ELTHAM AND AVERYHILL GARDENS SOCIETY

Newsletter – October 2013 12th October 2013

The Annual Show – September 14th 2013.

Well done and congratulations to everyone for producing a really first class Show this year, in spite of the pretty awful Spring weather. We had nearly 300 entries, which is quite a leap up from previous Shows and it was pleasing to see so many entries in our new photographic section. The standard of the exhibits was excellent all round and the Officers and Committee who get the Show on the road would like to thank all those visitors who came to see the Show and gave us their support. Some of you were persuaded to join the Society and hopefully you will be encouraged to enter some exhibits next year. The refreshments were again beautifully done by Margaret Mattinson and Liz Banks, and their various helpers, this all goes towards making the day so very successful. Mike Hill produced his usual plant display for those who wanted to buy, which of course included his honey, so all round a really good day – even the weather improved during the afternoon.

Mike Hill's Open Day – Sunday 18th August.

Once again Mike Hill opened his gardens to the public in the afternoon and attracted a good crowd who enjoyed a stroll round his grounds and bought a lot of the plants that were on sale. Refreshments were provided and as the weather was once more quite kind the afternoon passed most successfully. The money raised for the Society amounted to something around £700 which keeps the bank balance in a very healthy state. Mike would like to thank all those who attended and of course those who helped during the day.

Trading: Pat and Dave Middleton

Potato and onion seed will soon be able to be ordered, any time after the 20th October and please pay when you order. The Shop is doing reasonably well and all we ask is that you keep on coming for all your gardening needs as we do try to keep our prices competitive. Over the Christmas period the shop will be closed – from the last Sunday in November until the 2nd Sunday in January. Potato seed etc. should be in the Shop from then on and orders can be collected in the usual way. More details are available on the website www.eahgs.org.uk

Please keep supporting the Shop – it is important

The Spring outing in 2014:

Next June or late May I hope to arrange the coach trip to Capel Manor gardens in Enfield, North London. It is 16 or 17 years since we were there and most of you I am sure were not one of that party. Over the years the gardens will have been extended or improved as was the case last year at Hyde Hall. I will have more detail in the first Newsletter of 2014 but if any of you would like to come then watch this space!!

The Garden Magazine – October 2013

This magazine will be placed in the Shop during the next week or two but I would draw your attention to the article on pages 66 – 69 which details how to grow Sweet Peas and the preferred varieties that are recommended. Sweet Peas are easy to grow and provide the most exquisitely scented flowers during the summer season. For real success they do need a little attention but are well worth the effort in the results you get, the more you pick them the more you get – it really is a win win situation – give them a go!.

Membership: Subscriptions to Roger Brown, 74 Crown Woods Way,Eltham,SE 9.

Herewith my Membership for the year 2014;

Mr.Mrs.Miss......................................................................................

Address.....................................................................Post Code...............

I/we enclose a remittance of £4.00(£2.00 for Senior Citizens) payable to Eltham and Avery Hill Gardens Society, together with a s.a.e. for reply.

For postal members only, I/we wish to make a voluntary payment of 50p towards the cost of Newsletters and Schedules sent to me and is enclosed with my subscription.

If you have a friend or neighbour who may be interested in joining the Society do give them all the information/guidance they may need to join. Many members do have an allotment but this is not a prerequisite to being a member of the Society. Members do gain the privilege of being able to shop at our Hut where virtually all the needs for the gardener can be obtained at VERY reasonable prices.

It is a little early but to all our Members please do have a happy Christmas and a

prosperous New Year – particularly in a gardening sense – with all the TV gardening programmes available we should be virtual experts at growing so let us hope next year's Show will have even more exhibits for all to marvel at!