the scenes” tour of the new Hilltop Centre has been organised followed by a cream tea (scones, jam, cream and tea).

Numbers are limited for this tour so if you want to join in please let me know

as soon as possible – the cost is £10 per person payable on booking.



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SUMMER BEDDING PLANTS

It will soon be time to stock up on new plants, veg and bedding – don't forget your 10% members discount on plant purchases at Dunkirk Nursery.



PLANT SALE 4TH MAY

14th May will see our annual Plant Sale in front of the United Church so the Committee would urge you to sow some seeds now and donate the plants to our stall. This is a good fundraising event for us and was very successful last year so please do what you can to help.



GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

Save the date for the Great Big Green Week 24th September to 2nd October : Last year over 5000 events were organised to celebrate how communities are taking action to tackle climate change and to protect green spaces. There were bat walks, bake offs, festivals, football matches and many other events. Watch this space for further news over the summer.



TO WEED OR NOT TO WEED

We may all dream of the perfect plot and/or garden where, if a weed dares to pop its head up, it is immediately cut down and out but for most of us the reality is far away from that. However, a pristine plot is not always the best and sometimes the benefits of having a few weeds around with the insects, bees etc they attract can be a good thingor is that just my excuse???



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IT'S DAFFODIL TIME AGAIN.

Once again it seems to be an early season and many daffodils are already out – but of course some, like February Gold, we expect to come early. Different varieties cheer us with their brightness, all through March and well into April. So which ones will you have in flower on 7th April?



daffodil belongs in, no problem, we can advise.

Don't forget there are classes for tulips, any other spring flowers, pot plants and even fruit/veg. This is a challenge because April is a hungry month on the allotment – last year's crops are finished and we are impatient for this year's to grow – but how about your rhubarb?

SPRING SHOW & SOCIAL

That's the date of our **SPRING SHOW AND SOCIAL**, so why not see if yours are prizewinners? The Easter Centre, St John's Church, will be open from 6.30pm for members to enter and stage their exhibits. Please bring your own vases. Have a look at the schedule to see which classes you can enter – if you're not sure which class your



We have some new competitions - for the best Easter Bonnet and the best Easter Cake.



You have to be a member to compete but guests are very welcome and pay just £2, so if you know anyone who would like to join us for a relaxing evening, celebrating the springtime and enjoying friendly company, with wine and refreshments, do bring them along.



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