Eltham and Avery Hill Gardens Society Newsletter

June 2012

Sunday 10th June will soon be here. This is the day many of us have been eagerly awaiting, when our Society treasurer, Mike Hill, is opening his garden to the general public, with all proceeds going to the Society’s funds. Mike won three prizes in Greenwich in Bloom last year: 1st prize for back garden, 2nd prize for front garden, and 3rd prize for hanging baskets. This event is being widely advertised, so a large turnout is expected. Mike has been propagating large numbers of quality plants which will be on sale at prices about half the price you might expect to pay in a garden centre. There will be 200-300 plants for sale, many of which are not found in the average garden centre.

Several people have volunteered to help. A few more would be appreciated, and if anybody could contribute a homemade cake for the refreshments stand it would be much appreciated.

So come along with plenty of cash, and let’s hope for good weather.

118 Eltham Hill

SE9 5EF (next to Eltham Hill girls’ school)

Admission £2.

Pat and Dave Middleton, our Trading Secretaries, write:

As some of you may already know the shop is opening on selected Saturdays during spring/summer and Graham Farrant, who has kindly agreed to open the shop, will post the dates on the website - eahgs.org.uk - so keep checking for future dates.

Seed potatoes have now been reduced to 35p per pound and there are only a few remaining of Pentland Javelin, Kestrell, Desiree and Picasso. The onion sets have now all gone.

There is a good stock of fertilizers in the shop including potato fertilizer and flower and veg fertilizer which was so popular last year that we sold out and so did our supplier so be quick this year to save disappointment ! The multi purpose that we stock is considerably cheaper than the large stores eg. we sell 75ltr bags at £5.50 and when we recently checked in Sainsburys they were selling 50ltr bags for £5 ! We also have organic multi purpose in stock. A new addition is compost activator (garotta) which is available to buy by the pound.

The Diamond Jubilee garden that adjoins the shop now has 3 plants - 2 dahlias and a rockery plant - but we need more please. We have been checking for any plants that have the word diamond in their name but they appear to be few and far between so we have decided to open this up to any plants / flowers that you would like to donate. If you do plant anything please let us know what it's called as we are keeping a list for future reference.

Recently the shop has acquired (kindly donated by a plot holder) a motorised cultivator and lawn mower which are in the process of being serviced and will hopefully be up and running soon. They will then be available to hire out to use on the allotment site only for a small charge (money to the society). Keep a check on the website and / or noticeboard for further news about this.

If you have any gardening items that you no longer need we have a donations box in the shop that would like them please ! Any money made from the donations goes to the shop. The gardening magazines (kindly donated) are still available at 20p a copy. Please call in the shop and have a browse. Again all donations gratefully received.

And finally please continue to support the shop. It is the main source of income for the society and we need your support. Our prices are very reasonable and competitive. Thank you for your continued support.

Graham Farrant,the Society Webmaster writes:

We are planning to send out the Newsletter by e-mail in future as a Word document for those members who would like to receive it in this way. This will help us to keep you updated with details of news and events in a more timely manner and to keep the cost down, especially with the recent large increase in postal costs. If you would prefer to receive communications by e-mail in future please can you send your full name, e-mail address and membership number to info@eahgs.org.uk These details will not be used for any other purpose than society business.

ANNUAL SHOW SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8th

ST MARY’S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

GLENURE ROAD

We hope to publish the Show schedules shortly