

Living on the Dover House Estate

Almost immediately a new **Roehampton Estate Tenants Association** is set up with an office inside Putney Park House. The primary object is "to protect and further the interests of residents of the Estate, regardless of sectarian values". Membership is set at 1 shilling.



Putney Park House was the social centre for the estate and the home of the Tenants Association (RETA).

An invitation is extended: "To those who desire social intercourse, a very cordial invitation to join the "Club and Institute." For a reasonable subscription of 5 shillings per year, "the convenience of a modern country club" would be available at their door.

The list of activities on offer is amazing, from football to an orchestra, billiards and entertainments. Many current residents remember those days fondly. Putney Park House was a hive of activity; there was a subsidised Bar, sporting and children's activities. It also served as the Infant Welfare Centre, Dentist Service and Polling Station for the Estate.

THE ROEHAMPTON ESTATE GAZETTE—Advertisement

Roehampton Estate Tenants' Association Ltd.

Registered Office:
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In 1922 the Roehampton Estate Garden Society is formed as an affiliate of RETA.

The object is to "assist Amateur Gardeners on the estate by means of Lectures, Flower Shows and Garden Competitions".

The newly formed society also affiliates with the Royal Horticultural Society, the National Rose Society and the London Gardens Guild.

They host regular Flower and Vegetable Shows and events. Only estate residents are eligible to enter. REGS members enter free of charge, but non-members pay for each exhibit.

The shows followed the tradition of Roehampton Flower Shows: there were other events such as a sports gala, dance display or concert to make the afternoon more of a day out. The poster below shows a military band, dancing and side shows, alongside a plea not to confuse this event with the estate festival!

Monopoly is Bad! Competition is good for all!

Roehampton Estate Garden Society
is holding its 2nd Annual

FLOWER and **SHOW**
VEGETABLE

— AND —

SPORTS GALA

On SATURDAY, AUGUST 4th, 1923
At TWO p.m.

Prizes Value over £30 for Exhibits.
£5 allocated for the Best Front and Back Gardens.
Special Prizes for Allotments.

Confined and Open Events.
Estate Residents Eligible for all Entries.
Members Exhibit Free. Non-Members 3d. each Exhibit.
Special Children's Classes.
Sports for all ages - - Valuable Prizes.
All Children's Sports - FREE.
Military Band. Dancing. Side Shows.

SEE SMALL HANDBILLS FOR SCHEDULE.

Further Particulars and Entrance Fees from Organising Secretary,
W. G. BALL, 46, Pleasance Road, S.W.15.

Do not confuse this with the Estate Festival.

The Roehampton Estate Garden Show

We know that these horticultural shows are held by the REGS right from the outset, at least twice a year. The Summer Show, including Front Garden and Allotment competitions, was a larger affair, focussed on flowers and early produce, and the Autumn Show on harvest produce. There was also a Best Allotment competition.

In 1923 the REGS held a Show in the grounds of Huntingfield Road School. It included the estate front gardens competition, a vegetable section open to anyone living within a radius of 2 miles, Vegetable and Flower classes for members only, and children's classes with free entry, which included one for "Wild Grasses collected within 3 miles of the Estate".

THE ROEHAMPTON ESTATE GARDEN SHOW

TO BE HELD ON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, 1923,
IN THE
HUNTINGFIELD ROAD L.C.C. SCHOOL

Schedule and Entry Form.

All Entrance Forms and Fees to be forwarded to Hon. Sec., Mr. A. E. STRONG, 64, Huntingfield Road, by Saturday, August 25th, 1923

SECTION 1. Estate Residents only. Members Free. Non-Members, 6d.

| | | PRIZES—1st. 2nd. 3rd. | | | PRIZES—1st. 2nd. 3rd. | | |
|--------------------------|------|-----------------------|------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----|-----|
|Front Garden | 20/- | 15/- | 10/- |Back Garden (Flower) ... | 15/- | 7/6 | 5/- |
|Allotment | 20/- | 15/- | 10/- |Back Garden (Vegetable) | 15/- | 7/6 | 5/- |

SECTION 2. **Open to Non-Residents. (Radius 2 miles).** Entrance Fee, 6d.

| | | PRIZES—1st. 2nd. | | |
|--|-----|------------------|-----|-----|
|A dish of Vegetables of 5 varieties, 1 to be Potatoes | ... | ... | 7/6 | 5/- |

SECTION A. **VEGETABLES.**

| | | Estate only. | | Members Free. | | Non-Members, 3d. each Class. | | PRIZES—1st. 2nd. | |
|--|-----|--------------|-----|-------------------------------|-----|------------------------------|-----|------------------|--|
|6 Kidney Potatoes (Early) ... | ... | 4/- | 2/6 |6 Spring Sown Onions ... | ... | 2/- | 1/6 | | |
|6 Round Potatoes (2nd Early) ... | ... | 4/- | 2/6 |6 Autumn Sown Onions ... | ... | 2/- | 1/6 | | |
|6 Heaviest Potatoes (Main Crop) ... | ... | 4/- | 2/6 |12 Shallots ... | ... | 3/- | 2/- | | |
|12 Runner Beans ... | ... | 3/- | 2/- |2 Marrows ... | ... | 3/- | 2/- | | |
|12 Dwarf Beans ... | ... | 3/- | 2/- |3 Tomatoes ... | ... | 3/- | 2/- | | |
|3 Round Beet ... | ... | 3/- | 2/- |2 Cabbages ... | ... | 3/- | 2/- | | |
|3 Long Beet ... | ... | 3/- | 2/- |2 Cauliflowers ... | ... | 3/- | 2/- | | |
|12 pods Peas ... | ... | 3/- | 2/- |2 Lettuce (Cos) ... | ... | 2/- | — | | |
|3 Turnips ... | ... | 2/- | 1/6 |2 Lettuce (Cabbage) ... | ... | 2/- | — | | |
|6 Carrots ... | ... | 2/- | 1/6 | | | | | | |

SECTION B. **CUT FLOWERS and POT PLANTS.**

| | | Grown on the Estate. | | Members Free. | | Non-Members, 3d. each Class. | |
|-----------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|---------------------------|-----|------------------------------|-----|
|Vase of Annuals ... | ... | 3/- | 2/- |Geranium in Pot ... | ... | 3/- | 2/- |
|Vase of Perennials ... | ... | 3/- | 2/- |3 Plants in Pots ... | ... | 3/- | 2/- |
|Fuchsia in Pot... .. | ... | 3/- | 2/- | | | | |

SECTION C. **DOMESTIC CLASSES.**

| | | Entrance Free. | | Please state if home-grown produce is used. | |
|---|-----|----------------|-----|--|---------|
|6 Cooked Potatoes ... | ... | 2/- | 1/- |2 lb. Pickled Cabbage... .. | 3/- 1/6 |
|3 Cooked Beetroot ... | ... | 2/- | 1/- |2 lb. Pickled Shallots ... | 3/- 1/6 |
|2-lb jar Mustard Mixed Pickles ... | ... | 4/- | 3/- |Plain Cake (not sponge), not exceed- ing 2 lb. ... | 4/- 3/- |
|1-lb. jar Jam ... | ... | 4/- | 3/- |Fruit Cake (not exceeding 2 lb.) ... | 4/- 3/- |
|Table Decoration ... | ... | 5/- | 3/- | | |

SECTION D. **CHILDREN'S CLASSES.**

ALL FREE.

| | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|--|-----|-----|
|Wild Grasses collected within 3 miles of Estate ... | 2/- | 1/- |Best Vase of Cut Flowers grown by Children ... | 2/- | 1/- |
|Wild Flowers " " " | 2/- | 1/- |Nature Drawing (under 10) undertaken under tuition at any School ... | 2/- | 1/- |
|Best Nasturtium grown in pot not exceeding 6 ins. across rim | 2/- | 1/- |Nature Drawing (under 14) guaranteed by parents to be unaided work of child ... | 2/- | 1/- |
|Best Cultivated Garden Plot, irres- pective of size ... | 5/- | — | | | |

The **1946 REGS Summer Show** shows a full range of classes. The first prize for most was 4/- which was a generous sum for that time. Ladies were invited to enter preserves and cakes and Children to enter their art work. Note the special section for Eggs. Sections B and C were open to non members on payment of a fee and it is made clear that residents of Roehampton Village are welcome to enter these classes.

ROEHAMPTON ESTATE GARDEN SOCIETY.

(Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society.)

(Instituted 1922).

Hon. Secretary: W. T. F. ILES, 25 Swinburne Road, S.W.15.

Nineteenth Flower and Vegetable Summer Show

TO BE HELD AT

HUNTINGFIELD ROAD SCHOOL on SATURDAY, 20th JULY, 1946

Entries will be received by the Secretary on 17th and 18th July at 8 p.m., at Putney Park House.

SCHEDULE.

Entries for Section "A" to be received by 28th June, at 25 Swinburne Road, S.W.15.

SECTION A.—BACK GARDENS.

(On Roehampton Estate only).

| | | | |
|---|------|------|------|
| Prizes will be given for the best cultivated back gardens, whether Flowers, Vegetables, or mixed. Fruit permitted. | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| ... | 20/- | 15/- | 10/- |

ALLOTMENTS.

(On Roehampton Estate only).

| | | | |
|---|------|------|------|
| Prizes will be given for the best cropped and cultivated Allotments. | 20/- | 15/- | 10/- |
| Sections "B" and "C" open to members, and, upon payment of an extra fee, to non-members living on the Estate, and to residents of Roehampton Village living within ½ mile radius of the fountain. | | | |

SECTION B.—VEGETABLES.

Competitors are asked, where possible, to state the name of the variety with exhibits.

| Sch. No. | Description. | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|----------|---|------|-----|-----|
| 1 | 6 Potatoes, Kidney | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 2 | 12 Beans, Runner | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 3 | 6 Potatoes, Round or Oval | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 4 | 6 Potatoes, Coloured, any one variety | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 5 | 12 Beans, Dwarf | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 6 | 12 Shallots (Pickling) | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 7 | 12 Pods of Peas | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 8 | 3 Onions, Spring sown in open ground, with tops | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 9 | 3 Beet, Round | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 10 | 3 Onions, Autumn sown | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 11 | 3 Turnips | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 12 | 1 Bundle of Rhubarb, six sticks | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 13 | 3 Carrots, short | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 14 | 2 Lettuce, Cabbage | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 15 | 2 Cabbages (with at least 2 ins. of stalk) | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 16 | 2 Marrows | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 17 | Herbs, 3 kinds in glass vases | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 18 | Collection of 5 different kinds of Vegetables, excluding Tomatoes, space not to exceed 2 ft. by 2 ft. 6 ins. | 12/6 | 7/6 | 5/- |

PRIZES.—Prizes will be distributed during the interval of a Social Evening after the Autumn Show.

SECTION C.—FLOWERS.

When the word vase is used it shall mean any receptacle suitable for containing water of maximum dimensions 6 ins. in diameter and 12 ins. high.

| Sch. No. | Description. | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|----------|--|-----|-----|-----|
| 19 | 1 vase Antirrhinums, any one variety | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 20 | 1 vase Annuals, any one kind, except Sweet Peas and Stocks | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 21 | 1 vase Stocks, any variety or varieties | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 22 | 1 vase Hardy Flowers, any one kind, except Phlox and Antirrhinums | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 23 | 1 vase Sweet Peas, 6 stems, any one variety | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 24 | 1 vase Phlox Perennial, any one variety | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 25 | 1 vase Cut Flowers, any 4 or more kinds, max. size vase 6 ins. by 12 ins. | 6/- | 4/- | 2/- |
| 26 | 1 vase Phlox Perennial, 6 blooms, two or more varieties | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 27 | 3 vases Annuals, 3 separate kinds, except Sweet Peas and Stocks | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 28 | 1 vase Roses, 3 blooms, 3 separate varieties | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 29 | 1 vase Dahlias, any variety or varieties | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 30 | 1 vase Sweet Peas, 12 stems, any varieties | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 31 | 1 vase Carnations, 3 blooms, any variety or varieties | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 32 | 3 vases Hardy Flowers, any 3 separate kinds, including tuberous roots and bulbs | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 33 | 1 vase Mixed Flowers, arranged for table decoration | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 34 | 1 vase Gladioli, 4 spikes, 2 or more varieties | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 35 | 1 vase Hydrangea, 3 heads of bloom, any variety | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 36 | 1 vase Roses, Rambler or Polyantha, any one variety | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |

SECTION D.—NEWCOMERS.

For members who have not previously won a prize at any horticultural show.

| | | | | |
|----|--|-----|-----|-----|
| 37 | Flowers—1 vase Annuals, any one kind | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 38 | " 1 vase Hardy Flowers, 2 or more kinds | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 39 | Collection of Vegetables, 3 different kinds | 7/6 | 5/- | 2/6 |

SECTION E.—FRUIT.

Open to residents of Roehampton Estate only.

| | | | | |
|----|---|-----|-----|-----|
| 40 | 1 Dish of Currants, red or black, 6 bunches | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 41 | 1 Dish of Raspberries, dish to consist of 20 | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 42 | 1 Dish of Loganberries, dish to consist of 20 | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 43 | 1 Dish of mixed Soft Fruit in season, not exceeding 8 ins. in diameter | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |

SECTION F.—EGGS.

Open to residents of Roehampton Estate only.

| | | | | |
|----|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| 44 | 3 White Eggs | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 45 | 3 Coloured Eggs | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 46 | 2 Duck Eggs | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |

SECTION G.—LADIES.

(To be made or prepared by Exhibitors).

Open to Lady members, and members' women relatives living on the Estate.

| | | | | |
|----|--|-----|-----|-----|
| 47 | Decorative vase or bowl of Flowers to be judged on decorative effect only. Flowers may be purchased | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 48 | 3 Cooked Beet, to be exhibited whole | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 49 | Glass Jar of Jam, stone fruit | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 50 | Glass Jar of Jam, soft fruit | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 51 | Glass Jar of Marmalade | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 52 | Glass Jar of Shallots | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 53 | *Jam Sponge Sandwich (proprietary mixtures not to be used) | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 54 | *Mixed Fruit Cake, approx. weight 2 lbs., not to be iced | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |
| 55 | Dish of Home-made Sweets | 4/- | 2/6 | 1/6 |

*To be made according to a given recipe. No stands to be used.

SECTION H.—CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES.

Age to be taken as on 30th June, 1946. Drawings to Hon. Secretary by 7th July. Free to all children attending local schools.

| | | |
|----|--|--------------|
| 56 | Children of 12 years and over, attending school— A Water-Colour Sketch from Nature | Three prizes |
| 57 | Children over 8 years and under 12 years— A Painting of Flowers, Fruit or Vegetables | Three prizes |
| 58 | Children under 8 years—A crayon Drawing of Flowers, Fruit or Vegetables | Three prizes |

The Front Gardens Competition

The London County Council awards prizes every year for the best front garden and the best allotment on the estate. Every garden is visited in June, the best 30 selected, and finally, a judge chosen by the London Gardens Society chooses the winners.

The REGS arranged for further prizes that they will award, but these were practical items such as '6 spools of garden twine' or a 'Soft Soap Spraying Outfit'. The Prices Patent Candle Company in Battersea donates some of their fertiliser. The REGS wants to recognise special efforts, such as "good gardens on the North Side", or an "awkward slope satisfactorily dealt with".

The idea of a garden competition is not new – the Roehampton Village fete also includes a 'cottage gardens' category for the village, but the L.C.C. sees this as important to maintaining the appearance of the estate.

The estate was designed with privet hedging around all the front gardens. Initially this was maintained by the estate management. The estate manager could be seen touring on his bicycle and would visit and reprimand anyone whose front garden was not well maintained. Most of the privet hedges still on the estate are original and a haven for birds and wildlife.



The garden at 1 Laneway, a competition winner. Photo 1931.

More Front Gardens



The garden at 94 Swinburne Road, a competition winner, in a picture taken in 1929.



The same garden in 1931. The design is similar, but the planting more lush and mature.

Judges Report and Prize List including results for both front and back gardens competitions. It seems that not everything goes completely smoothly at the flower show, given the comment on the right...

Roehampton Estate Garden Society.

Judge's Report of the Flower and Vegetable Show and the Gardens and Allotment Competition

In going round the Estate judging the Front and Back Gardens, what struck me most was:—

1. The variety of designs.
2. The absence of overcrowding generally.
3. Where an attempt to make a display, most of the competitors had studied neatness; the gardens being free from weeds and the edges of grass kept short.
4. In one garden the effective method adopted to overcome flooding during heavy rains.

The children's gardens showed, on the whole, great promise.

On visiting the Allotments, one could see that great pains have been taken, some Holders having given full attention to details, such as weeding; and where refuse was, it had been tidily heaped. Some of the produce is of high quality. As a whole, they are a well cultivated collection of plots.

I inspected and judged over 200 gardens and allotments.

July 19th, 1924.

F. LONGMINE, A.R.H.S.

PRIZE LIST.

SECTION A.

Front Gardens.

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1st Mr. Gerrard, 201, Dover House Road. 20/-. | 3rd Mr. Langford, 158, Huntingfield Road. 10/-. |
| 2nd Mr. Goymer, 10, Huntingfield Road. 15/-. | 4th Mr. Jamison, 22, Swinburne Road. 5/-. |

Highly Commended—

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Mr. Ward, 2, Dover House Road. | Mr. Townsend, 23, The Pleasance. |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|

Back Gardens.

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1st Mr. Beer, 70, Huntingfield Road. 20/-. | 3rd Mr. Barham, 12, Putney Park Lane. 10/-. |
| 2nd Mr. Wood, 14, Putney Park Lane. 15/-. | 4th Mr. Ferroni, 35, Hawkesbury Road. 5/-. |

Highly Commended—

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|---|-------------------------------|
| Mr. Baumgardt, 13, Gibbon Walk. Milk to value of 5/-. | Mr. ———, 31, Hawkesbury Road. |
|---|-------------------------------|

Allotments.

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1st Mr. Pratt. 15/-. | 3rd Mr. Weavis. 5/-. |
| 2nd Mr. Braten. 10/-. | 4th Mr. Grose. Milk to value of 5/-. |

Highly Commended—

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|--------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Mr. Emanuel. | Mr. Beardsmore. | Mr. Nigg. |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------|

SECTION B.

Vegetables.

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--|------------------------|--|
| EARLY POTATOES. | | SECOND EARLIES. | |
| 1st Mr. Brightwell. 5/-. | | 1st Mr. Rubython. 5/-. | |
| 2nd 87, Dover House Road. 2/-. | | 2nd Mr. Ferroni. 2/-. | |

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A Society such as ours can afford to ignore the criticism of those who compete simply and solely for the "Award," and who, if they fail to win, criticise unfairly. The true sportsman can always "take a licking" and, in defeat, find inspiration to greater effort.

Little things *will* go wrong at Shows such as we held, even with the best of organisation.

A prize-winning exhibit does not suffer if the prize-ticket allocated to it should inadvertently—or otherwise—be transferred to an exhibit of obviously less merit, nor does the latter gain through having a prize-ticket thrust upon it which obviously does not belong to it. Criticism on such happenings is paltry. We welcome and pay attention to helpful criticism.

The Garden Fête was a great success. Hundreds of people came and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It was indeed an Estate Rally, and our foster parents, the R.E.T.A. Ltd., congratulated the Society on the success of Our Day.

A ten shillings' worth of groceries still await holder of lucky programme No. 5. Apply Hon. Secretary, R.E.G.S.

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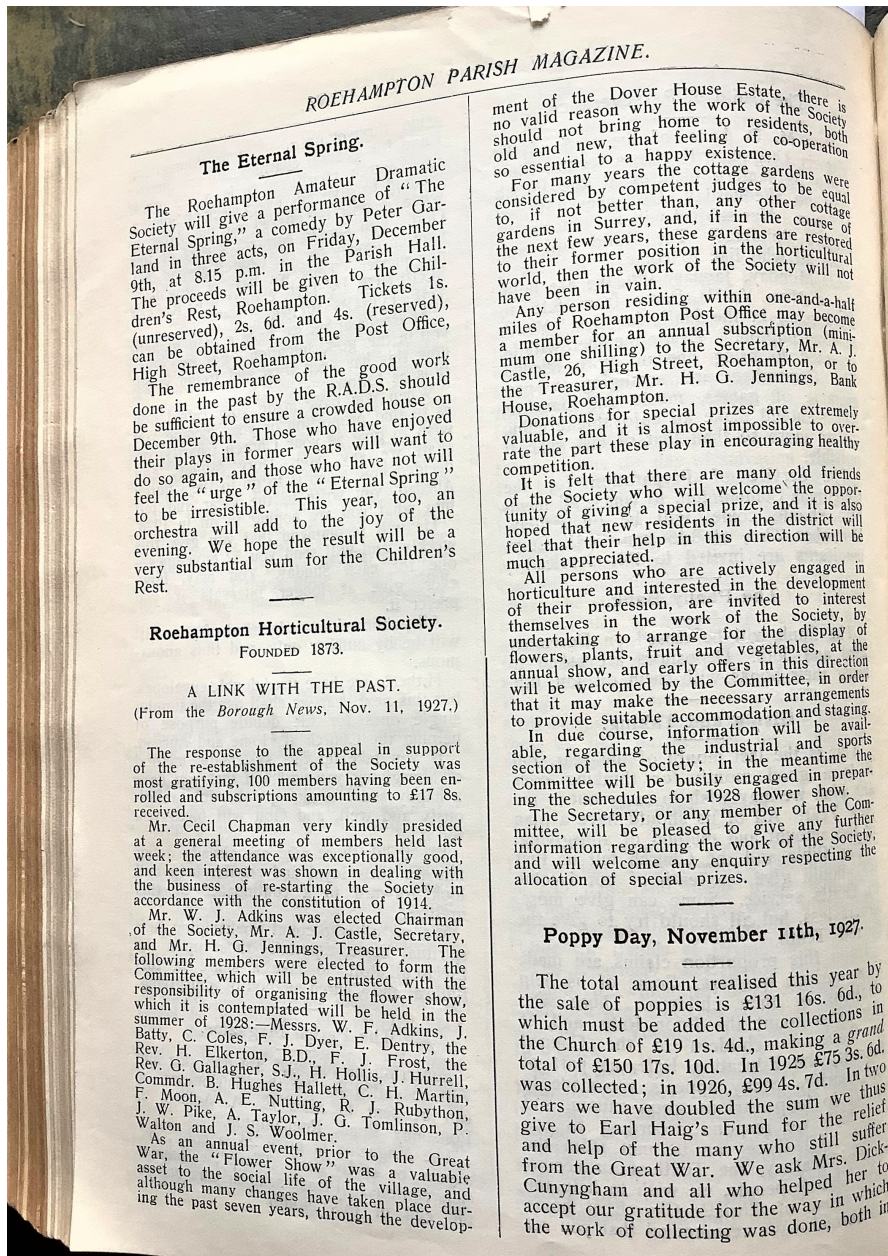
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Roehampton hosts two Horticultural Societies



ROEHAMPTON PARISH MAGAZINE.

The Eternal Spring.

The Roehampton Amateur Dramatic Society will give a performance of "The Eternal Spring," a comedy by Peter Garland in three acts, on Friday, December 9th, at 8.15 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The proceeds will be given to the Children's Rest, Roehampton. Tickets 1s. (unreserved), 2s. 6d. and 4s. (reserved), can be obtained from the Post Office, High Street, Roehampton.

The remembrance of the good work done in the past by the R.A.D.S. should be sufficient to ensure a crowded house on December 9th. Those who have enjoyed their plays in former years will want to do so again, and those who have not will feel the "urge" of the "Eternal Spring" to be irresistible. This year, too, an orchestra will add to the joy of the evening. We hope the result will be a very substantial sum for the Children's Rest.

Roehampton Horticultural Society. FOUNDED 1873.

A LINK WITH THE PAST.

(From the *Borough News*, Nov. 11, 1927.)

The response to the appeal in support of the re-establishment of the Society was most gratifying, 100 members having been enrolled and subscriptions amounting to £17 8s. received.

Mr. Cecil Chapman very kindly presided at a general meeting of members held last week; the attendance was exceptionally good, and keen interest was shown in dealing with the business of re-starting the Society in accordance with the constitution of 1914.

Mr. W. J. Adkins was elected Chairman of the Society, Mr. A. J. Castle, Secretary, and Mr. H. G. Jennings, Treasurer. The following members were elected to form the Committee, which will be entrusted with the responsibility of organising the flower show, which it is contemplated will be held in the summer of 1928:—Messrs. W. F. Adkins, J. Batty, C. Coles, F. J. Dyer, E. Dentry, the Rev. H. Elkerton, E.D., F. J. Frost, the Rev. G. Gallagher, S.J., H. Hollis, J. Hurrell, Comdr. B. Hughes Hallett, C. H. Martin, F. Moon, A. E. Nutting, R. J. Rubython, J. W. Pike, A. Taylor, J. G. Tomlinson, P. Walton and J. S. Woolmer.

As an annual event, prior to the Great War, the "Flower Show" was a valuable asset to the social life of the village, and although many changes have taken place during the past seven years, through the develop-

ment of the Dover House Estate, there is no valid reason why the work of the Society should not bring home to residents, both old and new, that feeling of co-operation so essential to a happy existence.

For many years the cottage gardens were considered by competent judges to be equal to, if not better than, any other cottage to, gardens in Surrey, and, if in the course of the next few years, these gardens are restored to their former position in the horticultural world, then the work of the Society will not have been in vain.

Any person residing within one-and-a-half miles of Roehampton Post Office may become a member for an annual subscription (minimum one shilling) to the Secretary, Mr. A. J. Castle, 26, High Street, Roehampton, or to the Treasurer, Mr. H. G. Jennings, Bank House, Roehampton.

Donations for special prizes are extremely valuable, and it is almost impossible to over-value, and it is almost impossible to over-value the part these play in encouraging healthy competition.

It is felt that there are many old friends of the Society who will welcome the opportunity of giving a special prize, and it is also hoped that new residents in the district will feel that their help in this direction will be much appreciated.

All persons who are actively engaged in horticulture and interested in the development of their profession, are invited to interest themselves in the work of the Society, by undertaking to arrange for the display of flowers, plants, fruit and vegetables, at the annual show, and early offers in this direction will be welcomed by the Committee, in order that it may make the necessary arrangements to provide suitable accommodation and staging. In due course, information will be available, regarding the industrial and sports section of the Society; in the meantime the Committee will be busily engaged in preparing the schedules for 1928 flower show.

The Secretary, or any member of the Committee, will be pleased to give any further information regarding the work of the Society, and will welcome any enquiry respecting the allocation of special prizes.

Poppy Day, November 11th, 1927.

The total amount realised this year by the sale of poppies is £131 16s. 6d., to which must be added the collections in the Church of £19 1s. 4d., making a grand total of £150 17s. 10d. In 1925 £75 3s. 6d. was collected; in 1926, £99 4s. 7d. In two years we have doubled the sum we thus give to Earl Haig's Fund for the relief and help of the many who still suffer from the Great War. We ask Mrs. Dick-Cunyngham and all who helped her to accept our gratitude for the way in which the work of collecting was done, both in

The original **Roehampton Horticultural Society**, which had been in operation since 1874, suspended during the first world war. In 1927 Roehampton Village residents decide to reopen it. They would not have been eligible to join the REGS which was restricted to estate residents.

100 members are enrolled, and this soon increases to 272 in 1928. They declare their intention to hold a grand fete in the summer of 1928. We learn much from their regular column in the Roehampton Parish Magazine:

"As an annual event, prior to the Great War, the "Flower Show" was a valuable asset to the social life of the village, and although many changes have taken place during the past seven years, through the development of the Dover House Estate, there is no valid reason why the work of the Society should not bring home to the residents, both old and new, that feeling of co-operation so essential to a happy existence.....

This society is open to all residents and to both amateur and professional gardeners.

"Any person residing with one and a half miles of Roehampton Post Office may become a member...." ".....All persons who are actively engaged in horticulture and interested in the development of their profession, are invited to interest themselves in the work of the society...."

The re-opened **Roehampton Horticultural Society** continues the tradition of the Roehampton Village show and fete. In 1929 the range of events includes a display by Naval Cadets – followed by their participation in a tug-o'-war. Children's races at 3pm are followed by a 5 mile marathon and dancing to finish. The event takes place in the grounds of Queen Mary's hospital near Rodway Road. Everyone with a mile and a half of the fountain in Roehampton village is encouraged to enter.....

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somebody for doing a "good turn." The Committee of Queen Mary's (Roehampton) Hospital has done the Society a "good turn" by placing at the disposal of the Committee a delightful and pleasant field, wherein the Forty-fourth Annual Flower Show, Industrial Exhibition and Athletic Sports will be held on Thursday, July 18th. On behalf of the Committee, Exhibitors, Members, and Visitors, I desire to take this opportunity of thanking the Committee of the Hospital for their kindness in making it possible to hold such an event in the social life of the village.

A pleasant field! what a joy! on the fringe of bricks and mortar. Do you, good friends, know where it is? Let me direct you. Rodway Road can be entered from the High Street or Roehampton Lane, and, turning out of Rodway Road is Nepean Street; at the end of this street is the entrance to the field. The gate will be opened at 2 o'clock. If you have a copy of the Schedule bring it with you; if not, you can buy one on the field for threepence. It's the "Bradshaw" of the day.

There will not be an organised baby show, but let us have a good show of babies. There will be a parking place for prams, and chairs for mothers to sit, in the shade of lovely trees. It makes one think of the old nursery rhyme: "Hush-a-bye, baby, on the tree top." There will not be a military tattoo, but there will be a Naval display; 24 young Nelsons from the training ship "Nelson," under the direction of their officers, are going to demonstrate that the spirit of the Navy is just as keen as when the signal went up, "England expects that every man will this day do his duty." The Committee hopes that everybody living within one mile and a half of the village Fountain will do their duty on July 18th. It is a pleasant duty. Last year it was a glorious day; let us pray for another day like it. On the whole the Show was good, considering that it was the first since 1914; this year it ought to be a "Show of Shows." I know that our gardening friends have found the season very trying, but even so, you need never regret walking a mile

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or two to see the village flower gardens. You will be well repaid. One of the sights of London! Between now and the 18th of July there may not be time to make a "Bedside table" (see page 28 of the Schedule), but there will be plenty of time to make "A loaf of bread," "a pot of jam," or a "water-colour sketch of Wimbledon Common." Provided the entries, and plenty of them, are in by July 11th, all will be well. The children's races! Well, these start at 3 p.m., so please don't be late; and when you come to events Nos. 17 and 19, excitement will run high. Which schools are going home with the challenge shields? The marathon! five miles this year! It has always been a feature of the village sports; some good runners never fail to put in an appearance. The tug-o'-war contests! Heave—and then every fibre of the rope gets tighter and tighter, and louder and louder the shouts of the teams' supporters. What a struggle it will be when the young seamen from the T.S. "Nelson" enter the arena! "Some" pull this will be.

Now comes the turn of the happy couples, dancing on the "village green." Merrie England! Yes, my friends, let us "drive dull care away" and be happy; the Flower Show "comes but once a year." Let us make the best of our village gathering; let us welcome the men from the hospitals; let us make the visitors feel at home; then when the day is over and twilight dims the glories of the field we shall all go home, saying, "I thoroughly enjoyed every moment."

ARTHUR J. CASTLE,

Honorary Secretary.

June 24th, 1929.