



Newsletter September 2025

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

29th September 2025 Garden visit to Hambledon House and Wisley Gardens. Still places available visit our website www.emgs.co.uk for more information and booking form.

25th November 2025 AGM, 7 p.m. for 7.30p.m. St Nicholas Church Hall, Thames Ditton.

FLOWER SHOW

This year's flower show was a great success with 350 entries, which with the growing conditions this year all entrants have to be congratulated. The number of visitors this year was up on previous years.

Congratulations to all our winners and to everyone who entered. Those who won certificates are as follows

Nikki Eggar - National Dahlia Society Silver Certificate for the Best Dahlia in the Show
Nick Greedy/Vic Chouls - EMGS Certificate for the member with the most points in fruit classes
Robert Chapman - EMGS Certificate for the member with the most points in Flower section
Nick Greedy - EMGS Certificate for the member with the most points in Vegetable section
Jane Crafts - EMGS Certificate for the member with the most points in Baking and preserving classes
Alun Watkins - Best Novice – overall
Lynwood Road Allotments - EMGS Certificate for Best Flowers Allotment Association (class 68)
Lynwood Road Allotments - EMGS Certificate for Best Vegetables Allotment Association (class 67)
Lynwood Road Allotments - Mabs Hawley Cup awarded to the Allotment Association with most points gained by their members
Alun Watkins - Banksian Medal for 2025 awarded to the member with most points in all classes

I would like to thank all the volunteers: the ladies who ran the tea room and those who donated cakes for sale, not forgetting the ladies who sold the raffle tickets who were kept very busy with record sales, and last but not least the ladies selling plants and manning the reception desk, also the team who set up on the Friday afternoon prior to the show and Anthony Presland who transported equipment from the Trading Depot. Without our volunteers there would not be a show. This year it was great to have so much help from exhibitors who stayed to help dismantling and putting the tables away and cleaning the hall. Many thanks to you all.
The date of next year's show is 15th August 2026. The Schedule will be on the website from January 2026 so you can start planning your entries early.

Next year's photographic classes are Views of the Countryside; A scenic view of a river or waterfall; Wildlife.

AGM 25th November 2025

This year AGM will be held on Tuesday, 25th November 2025

Please do join us for the AGM to be held at St Nicholas Church Hall, Thames Ditton. The AGM is an excellent way to meet other members of the society. Following the formal business there will be a fun quiz with prizes and refreshments of mince pies and wine.

Discounts for full Esher Molesey Garden Society members

If you are not a member of the RHS, but are a full members of Esher Molesey Garden Society, you are entitled to visit any RHS Garden with our 50% discount card for 2 people (not including special event days). You would need to show the discount card with your current Esher Molesey Garden Society membership cards. If you would like to make use of this discount, please contact jean.billett@ntlworld.com. There is also a bus service 714 from Kingston to Wisley stopping at Esher and Cobham, if you don't feel like negotiating the roadworks on the A3.

Full members of Esher Molesey Garden Society are entitled to a 10% discount on plants and gardening supplies at Squires Long Ditton and Hersham, a current membership card will need to be shown.

Garden Talks

Tuesday 21 October 2025 2.30pm to 4.30pm Garden Talk Julie Verity 'William Robinson - The Wild Gardener', St Nicholas Church Hall, Thames Ditton

Tuesday, 17th February 2026 2.30pm to 4.30pm Talk St Nicholas Church Hall, Thames Ditton

Tuesday, 21st April 2026 7pm to 9pm Talk St Nicholas Church Hall, Thames Ditton

Tuesday, 16th June 2026 7pm to 9pm Talk St Nicholas Church Hall, Thames Ditton

Tuesday, 20th October 2026 2.30pm to 4.30pm Talk St Nicholas Church Hall, Thames Ditton

Ann Beauchamp is organising speakers, but I am sure she would welcome any suggestions for topics and speakers, maybe a talk you have attended which you think members would find interesting. An update about speakers and topics will be announced at the AGM. After the talks there is time for members to enjoy a cup of tea and biscuit which is an opportunity to get to know other members of the society. Entrance is £2 for full members and £3 for affiliated members and guests.

Trading Depot

The Trading Depot now has a selection of Spring bulbs and there are good stocks of composts, manure and Strulch. Potato orders are now being taken for delivery in February. The last day of trading before the Christmas break is Sunday, 30th November 2025 and will reopen again on Sunday, 1st February 2026. Don't forget our 10% sale off all purchases for the month of September (excluding Spring bulbs, Autumn onion sets and Potato orders).

The Running of Esher Molesey Garden Society

Esher Molesey Garden Society was founded in 1917, and in order to keep the society functioning it relies on volunteers. Over the years it has been difficult to recruit new members of the committee. At

present we have myself Jean Billett, chairman; Tony Speller, Treasurer; Ann Beauchamp, Talks Organiser; Margaret Smith, Membership Secretary; Drostan Stileman, Depot Secretary; and Julia Jones, Trips Organiser, Iris Hawks who is not a committee member but takes the minutes of meetings.

The vacancies we currently need to fill are

Secretary: The committee have 4 meetings a year plus the AGM.

Website and Media: At present I am struggling to maintain the website and send out all notifications by email to members.

Newsletter Editor: This is another role that I am having to take on, gathering topics, information and circulating the newsletter.

If you would be interested in discussing any of the roles to find out more what is involved please contact myself Jean Billett email jean.billett@ntlworld.com and I would be happy to meet with you or maybe at the AGM and tell you more about the role you would be interested in.

The Trading Depot is manned by volunteers and in order to maintain the great service offered at the Depot we would like to establish a list of extra volunteers who would be willing to help out on an ad hoc basis when extra help is needed. If you are interested in helping and would like to pop in to the Depot and have a chat with the lads you would be most welcome.

Free Garden Entry to Hampton Court Gardens

Visit Hampton Court Gardens for free on 13-14 September; 18-19 October; and 22-23 November, Wilderness Garden only on 26 December.