

The Eaton Village Residents Association

Autumn Newsletter 2013

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Annual General Meeting 2013

The Association's AGM will be held at **7.30pm on Thursday 17th October 2013 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.

An informative time is being arranged for after the formal business and a break for refreshments.

The current committee members are Gerald Cooke (chairman) 453164; Christopher Stebbing (vice-chairman); Barbara Heighes (secretary); Thelma Cooke (treasurer); Sharon Atkinson; Rosemary Benton; Sarah Cross, Chris & Helen Preston and Pat Seadon. All members are eligible for re-election but Barbara Heighes and Thelma Cooke have said they will not be standing for re-election after several years loyal service on the committee – new members will be very welcome.

Quiz & Chips

EVRA is running a 'Meet the Neighbours' Quiz & Chips evening on **Sat 5th Oct. in the Church Hall, Church Lane at 7.30pm**. Tables of 8 at £6.00 per person. Come as a team or form one on the night.

Book your place by contacting a committee member or put a note in the EVRA letter box at Waitrose; chose from fish, sausage or pancake roll to go with your chips. Some soft drinks will be available on the night.

2013 Scarecrow Festival and Competition

The Scarecrow Festival held over the week-end of 20/21 July was a great success with 36 entries on display. The theme was Favourite Childhood TV/Film Characters and there were some interesting and novel interpretations on display. The Judges, Stephen Boon – Manager Notcutts, Caroline Ackroyd – Norwich City Councillor, and Matt Davies – Norwich Fringe Project, had a difficult time deciding but the winners were 1st Prize, "ET and Eliot", Wakehurst Close; 2nd Prize, "Charlie", Mellow Gardens; 3rd Prize, "Heroes and Villains", Greenways, and a special prize was awarded to "Popeye", Amderley Drive. The prize winners received vouchers donated by Notcutts Norwich.

EVRA wish to thank Notcutts for their generous sponsorship of this event. We also thank the Judges for their time and patience and for assisting us with the scarecrow Competition. Thanks also go to St Andrews Church who provided refreshments on the Saturday.

With over 80 voting forms returned for the public vote, the winners were: Favourite Scarecrow – "Shaun the Sheep" – Greenways, Scarecrow most likely to scare crows – "The Child Catcher" – Coe Costa & Moore Opticians, Most Original Scarecrow – "Testing, Testing" – Church Lane, Funniest Scarecrow – "Spongebob and Friends" – Abinger Way.

The winners each received a Notcutts gift voucher from the Residents' Association. Photos of all entries can be found on the EVRA Website at www.eatonvillage.co.uk.

Thank you all for your participation in our week-end. We will see you again next year.

121 Anglian Bus Service

Following the take-over of Anglian Buses by the 'Go Ahead Group', of which the Konnect Buses are also a part, a complete re-organisation of their services is starting from the 2nd September 2013.

From this date the 121 will be renumbered as the 51 and, instead of terminating at the Railway station, will continue via Harvey Lane to Pilsen Green, just east of South Walsham.

It will continue to be an hourly service, but the times of the service will be **SIX minutes EARLIER** than the 121. Service 122 will become the 52 and be run by Konnect buses.

Marston Marshes Volunteer Group

A group of local Residents have continued to work with the Norwich Fringe Project and the Conservation Volunteers to maintain the path across Marston Marshes as well as undertake other conservation work. These work days have become a social event as well as an opportunity to learn new skills and gain a better understanding of the local environment.

Since the previous Newsletter we have repaired damage to the path following flooding and heavy snow during the winter and raked and moved a large amount of sedge to encourage wildflowers and other grasses to grow. Photos of our activities can be found on the EVRA website at www.eatonvillage.co.uk. More volunteers are needed to support our work. We meet quarterly under the guidance of Matt Davies from Norwich Fringe who provides training, tools and refreshments. Matt also runs conservation work days at other sites around Norwich and anyone can take part in these activities. **Details of our next working day on Saturday 12 October can be found on our website.**

We also post details of other conservation days organised by Matt.

Subscriptions - reminder

Any household which has not paid this year's subscription but would like to do so can place in the EVRA post box 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, 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.

Wentworth Green

At the time of writing, only the grass area including the children's play area, were still to be finished.

Following the decision of the council not to accept the responsibility for the green areas on the site, Persimmon have told us that the appointment of a contractor is imminent and should be made well before our AGM.

We expect, therefore, to be able to give full details of this at the AGM.

School Traffic

The Eaton Primary School Head Master, school governors, parish councillors, neighbourhood police and local residents continue to monitor the parking in the roads around the school both morning and afternoon during term time.

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

Those involved advocate parking a little further away from the school and thus give the children some exercise in walking the rest of the way.

Eaton Concert Series

October sees the start of the fourteenth 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 opening concert is by the 'Aristos Wind Quintet' which was formed by students from the Trinity School of Music in 1999.

The eatonconcertseries.com web site has more information or leaflets in St. Andrew's church.

Other Current Issues

Overhanging Bushes/Hedges - Your committee continues to request support for the pruning of hedges, etc. to keep footpaths clear for prams and wheelchairs to pass & the visibility for road users.

Parking – At present your committee is supporting the residents in Sunningdale who are being troubled by non-local street parking.

The completion of road markings in Church Lane has been promised and this is being chased.

No Cold Calling – Following the distribution of window stickers last year, if any group of 15 to 30 dwellings wishes to become a 'No Cold Calling' zone, please let us know so we can set the wheels in motion.

War Memorial

Plans for placing a four-seater bench, funded by EVRA, by the War Memorial in Newmarket Road are in hand and it is hoped this will be in place before Remembrance Day.

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.