

The Eaton Village Residents Association

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Annual General Meeting 2012

The Association's AGM will be held at **7.30pm on Tuesday 9th October 2012 at Eaton Golf Club**. All residents who receive this newsletter are eligible to attend but only those who have paid their annual subscription are entitled to vote.

After the formal business and a break for refreshments, Martin Davidson, Persimmon Homes, will give us the latest position regarding the Wentworth Green development and Chris Stebbing will give a report on the work of the Marston Marshes working party.

During the year the committee accepted the resignations of Hilary Goodson and Margaret Kearn. Thanks were expressed for the work they had contributed for the Association. The current committee members are Gerald Cooke (chairman) 453164; Christopher Stebbing (vice-chairman); Barbara Heighes (secretary); Thelma Cooke (treasurer); Sharon Atkinson; Rosemary Benton; and Jean & Michael Phillips with Chris and Helen Preston being co-opted during the year. All members are eligible for re-election but Jean and Michael Phillips have indicated they wish to retire after several years loyal service on the committee – new members will be very welcome.

2012 Scarecrow Festival and Competition

The 2012 Scarecrow competition supported by Waitrose in July was a great success with 33 entries around the Village. Many Residents followed the Scarecrow Trail and voted for their favourites. The Judges had a difficult task but selected their prize-winners who received goods and vouchers from Waitrose.

1st Prize went to the Parker Family in Denmead Close for their entry "Queen of Hearts", 2nd Prize to the Higham Family in Eaton Street for their entry "Tattie", and 3rd Prize to Sammi Smith in Abinger Way for her entry "Queen Juby". The winners of the Trail Map votes were: Favourite Scarecrow - Eaton Elephants Playgroup for "Queen Bee"; Scariest Scarecrow - the Parker Family for "Queen of Hearts"; Most Original Scarecrow - John & Sally Kerrison for "Royal Mint"; Most Regal Scarecrow - Sarah Spooner for "The Future - Charles & Friends".

The winners of the Trail Map votes received Waitrose vouchers from the Residents' Association. The Evening News published articles about the event and these can be seen on our website. We thank Lucy Webster from Waitrose, Councillor Judith Lubbock and PCSO Ian Byrne for volunteering to be judges and for donating their time for this event. We also thank Waitrose for their generous prizes as well as hosting the prize-giving in their restaurant. Thank you all for taking part and we look forward to seeing you all again next year. Photos of all Scarecrows and the presentations can be seen on the EVRA website at www.eatonvillage.co.uk.

Marston Marshes Easy Access Path – Anniversary Walks

It is now almost a year since the path was completed and to celebrate its first anniversary there will be a couple of conducted walks round the path led by Matt Davies from the Norwich Fringe Project.

They will take place on **Saturday 22nd September** with the first walk leaving at 11.30am and the second walk at 1.30pm. Each walk will last about an hour and between the walks there will be a barbecue prepared by the local 34th Scout Troop. The walks are free to attend but donations towards the cost of the barbecue will be welcome. More walks are being arranged for next Spring with specialist leaders for different topics. Watch this space!

Marston Marshes Volunteer Group

The group was set up to deliver the EVRA sustainability obligations under the Big Lottery Community Spaces grant for the Easy Access path. We maintain the path but also undertake other activities under the guidance of the Norwich Fringe Project. We have pollarded trees; replaced a kissing gate, and built a handrail to one of the bridges over a dyke. Photos of our achievements can be seen on our website. It is a good day out in the fresh air and we would welcome more volunteers to come and join our group.

Our next working party will be on Saturday 13th October from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Tools and guidance are provided by the Norwich Fringe Project. Teas and coffees are also provided (and somebody usually brings cakes) so just need to bring a packed lunch and wear appropriate footwear and clothing. Contact Chris Stebbing on 01603 503 301, come to our AGM or see our website www.eatonvillage.co.uk for more detail.

Wentworth Green

A majority of the properties have now been completed with a high proportion occupied - a warm welcome to the new residents. This is great news as the development is now expected to be complete well before the anticipated three years. Unfortunately it has meant some week-end working to maintain completion dates on properties following the heavy rains earlier in the year.

To get a full update of the situation, come and hear Martin Davidson, Land Director of Persimmon Homes at our AGM on 9th October,

Subscriptions - reminder

Reminder envelopes will not be distributed again this year but 2012/13 subscriptions can still be placed in the EVRA postbox at Waitrose. (Please include your address)

Extremely good value at £1, this allows you to vote at the AGM, pays for two newsletters each year distributed to all residents, pays for insurance cover and funds events .

The committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all residents who pay this voluntary subscription and to those who distribute the newsletters.

School Traffic

The head master, school governors, the local SNAP team, the Association local residents and councillors are about to meet to try and improve child safety through better traffic and parking management.

Any further suggestions as to how this can be improved will be most welcome.

Unfortunately not enough offers were received for use of private driveways during peak times and objections were raised as to the extra hazard of vehicles backing out of driveways after dropping off or collecting children.

Other Current Issues

Overhanging Bushes/Hedges - The committee is anxious that footpaths are kept clear for wheelchairs and prams to pass and the best visibility for drivers.

Driving - EVRA works with the local Safer Neighbourhood Team and the local councillors regarding the perceived dangers on our roads in the Village including speeding, parking and the safety of cyclists and pedestrians.

No Cold Calling - In hopes of reducing the amount of cold calling in the area, a sticker is supplied with most of the newsletters for your use.

Eaton Concert Series

September sees the start of the thirteenth year of the popular concerts and recitals in St. Andrew's Church. They are held each month on the first Sunday at 3.00pm through till April.

The October concert is an organ recital by the popular local organist Neil Ricketts. He has given recitals in many Cathedrals inc. Norwich.

See the www.eatonconcertseries.com web site for further information or leaflets in the church.

Web Site

The Committee would like to thank Chris Stebbing, our vice chairman, for continuing the development of the Association's web site eatonvillage.co.uk and to making it more informative.

St. Andrew's Church

The parish is holding its Harvest Festival on Sunday 7th October 2012. The main service will be held at 10.00am. The service will be taken by the vicar, the Rev. Phil. Rodd; all welcome.