

The Eaton Village Residents Association

Spring Newsletter 2016

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REPORT OF 2015 AGM AND NEW COMMITTEE

Our thanks again go to Eaton Golf Club for hosting our AGM last October. The new committee elected at the AGM is: Rosemary Benton (chairman) 452185; Chris Stebbing (vice-chairman); Sarah Cross (treasurer); Patricia Seadon (secretary); Sharon Atkinson, Chris Preston, Jane Miller, Naomi Godding, Kathleen Westwell and Carol Sharkey. A panel consisting of Judith Lubbock, Chris Stebbing and Victoria Macdonald answered questions from the floor in the second half of the meeting. Victoria explained to the meeting how she hoped the New Post Office at The Cellar House would work. The Post Office opened in the Cellar House on 4th February 2016 and we all wish her and the staff well in their new Venture.

Copies of reports and accounts presented to the AGM can be seen on the EVRA website.

SPRING AND SUMMER GARDEN COMPETITIONS

We are again running our Spring and Summer Garden Competitions which will be for front or side Gardens only – those easily viewed from footpaths. The competition is open to all households in the EVRA area and is free to enter. PLEASE ENTER the Garden Competitions even if you only have pots or hanging baskets. Further information is available on the EVRA website

- Judging for the SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION will take place on 7th April 2016.
- Judging for the SUMMER GARDEN COMPETITION will take place on 7th July 2016.

Prizes will be awarded for first and second places for each competition with the winners receiving a Trophy to be held for one year.

To enter the garden competitions please contact; Rosemary Benton via email: rosesunny@live.co.uk with your NAME, ADDRESS and TEL NOS. or alternatively Telephone Rosemary on 01603 452185.

EATON VILLAGE SCARECROW FESTIVAL 2016

The Scarecrow Festival and Competition in July 2015 was again a big success with many residents and visitors following the Scarecrow trail around the Village. The Committee is therefore organising the seventh Eaton Village Scarecrow Festival to be held over the week-end of 9th and 10th July 2016. The format will be similar to last year with formal judging of entries on the Saturday and a trail map and voting form for Residents to vote for their favourites. We haven't previously had a sporting theme so for 2016 the theme will be 'Olympics'. This could be Summer or Winter Olympics and any sport included, past or present. So get your thinking caps on and start planning. Entry forms will be distributed to Residents with the Parish Summer School leaflets but will also be available from the EVRA Website at www.eatonvillage.co.uk.

SUBSCRIPTIONS - Another year has passed and EVRA subscriptions are again due. Your subscriptions help fund our community projects and pay for our expenses such as printing this Newsletter, insurance and supporting our Garden and Scarecrow Competitions. You can also make additional donations which will go towards our Eaton Green Playground Project. Please use the envelope delivered with this newsletter for your subscription which remains as £1. Please put your name and address on the front so that we can enrol your household as a member of the Association. You can return your envelope to one of the addresses listed or place it in the EVRA letter box, next to the cash machine, in Waitrose. We thank Waitrose management for their continued support for EVRA and its residents.

Eaton Green Playground Project: Sharon Atkinson and her team have made good progress on the planning for the upgrading of the Eaton Green Playground. There have been several meetings with the City Council to confirm arrangements and gain approvals for EVRA to go ahead with the upgrade. We know that it could cost around £62,000 to supply and install the new play equipment and replace the fencing around the site. The City Council will make a significant contribution from development levy funds but EVRA will still have to find a substantial sum. We know of many charities, trusts and other funds that support projects such as ours and we are preparing submissions to bid for contributions. There is a lot of work required to prepare the submissions which all have different requirements. However, we have been beavering away and are confident that we will be successful.

You will have received with this newsletter a flyer about the Eaton Green Playground project which provides further information and sets out how you can help the project, either through giving your time or by making a donation towards the project. Please take time to read this and offer help for this project.

We are planning several events and activities over the summer to help raise funds for the project. Some of these will take place over the Scarecrow Festival Week-end. Further details will be available in our Summer Events flyer to be delivered with the Parish Summer School brochure. Details will also be posted on our website and on Facebook.

Traffic and parking around Eaton Primary School - The issues and concerns arising from parking and traffic around Eaton primary School have been a long running topic for EVRA. A meeting at the school last Autumn led to EVRA delivering a letter to residents adjacent to the school seeking their views on the possible options for dealing with this. The letter with other supporting information was also posted on the EVRA website and Facebook page. Thank you for your responses which were largely not in favour of widespread yellow line parking restrictions in roads around the school but did highlight many of the inconveniences experienced by residents that could be addressed by the school. In particular the dangers posed by large delivery lorries having to reverse up Duverlin Close because they cannot access the school premises. All the comments have been posted on our website together with some answers to a number of the questions raised. We will pass these onto the school and the City Council.

Donkey Lane Project – Rosemary and her team of volunteers have made great strides clearing the nettles and brambles along the fence. Around 800 saplings donated by the Woodland Trust have been planted and wild flower seeds sown. The team also planted about a 1000 crocus and narcissi bulbs last Autumn which have flowered this Spring. This will be an ongoing activity with care needed all year. Many thanks to all who have helped in any way. We have a number of helpers but anyone interested in joining us will be very welcome. Contact Rosemary on Norwich 452185 or email: rosesunny@live.co.uk.

Marston Marsh Volunteer Group – See the EVRA website for work dates and information on conservation activities led by the Norwich Fringe Project on the marsh and other local sites.

DYKE DIPPING FOR WATER MINI-BEASTS DURING MAY HALF-TERM

We will once again be running dyke dipping sessions on Marston Marsh during May half-term week. These will take place on Thursday 2nd June and will be led by the Norwich Fringe Project. We will be dipping the dykes on the marsh in search of water mini-beasts such as water scorpions, back swimmers and dragon fly lava. We will provide all the dipping equipment and will be running four 1 hour sessions during the course of the day at the following times: 10am to 11am: 11am to 12 noon : 12.30pm to 1.30pm: 1.30pm to 2.30pm. Numbers will be limited to 12 children for each session. Booking essential. Contact Chris Stebbing to book, preferably by email: evra.vc@live.co.uk, or call Nor 503301.

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. 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.

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