**ELTHAM AND AVERY HILL GARDENS SOCIETY**

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NEWSLETTER – May 2018

The Annual General Meeting was held on Friday 6th April 2018. Nineteen people attended. There was the usual raffle and refreshments.

This is my first attempt at producing a Newsletter so apologies in advance for any shortcomings. I can’t believe the weather has turned so bad after the wonderful week of the Marathon. It just goes to prove there is some truth in the saying ‘Ne’er cast a clout till May is out’. Plants that were put out to harden off have hastily been returned to the greenhouse. This year’s Flower Show will be held on the 8th September at St Mary’s. If you are exhibiting please ensure your exhibits are displayed in accordance with the rules – you could be the best but miss out. If anyone has any tips on how to grow vegetables/plants to last year’s Flower Show standard please leave your suggestions at the Trading hut and I will try to include them in the next Newsletter.

There are still a few seats available for the coach trip to Wakehurst on Wednesday 6th June. Price £30 per person. Whilst we are unable to promise good weather, Wakehurst is certainly worth going to see. Please fill in the application form at the bottom of the Newsletter

**Trading:** Pat and Dave Middleton

Trading is picking up as the season progresses and the shop is well stocked with multi-purpose, grow bags, farmyard manure, all varieties of John Innes etc as well as other items you may require for your allotment or garden. Pre-ordered seed potatoes have all been collected now and we still have a small quantity of some varieties of second earlies and main crop for sale. Our prices are very competitive and we try as far as possible to keep prices down.
We would like to see more people using and supporting the shop especially more plot holders. Please tell your family and friends about us and anybody you know that has an allotment at another site that doesn't have trading facilities. You don’t have to be a plot holder to join. They are very welcome to join the Society and buy from us. **PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR SHOP**

**MEMBERSHIP**

We are always looking for new Members so do spread the word to all your friends and relatives who might be interested as there is so much more to our Society than the garden or allotment. It is not necessary to be a plot holder to join the Society

Subscriptions to Roger Brown, 74 Crown Woods Way, Eltham, SE9 2NN

Herewith my membership fee for the next 12 months: -

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms………………………………………………………………………………………………

Address……………………………………………………………………………………………………………

e-mail address …………………………………………………………………………………………………

I enclose a remittance of £4 (£2 for senior citizens) payable to Eltham and Avery Hill Gardens Society, together with an s.a.e for reply. I also wish to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the Newsletters and Show Schedule and so enclose with my subscription £………..

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**Spring Outing Application**

Please reserve me/us………..places.

My/our names are ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

Address……………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Phone No………………………………………….

Enclosed remittance of £…………………….. Cheques payable to R. G. Mattison

Pickup point:

Eltham High Street (Waterboard)………………………..9.30am

Westmount Road, Methodist Church…………………..9.35am

Avery Hill Road…………………………………………………… 9.40am

Any queries please to R.G Mattison, 19 Messeter Place, Eltham SE9 5DP (tel: 8859 8656)