Eltham And Avery Hill Gardens Society

President: Charles Strangwige

Annual General Meeting: Tuesday the 13th March 2012 at 7.30 p.m. in the Holy Trinity Church hall, Footscray Road, Eltham.

Once again we would ask our Members to make a real effort to attend this important meeting as it is our 60th year as a Society. Our President, Charles Strangwige , a founder member of the Society will be in attendance and both he and the Committee would like to see as many Members at the Meeting as possible to mark this incredible milestone. You will also get the opportunity to meet the Officers and Committee Members who, year in and year out, ensure that the Society offers everyone the chance to be part of the local gardening scene, whether you have an allotment or just a small garden or sometimes both. We aim to give advice on gardening matters if a problem arises and of course our September Show is always a big draw. The Spring outing is mentioned later on in the letter so do come to the A.G.M. and raise any points you may wish to discuss on any of our activities – you may even have some new suggestions to make – we would be pleased to hear what you have to say. This is your Society so do make use of us, we are here to help where we can and we would love to see you all on March 13th.

TRADING: Seed potatoes and onion sets are now in stock and orders can be collected from the Shop on Sunday mornings. There are still some seed potato varieties to buy if you had not pre-ordered. Seed potato is 70p per pound and onion sets are £1 per pound. Maris Piper seed potatoes will be delivered at the end of February/early March but are for pre-orders only. There is a large selection of seeds in the Shop

as well as all the usual composts and fertilizers etc. For those who have access to the website, prices for basic stock items can be found under “shop”. Again can we remind our Members to use the shop as much as possible as the income from sales plays a very important part in our total finances, so do come and buy – the shop is open Sunday mornings and prices are very competitive!

ANNUAL SHOW: September 8th,Saturday at 3 p.m. at St.Mary’s R.C. Primary School in Glenure Road, Eltham.

Our Show this year is very special as it is our 60th show and we are really keen to mark this anniversary with as large a number of entries as possible. Please, would all our Members who feel they can exhibit something, try to do so – we do need to mark this anniversary with an exceptional show, to make sure everyone remembers it as “the best Show ever”. The Committee will discuss the plans at the next Committee meeting and if anyone has any suggestions/ideas please let us know – contact me, Richard Mattinson on 0208 859 8656 and I will put any thoughts forward for consideration. (my E.mail is marg.rich@g.mail.com. There is a further Newsletter in July so more detail will be available then. The show schedule should be available soon and once distributed you will be able to choose you preferred exhibits – go on – have a go!!

Spring Outing – HERSTMONCEUX CASTLE - East Sussex. Thursday June 7th 2012.

The castle is set in beautiful parkland, built as a country home in the mid 15th century. There are Elizabethan gardens, Shakespeare garden, herb garden and a walled garden dating from 1570 and woodland walks for those who wish to stretch their legs. Applications should be sent to Richard Mattinson at 19 Messeter Place,Eltham, SE9 5DP (tel 8859 8656) The cost per person is £20 and I just hope that I am lucky again with the weather.

Please reserve me/us…… places for the visit to Herstmonceux Castle on the 7th June 2012. I/we enclose a cheque for £ (£20 per person payable to R.Mattinson ). The following are the pick-up times and places of your preference

1. Eltham High Street near the Catholic Church………9.45 a.m.
2. Westmount Road Methodist Church……………….9.50 a.m.
3. Avery Hill Road……………………………………9.55 a.m.

We aim to leave the Castle at 3.30 p.m. at the latest. There is a restaurant/café available but do bring a picnic if you so wish.

Membership Subscription: To Roger Brown,74 Crown Woods Way,Eltham

Mr.Mrs.Miss…………………………………….

Address…………………………………………Post code…….

Tel.No…………………

I/We enclose a remittance of £4.00 (£2.00 for Senior Citizens) payable to Eltham & Avery Hill Gardens Society together with a S.A.E.for reply. For postalMembers only: I wish to make a voluntary payment of 50p,towards the cost of the Newsletter and Schedule, posted to me during the year and is enclosed with my subscription.