

Friends of Eastcote House Gardens

QGM Thursday 11th December 2014. held at the home of a member of FEHG.

Meeting opened 8.45pm.

1. Apologies:- Liz Gambier, Frances Hawkins, Dr. David Payne, Jenny Gurdon, Gerry Edwards, David Bennington, Rob Cousins, Heather Chamberlain, Jane Neave, Karen Spink

2. Present :- Cllr Becky Haggar, Cyril Haggar, Susan Toms, Chris Groom, Keith Barnard, Linda Furnell, Joan Butfield, Lesley Crowcroft, Steve Place, Sue Place.

1. Minutes of meeting held Thursday 11th September 2014 [sent via email 30.9.14.] The minutes were accepted without alteration.

2. Matters Arising. Not on the Agenda

- Britain in Bloom, Hillingdon was awarded Silver Gilt. EHG was mentioned by the Judges, both for the excellence of the Gardens and the achievement of HLF funding, FEHG fundraising was also noted.
- Following on from the very successful World Cup Sweepstake, Tony Bucksey has now issued the FEHG Christmas Quiz.

3. Chairman's report.

- **Missouri Court,** The FEHG have spent two work sessions at Missouri Court, helping to restore a flower bed. Once the Ward Budget Funds are released new plants will be purchased for this bed. The Residents are very pleased with the results so far. FEHG were invited to a coffee AM, where a plaque and thank you card were presented.
- **War Memorial,** Discussed during the EVCAAP QGM.
- **Michael Sobell House.** £64.45 was raised for the FEHG Restoration Fund from the bric a brac stall Over all £411 was raised for MSH doubled at Mayors quiz by Barclays match funding.
- **Lloyds Community funding** £1K was raised from this funding source. Thanks to Joan Butfield for organizing.
- **Public Art Hillingdon.** LC attended the launch of the Hillingdon Arts Association's Sculpture Trial in Hillingdon. Copies of the booklet were distributed at the meeting. This publication will be available at all Borough Libraries free of charge.

4. Treasurers Report.- Keith Barnard. The Treasurer reported that the restoration Fund now stands at £23,112.00. The General Account at £1,228.26. The change in amounts being due to a donation of £2K being transferred from the General Account to the Restoration Fund account.

5. Projects:-

Restoration time frame. The completion date is still set for early April 2015. The works in the walled garden are taking longer than first thought, finish date not known for the walls.

Activity Plan nothing to report.

6. **Supporters of EHG** – In the absence of Gill Hughes, LC informed the meeting that the subs paid in since June 2014 amounted to £275.00.
7. **EHG Book Reading group**- No report
8. **Web site update**.- In the absence of Trevor Dixon there was no report.
9. **Fund raising Projects.**
 - **Events.** Nothing planned unto June 6th 2015
 - **Calendars** The Chairman has asked for another member of the Friends to volunteer to arrange the 2016 calendar. Terry Butfield has volunteered.
 - **Sale of Logs** -Steve Place £35.00 has been raised so far this season. Work is continuing preparing logs for sale.
 - **Sale of Books** – no update
 - **Sale of Plants**- no update
 - **Other craft work**-no update
10. **Countryside Conservation –Steve & Sue Place.** Many reports on the numbers of wildlife [butterflies, bumble bees, dragon flies] using the meadow have been added to the web site. This data has also been forwarded to the relevant bodies, i.e. The Butterfly Trust. A tree survey has been added also. Birds using the meadow will be the next subject for the Conservation group to survey. Rowan, Blackthorn and Dog Rose all native plants have been added to the meadow this Autumn.

Future Events FEHG will hold the following events in 2015 if the work has finished:-

- Arts week and tree walk last week of May 2015
- Picnic 1st weekend of June 2015 [6th]
- Archaeology June/July
- Bat walks as arranged
- London Open House Weekend September
- October History Month to include History Walk
- School Bulb Planting
- November Tree Dressing
- Discussions on the possibility of holding a Quiz night are in progress.

11. **AOB** There was no AOB

Meeting dates for 2015

1st Thursdays of the following months. March, June, September & December subject to a suitable venue being found.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm.