



EWELL HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Ewell Horticultural Association

will be held at Bourne Hall on Wednesday, 21st March, at 7.30pm. It will be followed by a talk.

Happy New Year to all our Members.

Spring Show 2012

The Spring Show will take place on Saturday 31st March, at Blenheim High School, Longmead Road, from 2.30pm onwards. Ensure that your entries are with **Mrs Terry Eddowes**, before 9pm on Thursday 29th March.

By now you should have received your new Handbook for 2012 and 2013 (you can download a copy from the web site). Don't forget to look up the new recipes, photography and handicraft classes. For the Nominated Class, see overleaf.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2012...

Spring Show: 31st March

Early Summer Show:
16th June

Autumn Show: 1st September

Late Autumn Show: 20th October.

EHA talks, Bourne Hall, 8pm, £2

January 18th - Janette Dollamore – The Principles and Practicalities Of Garden Design

February 15th - Barbara Gollop – Epsom Camera Society- Memories of the EHA Trip to Cambridge and District and others

The Potting Shed at Ewell Court will be open on Sundays 12 February, 4/11/25 March, 1/15 April, 13/27 May. More dates are on your membership card.

Ewell Floral Art

It's time to start another year of flower arranging. We begin on the 8th February with a teach-in by Maureen Hanlan entitled 'Simply Spring'.

14th March - "Sugar and Spice"; a demonstration by Kathryn Goddard. Visitors are welcome at a cost of £3.50.

Subscription for the year is £20 and you must be a member of EHA which is £1. We meet at Ruxley Church, Ruxley Lane, Ewell at 8pm.

If you would like further information please contact Sheila Stracy on.



Trips News

Unfortunately the daytrips for April & September are now full but I can put people on the reserve list in case of cancellations. However there are still some places left for Highgrove as most of the people who missed out last year have not contacted me yet.

Those booked on the Hampshire/IOW trip will need to contact Brenda Allen, for the amount of the balance which is due by 15 March. As usual, information on pickup times etc will be sent out 2-3 weeks in advance of the trips.

Owing to a cancellation, I have one single place available for the Hampshire/IOW trip if anyone's interested.

Bedding Plants – Order Now!

Once again, you can purchase your summer bedding plants through the EHA. These plants are sold at competitive prices, and are of top quality, providing a reliable source of colour throughout the summer. The form for your orders has been delivered with this newsletter; don't forget to fill it in soon!

To make it even easier to order, the computer can do the calculations for you! Just click on our website, www.ewellhortassn.co.uk, where you will find a copy of the plant order form. Like last year, using this will save you time and effort by printing and calculating the totals for you as you go along.

All you need do is print out the form once completed and forward it in with your cheque to Fred Evans at any Association event before 24th March. **Collection must take place on 12th May, between 9am and 1pm, from Glyn School, The Kingsway, Ewell.**

A plea from our Committee members and helpers: PLEASE note the date and times for collection. If you find you may have a problem with collecting your plants at the right time, please contact Fred. Thank you.

Nominated Classes

Spring Show – Flap Jacks - [see recipe below](#).

Summer- Vernon Cup – Section B, Class 54 Special Pelargonium Class for the Vernon Cup, grown from plants purchased from the Spring Show. Use your own pot for display, up to a maximum of 15cm (6 inches).

Autumn Show - "Spud in a Tub". The spud will be available to purchase at the Spring Show together with instructions..

Late Autumn Show – Any misshaped vegetable will be judged on the day; a "Bit of Fun")

Busy Lizzies – Plant Orders

Bizzies Lizzies remain a very popular plant with our members and are still on our order form but....

The wet mild summers experienced within the UK recently has meant in part that there is a chance that Bizzie Lizzies will get downy mildew which defoliates, disfigures and kills the plant.

The UK horticultural industry is particularly concerned about this occurrence as no fungicide is available to home gardeners for downy mildew. Our supplier takes all precautions so that our stock is disease free but even plants grown from seed could succumb if there are infected plants nearby. We have left the plant as an option to our members because of its popularity, however, you may want to consider alternative plants on our list.



Begonias – a great alternative to Bizzie Lizzies!

Flapjack recipe – Nominated Class for the Spring Show

Ingredients:-

- 75g (3oz) margarine
- 50g (2oz) Demerara or light brown sugar
- 30ml (2 level tablespoons) golden syrup
- 175g (6oz) porridge oats
- 1 teaspoon vanilla or almond essence (optional)

Method:-

1. Heat oven to 180 C (Gas Mark 4)
2. Grease a shallow 18cm (7in) square tin.
3. Melt margarine, sugar and golden syrup slowly in a saucepan over a low heat.
4. Add essence if using.
5. Add porridge oats and mix well. Turn into the greased tin.
6. Bake for about 20 mins, until golden brown.
7. Let cool slightly in tin, then with a sharp knife mark into fingers or squares and loosen the edges.
8. When firm, remove from tin and cool on a wire tray.
9. Break into pieces.