

# The Eaton Village Residents Association

Spring Newsletter 2013

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## REPORT OF 2012 AGM

Our thanks again go to the Eaton Golf Club for hosting a very successful AGM. Unfortunately Martin Davidson (Persimmon Homes) sent his apologies and a written report for the meeting. Reports on the work of the volunteers on Marston Marshes by Chris Stebbing and of our local police were received. It was good to see some new people from Wentworth Gardens attending the meeting.

Your Committee: thanks were expressed to Margaret Kearn, who has left Norwich, and to Mike and Jean Phillips who were not standing for re-election. Those elected are Gerald Cooke (chairman) 453164; Chris Stebbing (vice-chairman); Thelma Cooke (treasurer); Barbara Heighes (secretary); Sharon Atkinson, Rosemary Benton; and three new members Sarah Cross, Helen & Chris Preston. We are looking for some more new faces to join the committee so please let us know if you would like to help.

## EATON VILLAGE SCARECROW FESTIVAL 2013

The 2012 Scarecrow Competition was again a big success and many people said they wanted to join in this year. The Committee is therefore organising a Scarecrow Festival to be held over the week-end of 20th and 21st July 2013. 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. After much discussion the theme this year will be '**Favourite Childhood TV/Film Characters**'. Notcutts has generously agreed to sponsor the prizes. Entry forms will be distributed to Residents with the Parish Summer School leaflets but will also be available from the EVRA Website at [eatonvillage.co.uk](http://eatonvillage.co.uk). Closing date for entries will be Monday 8th July 2013.

The Eaton Primary School PTA is planning to run an event the same week-end which will be linked into the Scarecrow Festival. See back page for further information and shortly on the EVRA website.

Why not join us on Facebook and have more fun. Log on to Eaton Scarecrow Festival 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July 2013

## MARSTON MARSHES EVENTS

Walks round the marshes were held last September to mark the first anniversary of its completion. Many thanks to the 34<sup>th</sup> Norwich Scout Group for serving burgers and hot dogs between the walks and to Matthew Davis of the Norwich Fringe Project for leading them.

Three further events have been planned in conjunction with the Norwich Fringe Project for the late spring with different topics to interest a wide range of ages. They are:

**'Dawn Chorus Walk & Bacon Butties' Sunday May 19th, 6.00am till 8.00am**

Led by Bird and Wildlife Tutor, Peter Walton, enjoy the dawn chorus walk round the marshes followed by Bacon Butties. Please let us know if you are intending to come either by phone 01603 503301 or e-mail [evra.vc@live.co.uk](mailto:evra.vc@live.co.uk)

**'Dyke Dipping for water mini beasts' Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May - four 1hr sessions**

Special half term event for children led by Matthew Davis. Numbers are limited so please book your session at 10.00am, 11.00am, 12.30pm or 1.30pm with the Norwich Fringe Project on 01603 423303

**'Butterflies, Dragonflies and Wildflowers Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 2.00pm**

A two hour walk again led by Bird and Wildlife Tutor, Peter Walton, this time to see the diversity of plants and insects which live there – no need to book

**Full details are on the web site and posters at Waitrose and are supported by the Big Lottery Fund.**

## MARSTON MARSHES VOLUNTEER GROUP

A number of residents have worked with the Norwich Fringe Project and The Conservation Volunteers to maintain and protect the environment on the marshes. Activities over the past six months include: coppicing, fence repairs and making faggots to shore up the riverbank. The snow and flooding since Christmas has postponed some of our planned activities but we have further sessions arranged on 27 April and in June to catch up with essential work.

New volunteers of all ages are always welcome to join us. Training and guidance will be provided as will refreshments. This is a good, sociable day out, in a healthy environment on our doorstep. See the Marston Marshes Volunteer Group page on the EVRA Website for photos and more information about our activities, dates and contact points: [www.eatonvillage.co.uk](http://www.eatonvillage.co.uk)

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Another year has passed and subscriptions are again due. An envelope comes with this newsletter in which to put your £1.00 subscription. Please put your name and address on the front so that we can enrol your household as members.

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.

Please return 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. We also thank the Waitrose management for their continued support for EVRA and its residents.

## EATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

As per last year the school PTA will be organising a community garage sale on the Saturday of the Scarecrow Festival weekend (20<sup>th</sup> July).

Residents can participate by applying to the PTA and paying a small entry fee. The PTA will publish a map of the household locations which will be available from the school and from local businesses.

Further details will be published on the EVRA Website in due course

## QUIZ AND CHIPS

Book the date of Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> for a fun evening to be held in the Church Hall Church Lane at 7.30pm. Look out for more information later in the year.

## WENTWORTH GARDENS

The construction is now complete with only sub-contractors on site. It is hoped the pruning and replanting of the tree belts will start later this year and then progress in four stages over 16 years

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**NORWICH SOUTH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM** – Your local neighbourhood team will be conducting a two-week parking awareness campaign after the Easter Holiday break. Please can all residents continue to be vigilant in locking all doors and windows of their homes and cars to prevent being victims of crime. Norfolk County Council is asking for new community speed watch volunteers. Let us know if you would like to help.

**34<sup>th</sup> NORWICH (St. Andrew's) SCOUT GROUP** - The Beavers and Cubs of our local scout group are having their annual egg sale during the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 by leaving it on the footpath outside your home by 10.00am on the **first** Sunday each month (except Jan. & Aug.). This is one of their main fund raising activities.

**SUMMER SCHOOL** – The parishes of St. Andrew and Christ Church will again be organising this annual event. It is open to all who want to join in. Please look through the information brochure when distributed in May and make an early booking. All the Scarecrow Festival information will also be there.

**BUS No. 121** - The **Sunday** Service of the 121 run by Simonds Coaches has now completed its first year. Numbers are not as high as expected and if this service is going to continue we must ensure numbers improve. If not, the old adage, 'use it or lose it' will apply.

