

East Reading Horticultural Society

NEWSLETTER

October 2023

Trading shed opening times: Saturday and Sunday from 09:30 to 11:00 and
Wednesdays (in April and May only) from 18:30 to 19:30.

Note: Shed helpers are not all young, big, and strong so, if you need to get heavy items,
please try to bring someone with you to help with the lifting.

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1. PROGRAMME EVENTS



SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2023

After the disappointment of last year's cancellation, we all wanted this year's **autumn show** to be a success - AND IT WAS!!

Carole, our show secretary, organised the event really well and the excellent IT help from Cathy & Webster, on the day, ensured that the show day was a great success.

We were so pleased that 26 members entered 175 exhibits into the various classes and all three judges were very complimentary about the standard of the vegetables, the fruit, the flowers and the cookery entries on display. So, to everyone who took part, we would like to thank you for your wonderful effort and enthusiasm to be part of a splendid celebration.

These events are special, and the committee would like to thank everyone who played a part in making the day work out so well.

TUESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

Gwen Barton, our talks organiser, had been very enthusiastic about booking this speaker so we were all delighted that when 56 members and their friends attended **Tom Way's British wildlife photography evening**. We were treated to an absolutely superb, illustrated presentation of his work out in the wilds of the British Isles. He is obviously a very patient man in order to gain his pictures and we all marvelled at the beautiful shots he had captured. Hopefully Tom will return to talk to us next year about the animals he photographs in Africa.

TUESDAY 17TH OCTOBER, 2023

David Hunt is a long-term National Trust enthusiast and visits many areas of countryside and coastline as well as enjoying the houses and gardens with which the National Trust is commonly associated. He has been a keen amateur photographer since schooldays and all the talks are illustrated with his own photographs.

His talk, "National Trust Gardens and Parks", includes several of the early houses, rescued by the National Trust, that had significant gardens of historic interest in their own right. The talk includes a wide selection of gardens throughout England and Wales (including several local ones) and covering a long time-span in their creation.

Join us in St. Peter's church hall, at 7:45 pm for this fascinating and informative talk.

As always, there will be refreshments and a raffle.

Scheduled events 2023-2024

21st Nov: talk "Thames Crossings"

5th Dec: Christmas Social

16th Jan: talk "First Responders"

20th Feb: Annual General Meeting

19th Mar: talk "Spring Gardening"

2. TRADING MATTERS



Many thanks to the shed stewards and helpers. Thanks also for the stones for the track to the shed. We have been given 6 big bags of soil to spread over Embury Way. If you help us in this endeavour, please leave your name.

Currently, we have loads of narcissi. Also alliums, crocus, hyacinth and a few tulips.

3. MISCELLANEA

Next Committee Meeting:

7:30 p.m. - Monday 13th November 2023 at the CResCent Resource Centre. (Warbler Drive, Earley, RG6 4HB)

Shed stewards and assistants this month.

1 st	Trevor Wilson	Ray Posselwhite
7 th	Gwen Barton	Alan Waite
8 th	Trevor Wilson	Rowena Hughes
14 th	Chris Dodson	Derek Press
15 th	Jeff Gardner	Viv Rimmer
21 st	Kay Bridges	Torkill Fozzard
22 nd	Malcolm Iosson	Phil Horsburgh
28 th	Kay Bridges	Bob Campbell
29 th	Phil Rogers	Bob Campbell

Things to do this month.



Fruit and Vegetables

- Sow broad beans such as 'Aquadulce Claudia' for an early crop next year. Can be sown directly or in pots for planting out next month.
- Dry pumpkins and squash.
- Cut back yellowing asparagus foliage.
- Move citrus trees indoors to a sunny frost-free position.
- Remove netting from fruit cages to allow birds to eat any pests.
- Clear straw from around the base of strawberries.

General Maintenance and Structures

- Cover or store furniture.
- Create or buy a compost bin.
- Clean out the greenhouse to prevent pests and diseases over-wintering.
- Clean out ponds and cover them with netting to keep the leaves off.
- Clear gutters and drains.
- Clean out water butts.
- Use the last of the dry weather to paint preservatives onto fences or sheds.
- Raise pots off the ground to prevent waterlogging and to prevent pots cracking.

4. WANTED/FOR SALE/FREE

Members' advertisements are free of charge. Just telephone or email the editor (see newsletter heading.)

[Copy deadline for the next newsletter is Sunday 29th October.](#)

Free to collector: A fully glazed greenhouse, built with plunge beds and lower shelves. Trays are also available. It needs to be dismantled to remove it from the existing garden. Please contact 0770 6828 201.

Unless otherwise stated, where items are free, a donation to the Air Ambulance (when you next visit the trading shed) would be appreciated.

5. AUTUMN SHOW PHOTOS & RESULTS



First, second and third in each class entered were as follows:

Flowers

- 2 Lindsay Padbury, -, -
- 3 -, Gwen Barton, -
- 4 -, Gwen Barton, -
- 6 Eileen Fullbrook, -, -
- 7 Yvonne Hailstone, Trevor Wilson, Lindsay Padbury
- 8 Lindsay Padbury, Yvonne Hailstone, Zainul Leitch
- 10 Don Palmer, -, -
- 12 Yvonne Hailstone, -, -
- 14 Torkill Fozzard, Margaret Thomas, -
- 15 Torkill Fozzard, John Peacock, Eileen Fullbrook
- 16 Jenny Iosson, Yvonne Hailstone, Eileen Fullbrook
- 17 Yvonne Hailstone, -, -
- 18 Jenny Iosson, Zainul Leitch, -
- 19 Zainul Leitch, Yvonne Hailstone, Ann Wilson
- 20 Eileen Fullbrook, Neil Maybury, Torkill Fozzard
- 23 Nicolette Evans, -, -

Vegetables

- 24 Mary Parry, John Peacock, -
- 25 Mary Parry, -, John Peacock
- 26 Don Palmer, Eileen Fullbrook, Gwen Barton
- 27 Joe Smyth, Yvonne Hailstone, Mary Parry
- 28 Mary Parry, Nicolette Evans, Malcolm Iosson
- 29 Joe Smyth, Yvonne Hailstone, Neil Maybury
- 30 Malcolm Iosson, Mike Fewtrell, Simon Fewtrell
- 31 John Peacock, Malcolm Iosson, Eileen Fullbrook
- 32 Trevor Wilson, -, -
- 34 John Peacock, Ruth Palmer, Mary Parry
- 35 Ruth Palmer, -, -
- 36 Trevor Wilson, Lindsay Padbury, Malcolm Iosson
- 37 Don Palmer, Mary Parry, John Peacock

Fruit

- 38 Neil Maybury, Don Palmer, John Peacock
- 39 Don Palmer, Lara Fewtrell, Mike Fewtrell
- 40 Neil Maybury, Gwen Barton, -
- 42 Ruth Palmer, Malcolm Iosson, Neil Maybury
- 43 Neil Maybury, Ruth Palmer, Mary Parry
- 44 Mary Parry, Ruth Palmer, -

Floral Art

- 45 Mary Evans, Mary Parry, Gwen Barton
- 46 Gwen Barton, Mary Parry, Mary Evans
- 47 Ruth Palmer, Mary Parry, Mary Evans
- 48 Mary Parry, Mary Evans, Zainul Leitch

Cookery

- 49 Neil Maybury, Margaret Thomas, Mary Evans
- 50 Ruth Palmer, -, -
- 51 Hojat Shamloo, Neil Maybury, Mary Evans
- 52 Ruth Palmer, Mary Evans, Margaret Thomas
- 53 Margaret Thomas, Neil Maybury, Mary Evans
- 54 Malcolm Iosson, Mary Evans, Neil Maybury
- 55 Mary Evans, Neil Maybury, Eileen Fullbrook

Homecraft

- 56 Gwen Barton, -, -
- 57 Neil Maybury, Ann Wilson, Gwen Barton
- 58 Gwen Barton, Neil Maybury, Ann Wilson

Childrens

None

Cup-winners

- John T. Bridges Perpetual Challenge Cup (flowers)
Yvonne Hailstone
- Bulmershe Perpetual Challenge Cup (vegetables)
Mary Parry
- C. J. Harman Perpetual Challenge Cup (fruit)
Neil Maybury
- Maurice Iles Perpetual Challenge Bowl (floral art)
Mary Parry
- Miss Naomi Bourton Perpetual Challenge Bowl (cookery)
Mary Evans
- Mockbeggar Perpetual Challenge Cup (handcrafts)
Gwen Barton
- Cyril Gardner Perpetual Memorial Trophy (husband and wife team - most points in all classes [except Novelty])
Don & Ruth Palmer
- William Parsons Memorial Cup (roses)
Gwen Barton
- Banksian Medal (flowers, vegetables and fruit)
Yvonne Hailstone

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