



Garden Topics September 2022

Flower Show 2022

Congratulations to all our exhibitors for a wonderful display considering the extreme weather conditions you have all had to endure and for making this year's show a great success. The hall looked very colourful and the quality of the produce was excellent. Please continue to support our Flower Show.



The hall was full of visitors in the afternoon, chatting, meeting old friends and enjoying the displays.

We had three allotments competing this year for the allotment competition, Hurst Road, West End and Linwood Road. West End Allotments won the Certificates for the best vegetable basket and flower arrangement, but not to be outdone, Lynwood Road Allotments took the Mabbs Hawley Memorial Cup for the Society whose members gained the most points. Bob Waller was awarded the Silver Certificate for the best Dahlia in Show. Nick McCreedy won the prestigious RHS Banksian medal which is awarded to the person

who wins the most points in the horticultural sections. Our tearoom was very busy and it's lovely to see members getting to know one another and meeting old friends. The plant stall sold out of plants. Thanks to all those who gave plants and flowers and again to Joanne and Ken Warner for their expert salesmanship.

The photography numbers were down again this year, but the standard was high and there were some stunning photos. We hope to announce the categories for next year's photography competition in the next newsletter, so get your cameras out and let's see some stunning photographs at next year's show (we would welcome ideas for next year's categories, please send in your ideas via our contact form on the website www.emgs.co.uk)

And last but not least a big thank you to all the helpers who have made this show a success, transporting equipment and tables, setting up and breaking down the show, serving teas in the tearoom and donating cakes, the selling and donating plants for our plant stall and being on duty from 8 a.m. until 6.30 p.m. on the day.

See you all next year.

Molesey Carnival

Thank you to all who helped to run our plant stall and donate plants at this year's carnival. Our plant stall was full of plants grown by members and at the close we only had a few plants over, which were taken to the Trading Depot for sale the following day. Our plant stall has a good reputation for quality and many people return each year to buy our plants, so please remember us when dividing plants and growing seeds.

Esher and Molesey Garden Society Lecture

Tuesday 4th October, 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start, at St. Nicolas Church Hall, Summer Road, Thames Ditton. Talk by Ben West.

Ben is a local Molesey Landscape Gardener who has a passion for the conservation and restoration of Molesey Heath and his talk is called 'Where the Wild Things Grow'. This will include the history of the heath and information about the flora and fauna to be found there.

Entrance fee is £2.00. for members and £3.00 for non-members, this includes a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit.

Look forward to seeing you there.

NGS Open Garden, Orchard House, Esher

Sunday 11 September 2 - 6pm

Two of our members, well known to all of you will be helping in the garden on this open afternoon - Nick Mills and Gerald Smith. Nick has worked for Mr & Mrs. Goode regularly over the last 20 years, and Mrs Goode has been keen on creating a colourful garden with year-round interest. As you are aware it has been a challenge to keep the garden going with the recent hot temperatures.

This is a well-appointed garden with late summer interest over three terraced garden levels with a 30-mile view towards Windsor. It has almost an acre of terraced cottage garden style planting with year-round colour and interest. Terraces and banks of late summer flowering

perennials and grasses together with roses and some tropical interest. However, there are steep paths and lots of steps.

Teas and cakes will be available, with a second-hand book and plant stall. All proceeds will be going to charity.

Entrance Fee is £6, children are free.

Orchard House, owned by Mr & Mrs R. Goode is on the outskirts of Esher off the A307:

Orchard House, 5 The Mount, Esher, KT10 8LQ

From the A307 Portsmouth Rd turn into Hawkshill Way (right turn from Esher, left turn from Cobham), opposite the entrance to Claremont School. Take the 2nd turning on the right into The Mount. Orchard House is on the left near the top of the road.

Garden Visits

Julia Jones has organised two excellent garden visits this year which were fully booked. Our first visit in April was to Great Dixter and 47 Denmans Lane. The second visit was in August to Frogmore House and Saville Gardens. Julia has organised an Autumn visit to Coverwood Lakes and Farm in October, information below with booking form attached. We have experienced fine weather on all our trips, so we are looking forward to fine weather for a last trip of the year.

EMGS AUTUMN GARDEN VISIT

We are visiting COVERWOOD LAKES, near Ewhurst ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 16, 2022

Coverwood Lakes offers 14-acres of landscaped garden in a stunning position high in the Surrey Hills with four lakes and bog garden, featuring extensive rhododendrons, azaleas and fine trees. There is a 3½ acre lakeside arboretum and a marked trail through the 180-acre working farm with Hereford cows and calves, sheep and horses, and extensive views of the surrounding hills.

It will be an outdoor day, with time to visit the gardens and the farm. For lunch, we'll be able to buy home produced beef burgers, gourmet coffee and home-made cakes from the farm's own outdoor mobile kitchen, the Fillet & Bean Café.

For this local Autumn visit, the day will be shorter, departing at 10:30 and arriving back at 4pm. On arrival at Coverwood, we'll be welcomed by the owner to introduce us to the farm, gardens and tell us about the farm shop, mobile kitchen and the weddings that are held there. After that there's time to enjoy the Autumn colours in the gardens and farm. This will be an outdoor day, so please dress for the weather and for walking.

Having enjoyed two great days out in 2022 (to Great Dixter and Frogmore) we've added this extra trip by popular request. We haven't offered a Sunday trip in recent years and hope this will be a welcome alternative. Friends are always welcome, the more the merrier!

Cost: £37 each for members. Non-members welcome, you'll be asked to pay an extra £5 joining fee.

Please complete the booking form attached to this newsletter as soon as possible to reserve your place.

A few of the survivors and victims of our poor sun-burnt gardens!

For the future it may be prudent to note those plants which have withstood this unkind weather:

THRIVED (no watering in full sun)

Salvia macrophylla
Sedum "Purple Emperor"
Sisyrinchium
Hibiscus syriacus "William R Smith"
Verbena rigida
Origanum laevigatum (brilliant)
Nemesia (brilliant in watered pots)
Geranium "Sirak" (some shade)
Geranium "Rozanne" (in part shade)

BLOOMED BUT LIMITED

Osteospermum jucundum (surprisingly!)
Helianthemums (for a very brief period)

SADLY, THE FOLLOWING HAVE REALLY SUFFERED

Senecio greyii (large shrub - completely burnt out)
Hardy geranium nodosum (a brown flattened mat)
Phlomis russeliana – saved by watering
Penstemon "Sour Grapes" (just a few green leaves remain the rest black)
Clerodendron bungii (A few blackened stems left despite their deep roots)

Even my golden privet drooped at one point! It would be interesting to know how other gardens have fared. Iris Hawkes

Trading Notes

Thank you all for supporting our Trading Hut, it is great to see you when you visit.

Orders for Seed Potatoes for delivery early next year are now being taken so please come and see us to place your order.

We have placed the order for Spring Flowering Bulbs and are expecting delivery in the late autumn and we will let you know when they arrive.

Following the problems we had this year with bamboo canes, we are glad to say that we now have large stocks for those who need them. Also, you will find we have good stocks of composts, manure and fertilisers.

Please remember we take both credit and debit cards and there is no minimum purchase necessary or charge for this service.

Don't forget, if there is something that you are looking for and we don't stock it, please let us know and we will try and obtain it for you. Several special items have been obtained for customers recently, so just ask. We want to stock items that you want.

New, and old, members may like to be reminded the EMGS Trading Depot is on the Beauchamp Road Allotment Site (entrance between 104 and 106 Beauchamp Road, East Molesey, KT8 0PH).

The Trading Hut is open from 9.00 am till 11.00 am on Sunday mornings until the 27th November 2022, and then will close over Christmas and reopen on Sunday 5th February 2023.

A reminder that parking is limited when the depot is open, so please only bring your vehicle on site if you are purchasing anything heavy. Also please remember that there is a site speed limit of 5 mph for obvious reasons.