

The Eaton Village Residents Association

Autumn Newsletter 2011

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Annual General Meeting 2011

The Association's AGM will be held **at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11th October 2011 at Eaton Golf Club**. All residents who receive this newsletter are eligible to attend but only those who have paid their annual subscription will be entitled to vote. We look forward to seeing as many residents as possible there including those of Poplar Avenue attending our AGM for the first time.

After the formal business and a break for refreshments, there will be the opportunity to hear Matthew Davies review the 'Marston Marshes Easy Access' path and Martin Davidson, Persimmon Homes, to give us the latest position regarding the Civil Service Sports Ground.

The current committee members are Gerald Cooke (chairman) 453164; Christopher Stebbing (vice-chairman); Barbara Heighes (secretary); Thelma Cooke (treasurer); Sharon Atkinson; Rosemary Benton; Hilary Goodson; Margaret Kearn and Jean & Michael Phillips. All members are eligible for re-election – new members also required.

2011 Notcutts Competition

This year the committee, with the backing of Notcutts, decided to continue with the Scarecrow competition. We brought it forward into the school year hoping more young people could be involved. With the school entering three scarecrows, one by the youth at St. Andrew's, three by scouts from the 34th Scout Troop and some commercial ones, there were double the number of entries as last year. The public voting from the scarecrow trail brought in nearly 70 voting papers. Thanks to our guest judges, Simon Wright, MP and Paul, the Anglian 121 Bus Driver and to all who made scarecrows. Congratulations to all the winners (the full list is on our web site) and many thanks to Notcutts for hosting the presentations.

Next year Waitrose will be sponsoring the Competition. Please bring any feed-back to the AGM and make the 2012 event even bigger and better.

Marston Marshes Easy Access Path

At the time of writing the footpath and the associated improvements to the Marston Marshes were nearly complete. Dunella, the contractors, were confident, subject to a complete change in the weather, that their part of the contract would be completed by the end of August. The only other part of the project is to erect two information panels, one at each access point to the Marshes. These are being prepared and should be in place by the 23rd of September.

All are welcome to the GRAND OPENING on Saturday 24th September from 12 noon - 3.00pm with the official ceremony at 12.30pm by Stewart White (BBC Look East) with the Sheriff of Norwich and Simon Wright, MP in attendance. Music by 'The Duvets' – Barbeque provided by 34th Norwich Scouts and Waitrose - Face Painter

Both the Fringe Project and your committee would like to thank Waitrose staff for their voluntary work being done on the Marshes at present. During the next twelve months there will be four walks round the marshes led by different experts, one during each season of the year. We are also looking for volunteers to help maintain the marshes as we have been awarded a sustainability grant to purchase tools and train volunteers to use them. Anyone wishing to get involved with the future maintenance of the marshes should pass their names to a committee member.

Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) for Eaton and the University

This dedicated police team continues their high profile work in our area. At the last SNAP meeting it was decided to continue with the priority of traffic and parking issues around all the schools in the SNT area. This often gets worse around the start of the new school year.

Thanks to Sgt. Gerry Hanley and his team for their hard work. A further meeting of SNAP will be held on Thursday 20th October 2011 at 7pm in the Community Centre on Eaton Park. Please come and support your SNT and have your say as to where they should concentrate their efforts in your area.

Other Current Issues

- the village has an open plan front garden policy and therefore we would ask residents to keep their front gardens tidy as they can look very unsightly without some regular attention.

- several properties in the village still have hedges and bushes which overhang the public footpath outside their properties. The committee is anxious that these footpaths are kept clear to allow ample space for wheelchairs and prams to pass together with good visibility for drivers.

- working with the Highways Dept. and the local councillors regarding the perceived danger at the top of the slip road and the Sunningdale junction on Newmarket Road and the cross roads at Church Lane and Bluebell Road.

Subscriptions - reminder

Reminder subscription envelopes will not be distributed again this year and this will be the only reminder to those who have not paid their 2011/12 subscription

Extremely good value at £1, not only does it allow you to vote at the AGM but pays for newsletters distributed to all residents twice a year and insurance cover.

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, parents, the local SNAP team and the local residents are meeting to try and improve child safety through better traffic and parking management.

This is not going to be helped in the short term with builders' traffic using Brentwood but the more cars we can get to park off road will improve the situation.

Thus we would ask for any residents who have a driveway not being used during the peak times to offer parking facilities to the school for fifteen minutes both morning and afternoon weekdays during term time.

Civil Service Sports Ground

All planning approval has now been given to the above site. By the time you read this the original foundations will have been dug up and crushed ready to start building during September.

The Site Manager's office and secure compound will be situated on the site at the Brentwood access point and building, including the show house, will start from the Wentworth Green end of the site.

Much more information is available on our web site, eatonvillage.co.uk, including a 'frequently asked questions' section.

Eaton Concert Series

September saw the start of the twelfth year of the popular concerts and recitals in St. Andrew's Church. They are held monthly on the first Sunday in each month at 3.00pm through till April (except January).

The October concert is a recital by the London based international pianist Jocelyn Freeman

See the eatonconcertseries.com web site for further information.

Web Site

Chris Stebbing, our vice chairman, has been working with Justin Flute to develop the EVRA web site to make it more informative.

Please visit eatonvillage.co.uk to get the latest news

St. Andrew's Church

The parish is holding its Harvest Festival on Sunday 2nd October 2011. The main service will be held at 10.00am. The service will be taken by the vicar, the Rev. Phil. Rodd; all welcome.