

The Eaton Village Residents Association

Autumn Newsletter 2016

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Annual General Meeting 2016

The Association's AGM will be held at **Eaton Golf Club on Thursday 20th October 2016 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. (See below for how to pay your subscription) After the formal business and a break for refreshments representatives from the Project Delivery Team for the New Transport Project for Eaton and Cringleford will attend to answer any questions you may have on the scheme.

The current committee members are Rosemary Benton (chairman) Tel: 452185; Chris Stebbing (vice-chairman); Pat Seadon (secretary); Sarah Cross (treasurer); Sharon Atkinson; Jane Miller, Naomi Godding, Carol Sharkey, Kath Westwell, and Chris Preston. Vic and Helen Flute were co-opted onto the Committee during the year. All current members are eligible for re-election and nominations can be made at the AGM.

Rosemary Benton has served as Chairman for two years but says that she will not stand for Chairman again this year. New members are always welcome to assist us with our various projects and activities. If you are interested in joining the Committee and want to chat before the AGM, please get in touch direct, via 'Facebook' or the website. We will be very pleased to hear from you. You can contact Rosemary on 452185 or Chris Stebbing on 503301.

2016 Scarecrow Festival

Our 7th Scarecrow Festival held over the week-end of 9/10th July was a great success. The theme was 'Olympics' and there were some amazing interpretations of this. The Judges 1st prize winner was the Tait family of Abinger way with "Over the Hedge". A list of all the entries and prize winners together with photos can be found on the EVRA website at www.eatonvillage.co.uk.

EVRA thank **Waitrose and RJI IFA Ltd** for their generous sponsorship of prizes for this event. We also thank the Judges for their time and patience and all of you for getting involved during the weekend.

Spring and Summer Garden Competitions 2016

We had 17 entries for the Spring Garden Competition and 19 entries for the Summer garden Competition. The judges praised the standard of entries and had a difficult time deciding the winners of the competitions. First prize for the Spring Gardens Competition went to David Crotch of Lindford Drive and Pat Raby on Greenways won First Prize for the Summer Gardens Competition. We thank the judges for their assistance for both events and also RJI IFA Ltd for sponsoring the prizes for the Summer Garden competition.

Thank you all for your participation in our garden competitions for this year. Now is time to start thinking about entering your garden for the Spring and/or Summer competitions for next year. The competitions are not about the best kept gardens or about the size of your garden or if you only have pots and hanging baskets but a celebration of spring or summer planting and style.

EVRA Subscriptions: It is never too late to pay your subscription for EVRA. It is still only £1 but you are welcome to pay more to support our projects such as the Eaton Green Playground. If you can't find your subscription envelope just write "EVRA subs" and your name and address on an envelope, pop in your contribution and post it in the EVRA box by the cash machine in Waitrose or deliver to 54 Greenways.

Eaton Green Playground Project: The EVRA playground sub-committee has been working with the City Council to progress the playground project. We have submitted applications for grants to several trusts and community organisations and are waiting to hear if we have been successful. Once we have sufficient grants promised we can commence procurement of equipment via the City Council. There have been various fund raising activities during the summer either organised by EVRA or by residents.

- The EVRA Family Fun Day at a packed Cellar House garden raised £245 (most activities were 20p a go!). Thank you to Victoria MacDonald and her team for hosting this.
- Hazel Story raised £57 during the Scarecrow weekend and Elaine Jermy raised over £86 through their cake sales.
- The children's fun run in June had around a dozen entries and several children ran four circuits to complete 2 Kilometres. The event raised £42 towards the playground fund. Well done to all who entered and to the stewards and organizers. We will look to run this again next year but maybe on a week-day.
- Jewson at Cringleford donated two picnic tables for Eaton Green and these were installed during August. These are a welcome addition to the site and provide somewhere for families to sit while at the playground. We thank Jewson for their generous donation.
- Waitrose presented EVRA with a cheque for £572 which was our contribution from their Community Matters green token scheme for May. Thank you to Waitrose for including our Playground Project in the scheme and to everyone who selected our project.
- The City Council has allocated £12,000 from Infrastructure Development Levies for the playground and has got us off to a good start. We have also received around £1200 in donations from residents following our appeal in the Spring Newsletter.

If you would like to make a contribution towards our Playground Fund then you can send this to the EVRA Treasurer via the EVRA postbox in Waitrose.

Other Local Issues

Donkey Lane – Since last Autumn the Friends of Donkey Lane have cleared the banks and planted around 800 young trees and 100s of bulbs. Throughout the summer the friends group have met most Wednesdays to keep the area under control. Many of the young trees have suffered during the dry weather but we hope to get a further donation from the Woodland Trust to replace these and fill in the gaps. If you would like to help please contact Rosemary Benton on 452185 for more information.

School Car Parking – We received a response from Eaton Primary School to our survey results on traffic and parking around the school. The school has altered the layout of their car park to enable delivery lorries to access school premises instead of reversing up Duverlin Close. This should address one the main concern of residents affected but there is no easy solution to resolving overall traffic levels at school times. See the item on the EVRA website for latest information.

Norwich Area Transport Strategy - The City Council will be launching a consultation on their designs to address the walking and cycling strategy for Eaton and Cringleford in the Autumn. The preliminary layout plan and responses to questions raised can be read on the EVRA website. Members from the Delivery Project Team will attend the EVRA AGM in October to address any questions from residents.

Hedges and trees – Several residents have contacted EVRA about overhanging hedges and trees restricting the width of footpaths – especially for wheelchair and pushchair users. Could you please check your hedges etc and cut these back to your boundary where these are restricting footpaths.

Car Club Bays – The bays on Greenways have been approved and should be in place soon.

EVRA WEBSITE & FACEBOOK: The EVRA website is regularly updated with local events and information. Take a look at the web site at: www.eatonvillage.co.uk for more information on any of the above items. Our Facebook page is used for posting items of immediate and short term interest and is a great way to keep in touch with local events. <https://www.facebook.com/eatonvillageresidentsassociation>