

East Reading Horticultural Society

NEWSLETTER

October 2024

The trading shed opens: Sat and Sun 09:30 to 11:00 (but only Sat in July & August),
and Wednesdays in April and May 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.

Shed mobile number: 0738 463 2903. Web site: www.erhs.org.uk

Facebook Group: "East Reading Horticultural Society"

Editor: Tel: 07794 233361, Email: ERHS@hotmail.co.uk

{Get your newsletter early (and in colour): Ask to be added to the ERHS email list.}



1. PROGRAMME EVENTS



SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2024

ERHS Autumn Show

26 members of the society showed 194 entries that covered all but five classes. The judges were very complimentary about the overall standard of our entries, so the committee wish to thank all those members who brought energy and enthusiasm to take part. Our show secretary, Carole had hoped for more entries, but the weather played its part in affecting the number. Nevertheless, we all admired the show and felt very proud that ERHS continues to promote horticulture and associated crafts and skills to a high standard.

See Section 5 for a few photographs and the results.

TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER, 2024

Our first talk of the new season is by Derek Press on "Wine and Flowers".

Derek and his wife Keyna have been growing plants from home in their two greenhouses for over 30 years now, selling at University Open Days, School Fetes and local Sales.

Some of the proceeds have found their way into their other passion, buying and tasting good wines and Derek is involved with the Reading Wine Circle which actually meets in our Church Hall each month.

Tonight, he will give a talk with slides (and, with luck, perhaps a few free tastings) on some background to both topics, with a few recommendations for what you can buy to enjoy at home. Hope to see you there.

As usual, there will be refreshments and a raffle.

Scheduled events 2024-2025

Tue 19 Nov	Talk: Christmas Birds
Tue 10 Dec	Christmas Social Evening
Tue 21 Jan	Talk: First Responders
Tue 18 Feb	Talk: Wildlife Photography
Tue 4 Mar	83 rd Annual General Meeting
Tue 18 Mar	Talk: Lakeside Gardens in Northern Italy

FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY 2025

Anvil Theatre trip

We are inviting members to immerse yourselves at the Anvil Theatre, in the ultimate fusion of rock 'n' roll, pop and comedy -**THAT'LL BE THE DAY** - which is one of the UK's longest running theatre shows.

It starts at 7:30 and should finish by 10:15. During that time we can enjoy a captivating journey through music history, from the 50s to the 80s with electrifying performances and era-defining tunes. This unforgettable show combines talent, energy, passion and nostalgia and we can all sing, laugh, dance (perhaps!!) to the greatest hits of the past. The show includes adult humour.

We have booked 56 seats in rows A, B and C of the circle.

The cost of this trip is £40 per person which includes return luxury coach travel, entry ticket and a contribution to the driver's gratuity.

The coach will leave from outside St Peter's Church Hall car park at 6pm and we expect to return there by 11:15. We may be able to arrange car parking (details to follow).

If you would like to book a place(s) please phone John Peacock on (0118) 986 7303 from Monday 14th October. Closing date Sunday 6th December 2024.

Payment can be made by cheque payable to ERHS and delivered to the trading shed or 9 Wychwood Close, Earley. *Please include a contact phone number.*

2. TRADING MATTERS

The shed is well stocked with narcissi, crocus, tulips and hyacinths. We also have manure and some strulch, a straw based mulch. You are welcome to come to assist with stocking the shelves on Monday mornings and, at the same time, enjoy a coffee with me. Trevor Wilson

3. MISCELLANEA

Next Committee Meeting:

7:30 p.m. - Monday 11th November 2024 at the Crescent Resource Centre. (Warbler Drive, Earley, RG6 4HB)

Shed stewards and assistants this month.

5 th	David Hughes	Bob Campbell
6 th	Derek Press	Bob Campbell
12 th	Don Maclean	Alan Waite
13 th	Neal Stockwell	Webster Stockwell
19 th	David Hughes	Bob Campbell
20 th	Jeff Gardner	Bob Campbell
26 th	John Peacock	Carole Peacock
27 th	Kay Bridges	Phil Horsburgh

Things to do this month



- Plant onion, shallot and garlic sets now for a bumper crop next year.
- If you're growing Brussels sprouts for your Christmas dinner, stake the plants and firm the earth well around the roots to protect them against autumn winds.
- Harvest apples, pears and nuts.
- Harvest the last of your peas and beans, then cut the plants down to ground level, leaving the roots to release their stored nitrogen back into the ground. Harvest squash and pumpkins before the first frosts.
- Pick any unripe tomatoes and peppers and ripen them indoors by placing them in paper bags together with a banana or an apple.
- Prune climbing roses and reduce the height of shrub roses by half to protect them against wind rock.
- Replant pots and hanging baskets with winter heathers, ivy, violas and cyclamen for winter colour. Plant wallflowers now too, for spring blooms.
- Plant hyacinth bulbs in pots indoors now to give you flowers at Christmas. Look for bulbs marked 'Prepared for indoor growing'.

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: Sunday 20th October.](#)

For Sale: Lawnmower - Bosch Rotak 32R mains electric (10m length), new April 2024, 32cm cutting width. £55, buyer collects. Phone John on (0118) 9262180 (OK to leave message).

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

- 5 Yvonne Hailstone, -, -
- 6 Neil Maybury, -, -
- 8 -, -, John Peacock
- 9 Neil Maybury, -, -
- 10 -, Mary Parry, -
- 11 -, Neil Maybury, -
- 12 Neil Maybury, John Peacock, Torkill Fozzard
- 13 Alan Waite, Mary Parry, Neil Maybury
- 14 Derek Press, -, -
- 15 Jennie Iosson, Ruth Palmer, John Peacock
- 16 Yvonne Hailstone, Ann Wilson, Neil Maybury
- 17 John Peacock, Yvonne Hailstone, Audrey Wagstaff
- 18 -, Jennie Iosson, -

Vegetables

- 20 Mary Parry, Alan Waite, David Croton
- 21 Mary Parry, David Croton, Don Palmer
- 22 Don Palmer, Mary Parry, Neil Maybury
- 23 David Croton, Mary Parry, John Peacock
- 24 David Croton, Yvonne Hailstone, Malcolm Iosson
- 25 Mary Parry, John Peacock, Yvonne Hailstone
- 26 David Croton, Lara Fewtrell, Joe Smyth
- 27 -, -, Neil Maybury
- 28 David Croton, Joe Smyth, Neil Maybury
- 29 David Croton, -, -
- 30 Don Palmer, Mary Parry, Neil Maybury
- 31 John Peacock, Don Palmer, Yvonne Hailstone
- 33 Mary Parry, -, -
- 34 Ruth Palmer, Jennie Iosson, Mary Parry
- 35 David Croton, Joe Smyth, Mary Parry
- 36 David Croton, Neil Maybury, John Peacock

Fruit

- 37 Joe Smyth, Mary Parry, David Croton
- 38 Mary Parry, Simon Fewtrell, David Croton
- 39 Neil Maybury, Andrew James, Mary Parry

- 41 Ruth Palmer, Mary Parry, -
- 42 Mary Parry, Neil Maybury, -
- 43 Neil Maybury, Mary Parry, Ruth Palmer

Floral Art

- 44 Mary Evans, -, -
- 45 Mary Evans, -, -
- 46 Ruth Palmer, Mary Evans, -
- 47 Ruth Palmer, Mary Evans, -
- 48 Barrie Wagstaff, Don Palmer, -

Cookery

- 49 Mary Evans, Malcolm Iosson, Neil Maybury
- 50 Andrew James, Flojal Shamloo, Neil Maybury
- 51 Andrew James, Neil Maybury, Mary Evans
- 52 Neil Maybury, Margaret Thomas, Mary Evans & Sheila Croton
- 53 Neil Maybury, Sheila Croton, -
- 54 Mary Evans, Neil Maybury, Andrew James
- 55 Mary Evans, Andrew James, Margaret Thoms
- 56 Mary Evans, Neil Maybury, Jennie Iosson
- 57 Mary Evans, Neil Maybury & Malcolm Iosson, -

Homecraft

- 58 Ruth Palmer, Neil Maybury, -
- 59 Beatriz Davila-Smyth, Joe Smyth, Ruth Plamer
- 60 Neil Maybury, Ruth Palmer, -
- 61 Neil Maybury, Ruth Palmer, -
- 62 Ann Wilson, Neil Maybury, -
- 63 Ruth Palmer, -, -

Novelty

- 65 Joe Smyth, -, -

Award Winners

John T. Bridges Perpetual Challenge Cup (flowers)

Neil Maybury

Bulmershe Perpetual Challenge Cup (vegetables)

Dave Croton

C. J. Harman Perpetual Challenge Cup (fruit)

Mary Parry

Maurice Iles Perpetual Challenge Bowl (floral art)

Mary Evans

Miss Naomh Bourton Perpetual Challenge Bowl (cookery)

Mary Evans

Mockbeggar Perpetual Challenge Cup (handcrafts)

Ruth Palmer

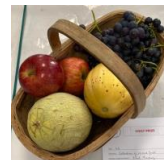
Cyril Gardner Perpetual Memorial Trophy (husband and wife

team - most points in all classes [except Novelty])

Don & Ruth Palmer

Banksian Medal (flowers, vegetables and fruit)

Neil Maybury



Kindly
Printed by



MAIDEN ERLEGH
SCHOOL