



December 2022

# NEWSLETTER

*Egham Gardens & Allotments Association*



WINTER  
2022

## ANOTHER YEAR PASSES 2022

As we draw near to the end of another year I would welcome your comments and/or suggestions on how we could improve the Club meeting experiences for everyone. Please feel free to email me [cynthia.reilly@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cynthia.reilly@hotmail.co.uk) or I am happy to have a chat at any meeting or on the phone 07790 273225. Fresh ideas and suggestions for fundraising are always welcome which I can then put forward to the Committee.

## COMMITTEE POSTS VACANCIES

Our Committee has sadly dwindled this year to just 8 so we very much need new Committee Members. Our meetings are held in the Red Lion starting at 7.30pm so please do let me know if you are interested.

You will be aware of the accident Janet suffered recently and the terrible consequences but I am pleased to say she is now at Roehampton undergoing rehabilitation and it is hoped that she will be able to return to Club and Committee Meetings some time in the New Year. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her well.

## DAFFODIL BULBS TO SELL IN 2023

Thinking ahead to 2023 Wendy suggested that as many of us as possible plant daffodil bulbs so that we have plenty to sell at the Daffodil Day/Plant Sale. Wendy generously donated the bulbs and Jim donated the soil and pots. Thank you to everyone who took some home from the last meeting to grow. We look forward to seeing the results.



Also, if you are sowing seeds for spring flowers or vegetables why not sow a few extra and donate the plants to the Club to sell.



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## THE IMPORTANCE OF BOOSTING CLUB INCOME

It is important that we keep our income boosted as the monthly expenditure for the Club is rising and to this end I hope we can have a good presence at all the local community events next year. This does, of course, rely on our members giving up their time to help run our stall and donating items for us to sell.



## NO CHRISTMAS TRIP THIS YEAR

Although the Committee took the decision not to have a Christmas trip this year due to the increased cost of coach hire etc the trip to the Hilltop Centre at Wisley was very much enjoyed by those who went along. I understand the cream tea went down very well. Thanks to Sara for organising this for us.

Probably lots of us buy a Poinsetta at Christmas

## A PLANT FOR CHRISTMAS!

from the supermarket or garden centre and rush to get it home and out of the cold. They don't like the cold and their delicate leaves soon start to wilt so keep it well protected on the journey home. When buying a Poinsetta avoid those that are too near the door or petrol station forecourt as they won't last. When you get the plant home place the plant in a bright, draught-free spot out of direct sunlight. Only water if the surface of the compost is dry and then only sparingly. A gentle spray of water every few days will increase humidity and helps keep the leaves and bracts in good condition.



Remember also that we have Club T-towels, aprons and pens for sale at reasonable prices.





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## ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - CONTINUING RICHARD'S HISTORIC ARTICLES RELATING TO THE CLUB...



*Staines & Egham News* – Friday March 30<sup>th</sup> 1945

### EGHAM GARDENS AND ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

At their meeting on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>, many members attended and Mr Flawn gave an interesting lecture on "Intensive Cultivation and Intercropping," and much was learnt from it. The prize winners of the exhibit of four leeks were: 1<sup>st</sup> E Prior, 2<sup>nd</sup> F Badois, 3<sup>rd</sup> E Chown; Novices Class, 1<sup>st</sup> F Hiley, 2<sup>nd</sup> J Callow. Mr Groom staged a very good exhibit of six apples, "Lanes Prince Albert," which were in perfect condition, and he was awarded a 1<sup>st</sup> Class certificate. The judges were Messrs. Flawn and Cherrill.

*Staines & Egham News* – Friday April 6<sup>th</sup> 1945

### EGHAM GARDENS AND ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

LAST MEETING OF THE SEASON at 7:15 pm at the Lecture Room, on Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> 1945. "The Lighter Side of Gardening" by Mr E Chown. Exhibit: Four sticks of rhubarb.

*Staines & Egham News* – Friday April 20<sup>th</sup> 1945

### EGHAM GARDENS AND ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

At their meeting on Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> 1945, members learnt many useful tips in obtaining the best growth from flowers and vegetables, especially for show purposes, from Mr E Chown, who advises on different varieties best suited to the district. Mr Chown also gave details of the show to be held at the Lecture Room in September, schedules for which will be available at a later date. The prize winners for the exhibit of four sticks of rhubarb were: 1<sup>st</sup> G Groom, 2<sup>nd</sup> E Prior; Novices Class, 1<sup>st</sup> K Noakes, 2<sup>nd</sup> F Hiley, 3<sup>rd</sup> H McOmish. Mrs Noakes staged a beautiful exhibit of polyanthus for which she was awarded a 1<sup>st</sup> Class certificate. The judges were Messrs. Bush and Beese.

*Staines & Egham News* – Friday August 31<sup>st</sup> 1945

AN EXHIBITION of fruit, flowers and vegetables, arranged by the Egham Gardens and Allotments Association, is to be held at the Fire Station on September 8<sup>th</sup>. The classes are open to amateur growers living within a radius of three miles of Egham Church, and schedules (price 2d) can be obtained from Mr E Chown, Denhamdene, Green Lane, Egham, Mrs Noakes, 24 Clarence Street, or any member of the Committee.

*Staines & Egham News* – Friday September 7<sup>th</sup> 1945

### FIRST MEETING OF THE AUTUMN

THURSDAY OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup> 1945, at 7:15 pm at

LECTURE ROOM, EGHAM

RHS LANTERN SLIDES ON HARDY FRUITS

EXHIBIT: 6 AUTUMN SOWN ONIONS, 6 SPRING SOWN ONIONS

LIME

1/- per ½ cwt bag, 2/- per 1 cwt 2 bags, available to members.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT  
3 times 6s. (minimum)

RAVELLAGH CLUB  
PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME  
FOR THE SEASON.



DAY, 10th ... Polo: Handicap begins.  
DAY, 15th ... Polo: Handicap begins.  
DAY, 20th ... Polo: Buenos Aires Cup—Final.  
DAY, 25th ... Polo: Buenos Aires Cup—Final.

JUNE  
DAY, 5th ... Pony Gymkhana.  
DAY, 7th ... Polo: Banelagh begins.  
WEDNESDAY, 9th ... Annual Horse and Show and Jumps  
DAY, 12th ... Polo: Banelagh Final.  
DAY, 14th ... Polo: Banelagh Tournament begins  
Crocket: Open begins (fortnight).  
DAY, 15th ... Polo: Banelagh Tournament—Final  
DAY, 20th ... Polo: Novices' Cup Final.





## LECTURE PROGRAMME FOR 2023



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*Egham Gardens & Allotments Association RHS  
Is held in the St John's Church, Easter Centre,  
Manor Farm Lane, Egham Surrey. TW20 9HR  
At 7.30pm*

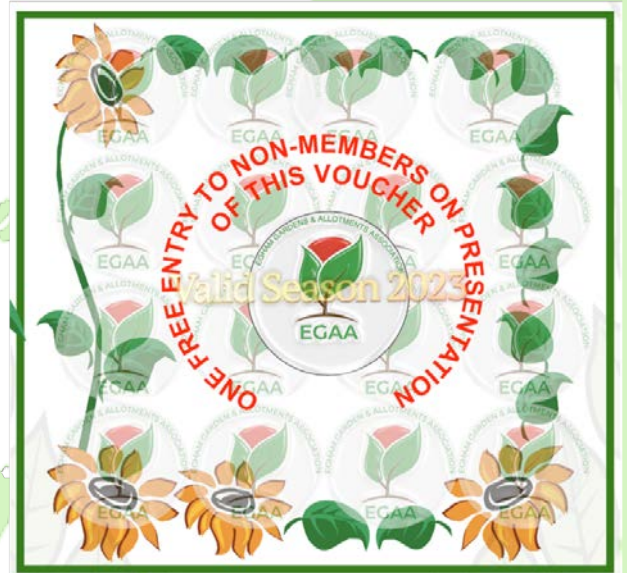
DATE	TALK	SPEAKER
12th January	Small Spaces, Big Ideas	Simon Horrill
9th February	The Lady with the Lamp	Paul Whittle
9th March	Beyond the Garden Gate (National Gardens)	Annabel Alford- Warren
13th April	PLANT SALE	at United Church, Egham
11th May	Growing for the Kitchen	Paul Patton
10th August	Herbaceous Borders	Geoff Hawkins
14th September	AUTUMN SHOW	
12th October	Growing Vegetables	Belinda Allen
9th November	Christmas Demonstration to Auction	Elizabeth Barralet
14th December	AGM, Photographic Competition and Social	



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**ONE FREE ENTRY TO NON-MEMBERS ON  
PRESENTATION  
OF THIS VOUCHER**



## EDITOR'S NOTE!

I will end this Newsletter by thanking everyone for their help and support throughout the past year and look forward to seeing you all in 2023 and a special thank you to Stephen Williams who gives of his time and expertise free of charge in putting this Newsletter into an interesting format.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Cynthia

