

The Eaton Village Residents Association

Autumn Newsletter 2014

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Annual General Meeting 2014

The Association's AGM will be held at **Eaton Golf Club on Thursday 16th October 2014 at 7.30pm**. 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; Chris Stebbing (vice-chairman); Pat Seadon (secretary); Sarah Cross (treasurer); Sharon Atkinson; Rosemary Benton; Janet Miller and Chris Preston. All members are eligible for re-election but Gerald Cooke has decided not to stand for re-election after eleven years as chairman of the committee.

New members are needed especially to fill the vacancy of chairman. If interested and want to chat with any of the committee before the AGM, please get in touch direct, via 'Facebook' or the website. We will be very pleased to hear from you.

PICNIC ON THE MARSTON MARSHES

To mark the third anniversary of the opening of the all weather footpath round the marshes we are inviting everyone to the **outdoor classroom area** to come, bring a picnic and enjoy the wonderful nature reserve we have on our doorstep on **Saturday 13th September 2014**. For those not familiar with the marsh area there should be some trail maps available to guide you round and point out interesting features. We kick off with the picnic about 1.00pm. Limited hot drinks will be available.

Scarecrow Festival and Competition 2014

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

The Scarecrow Festival held over the week-end of 19/20 July was a great success. The theme was 'Scary Fashions' and although slightly fewer entries there were some interesting interpretations of the theme. Many thanks go to the Judges who had a difficult time deciding the winners.

Congratulations to all the winners each received prizes and gift voucher from Waitrose and the Residents' Association. A list of all the winners have been displayed in Waitrose and photos of all entries with the list of winners can be found on the EVRA website at www.eatonvillage.co.uk.

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

Konnect Bus Service No. 52

Now that Konnect Buses have been running the service 52 for a year, further slight changes will be made starting on 1st September 2014.

The main change is the addition of an extra service at 9.13am from the City which will leave Bradeham Way at 9.30am Monday to Friday. Senior citizens will be able to travel free on this service only after the 9.30am time. Anyone showing a valid bus pass will be able to get the reduced rate before 9.30am. Also the 8.13am service from St. Stephen's to Eaton will not run on Saturdays.

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 very informative.

MARSTON MARSHES VOLUNTEER GROUP

A group of local Residents has continued to work with the Norwich Fringe Project to maintain the path across Marston Marshes as well as undertake other conservation work. These community work days are a good, sociable day out, in a healthy environment right on our doorstep and provide an opportunity to learn new skills and gain a better understanding of the local environment.

In April we repaired two footbridges and retensioned barbed wire fencing in advance of the cattle returning to the site. In July we were joined by a party of Guides camping at Eaton Vale and we cleared vegetation around a cattle corral, cleaned out the drainage channel on Marston Lane, cleared a fallen tree to create habitat piles and made improvements to the path at the Eaton entrance to improve the flow of rainwater running off Marston Lane.

We generally meet quarterly under the guidance of Matt Davies from Norwich Fringe who provides training, tools and refreshments. We have yet to set a date for our Autumn community work day but this will probably be in October. See the Marston Marshes Volunteer Group page on our website for other conservation days organised by Matt, together with photos and further information about our activities, dates and contact points.

Green Space Survey

EVRA is investigating the green spaces in the village with a view to improving the facilities available.

As a first step, we have looked at the current play equipment and we are working to improve the play park on Eaton Green, the area behind the primary school. Before this project can proceed we need your ideas and opinions about what is required in terms of play equipment and other facilities.

A survey should arrive with your newsletter; please complete and return it, via the Waitrose letter box, so we can ensure as many views as possible are taken into account.

The residents' opinions are vital if we are to obtain the finance necessary to undertake improvements.

Footpath Barriers / Kerbs

An item raised at last year's AGM was that barriers across two of our footpaths prevented wheelchairs and prams from passing through.

More recently weeds have been growing in the kerbs and footpaths and had not been treated.

Both of these items were passed to our councillors with a request for the City Council to deal with these problems. We are pleased to see that positive action has been taken on both accounts and the matters have been resolved."

War Memorial

Generous donations have been received towards the cost of cleaning the War Memorial along with a small contribution from EVRA.

The work is expected to be done during September in time for Remembrance Sunday.

Subscriptions - reminder

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

Any household which has not paid this year's subscription, extremely good value at £1, but would like to do so can place in the EVRA post box at Waitrose. (Please include your address)

Defibrillator

The committee would like to thank all those who contributed, with their subscriptions in conjunction with our councillors, to the fund to purchase a defibrillator for the village.

Sufficient money has now been raised and we understand it will be installed when the final details are agreed between the councillors and Waitrose.

School Gate / Eaton Golf Club

County Councillor Brian Watkins continues to try and resolve the access problem through the Golf Club car park. With the cost likely to be in the region of £35,000 this is not an easy task.

Please be patient whilst the negotiations between the parties involved continue.

Eaton Concert Series

September 7th sees the start of the fifteenth 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 a piano recital by Viv McLean who accompanied Andrew Storey in the final concert of the last series. The *Eaton Concert Series* facebook page has more information..