

The Eaton Village Residents Association

Spring Newsletter 2012

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REPORT OF 2011 AGM

Our thanks go to the Eaton Golf Club for hosting a very successful AGM. It seemed a record number attended and we also thank Martin Davidson (Persimmon Homes), Matthew Davies (Norwich Fringe Project) and P.C. Emily Gooderson for their contributions to the evening.

Those elected onto the committee are Gerald Cooke (chairman) 453164; Chris Stebbing (vice-chairman); Thelma Cooke (treasurer); Barbara Heighes (secretary); Sharon Atkinson, Rosemary Benton; Hilary Goodson; Margaret Kearn; Jean & Michael Phillips. We will be looking for some new faces to join the committee in October as four current members will not be seeking re-election.

EATON VILLAGE SCARECROW FESTIVAL 2012

The 2011 Scarecrow Competition was a big success and many people said they wanted to join in this year. The Committee are therefore organising a Scarecrow Festival to be held over the week-end of 14th and 15th July 2012. The format will be similar to last year with formal judging of entries on the Saturday and a trail map and voting form for Residents to vote for their favourites. Given that this is the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year the theme will be "Kings and Queens" but entries do not necessarily have to be Royal. Waitrose has generously agreed to sponsor the prizes. Entry forms will be distributed to Residents with the Parish Summer School leaflets and will also be available from the EVRA Website at eatonvillage.co.uk from end of May. Closing date for entries will be Monday 2nd July 2012. The Eaton Primary School PTA plan to run an event the same week-end which will be linked into the Scarecrow Festival. Further information will be available on the EVRA website. See also EatonScarecrows on Facebook.

WAITROSE AND THE EVRA LETTER BOX

We would like to thank Waitrose for their continued support. They are very generous to the local community and have allowed the Association to site our letter box and display frame in a prominent spot within the store. Over the last couple of years this has become the most popular site to drop the subscription envelopes together with occasional notes about our activities.

MARSTON MARSHES – EASY ACCESS PROJECT

We are very pleased to say this project is now complete with all funds having been received from the Community Spaces Section of the Big Lottery Fund. A working party has been set up and has already undertaken a day's maintenance on the site. This has included maintenance of the footpath as well as pollarding of trees. It's proposed to do one day per quarter and further volunteers would be very welcome. See website for more information.

This is an open space for use by everyone and the law regarding dogs fouling in public areas applies to the whole site. We would request that dog owners remove any mess their dogs leave and so help to maintain a clean and healthy environment. We have been working with local Councilors to re-site a dog bin closer to the path but this process is taking longer than expected.

GENERAL INFORMATION

EATON is now part of a larger NORWICH SOUTH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM – This came into force earlier this year with several of the officers continuing to cover the Eaton area. The village will continue to get a similar service as previously. Their two priorities for the next three months are Anti-Social Behaviour in Grove Road area and cycle thefts in the Golden Triangle. Further information, including dates of surgeries, can be found on the EVRA website.

34th NORWICH (St. Andrew's) SCOUT GROUP - The Beavers and Cubs are having their annual egg sale during the week beginning 30th April and will be calling on all the houses in the Village. A reminder will be put through letterboxes the week before. Please help the group by buying or giving an egg or make a donation when they call.

Please also support their waste paper collections on the 1st Sunday each month (except Jan. & Aug.). This is a one of their main fund raising activities.

AWARDS – During the last few months Marston Marshes was awarded a special Bio-diversity Award in the Anglia in Bloom competition; Eaton Ward got a Silver Medal in the Norwich in Bloom and Marston Marshes has also been awarded a Highly Commended Certificate in the Norwich Eco Awards.

SUMMER SCHOOL – The parish will again be organising this annual event. It is open to all who want to join in. Please look through the programme when distributed in May and make an early booking. The programme will include entry forms for the Scarecrow Festival.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Another year has passed and it's that time of year when the subscriptions are due. An envelope comes with this newsletter for your £1.00 subscription. Please put your name and address on the front so that we can enrol your household as members.

Please deliver your envelope to one of the addresses on the envelope or place it in the EVRA letter box, next to the cash machine, in Waitrose.

Thank you to those who send kind words of encouragement with their subscriptions and to those who generously give more than the requested £1.00. The percentage of dwellings paying their subs continues to slowly increase – many thanks to you all.

EATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

The school continues to be concerned with parking and access to the premises. Meetings involving the school governors, local police, residents and council members continue to take place to search for ideas to help the problem. The flow of traffic **has now been reversed** through the car park and in Duverlin Close and Purtingay Close together with the installation of new direction signs and new barrier across the school gate.

WEB SITE

Chris Stebbing now regularly updates our web site – eatonvillage.co.uk – and with lots happening this year, please check regularly for all the latest information.

ANGLIAN BUS No. 121

It has been confirmed that the **Sunday** Service of the 121 will be discontinued after the 8th April 2012 due to County Council subsidy reductions.

The good news is Simonds Coaches will start a reduced service on Sundays from St. Stephens to Eaton using the same route.

The schedule, to be confirmed, will be a round trip taking 30 minutes leaving St. Stephen's at 1000; 1130; 1430 and 1615 each arriving Bradeham Way 15 minutes later.

CIVIL SERVICE SPORTS GROUND

We hear that construction on the site is progressing well and that there has been a lot of interest in the development. If all goes well the site could be completed in less than the three years anticipated. Please let us know of any problems arising from the development.