

The Eaton Village Residents Association

Spring Newsletter 2017

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REPORT OF 2016 AGM AND NEW COMMITTEE: Our thanks again go to Eaton Golf Club for hosting our AGM last October. The new committee members elected at the AGM are: Chris Stebbing (Chairman) **Nor 503301, Email: evra.vc@live.co.uk**; Vic Flute (Vice-chairman) Sarah Cross (treasurer); Patricia Seadon (secretary); Sharon Atkinson, Rosemary Benton, Jane Miller, Naomi Godding, Kathleen Westwell, Helen Flute, Carol Plunkett and Vali Rao (Carol Williams withdrew January 2017). A very lively discussion took place on the proposed changes on Eaton Street to accommodate the new cycle paths and members of the Councils' project team were on hand to answer questions. Copies of reports and accounts presented to the AGM can be read on the EVRA website.

Eaton Street Cycle Path and Other Changes: Works start on 3rd April to construct shared cycle paths along Eaton Street to join up with those on Newmarket Road. Traffic lights will be installed on Cringleford Bridge along with other changes to improve crossings for pedestrians and cyclists. This work will run until October. The Council has provided the attached Public Information Notice. EVRA will liaise with the Council and update our Website and Facebook pages with information on the progress of the works. The Council aims to minimise interruptions to traffic flows during the works but some delays are bound to arise. The Village sign will be removed during the works and re-instated in a slightly different position in a new landscaped area – see the plans on the EVRA website. Further information on the works can be found at: <http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/eatoncringleford>

Neighbourhood Policing: A number of residents have expressed concern about traffic speeds, particularly on Greenways and Church Lane. The police are willing to help set up a speedwatch group to monitor traffic. They will provide equipment and training. Those exceeding 35mph will receive warning letters from the police who will also visit repeat offenders. If you are willing to help and able to give up an hour at least once a month please get in touch with Vic at email vicechair.evra@gmail.com.

Eaton Dementia Steering Group: Several members of the EVRA committee are involved in the group, have become Dementia Friends and are attending training sessions run by Home Instead. They have also visited memory cafes in Wymondham, Cringleford & Upper Stoke to see the type of activities on offer. It is hoped in the future to run a monthly meeting in St Andrew's Hall for everyone including those with memory problems. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with this would be very welcome. Contact: Chris Stebbing on 503301 or Helen by email at: hf2344@gmail.com

Come and enjoy Monday Morning Movies at the Cellar House on the second Monday of the month at 10am in the Eaton Room. Next sessions will be on 10th April and 8th May. This is a dementia friendly event. Contact Vic at: vicechair.evra@gmail.com or Chris on 503301 to reserve a seat. Donations please towards costs. Refreshments. Many thanks to Victoria at the Cellar House for hosting this.

SUBSCRIPTIONS - Another year has passed and EVRA subscriptions are due. Your subscriptions help fund our community projects and pay for expenses such as printing this Newsletter, insurance and supporting our events. EVRA subscription remains as £1 but we would really welcome additional donations. Please return the enclosed envelope to the EVRA Postbox in Waitrose or any other listed location and include your name and address to so we can enrol your household as a member of the Association. We thank Waitrose management for their continued support for EVRA and its residents.

Eaton Green Playground Project: Sharon Atkinson and her team continue to make progress on the project for the upgrading of the Eaton Green Playground. To install the ideal range of new play equipment and replace the fence could cost around £62,000. The City Council has agreed to contribute £15,775 from CIL and S106 funds to replace the fencing. We have raised sufficient funds through your donations and other grants to purchase a climbing tower and are proceeding with this. We thank Gordon Barber for their recent donation of £250. Fundraising continues and during these challenging times we will procure pieces of equipment as funds allow rather than aim for a “big bang” approach

Donkey Lane Project – Rosemary and her team of volunteers have worked through the winter to clear leaves and keep the lane tidy. The bulbs planted last year provided a bright display and most of the trees appear to have survived the dry summer. Care of the lane is an ongoing activity throughout the year and we thank all who have helped in any way. The team meet on Wednesday afternoons and it is a social as well as a working event. Anyone interested in joining Rosemary and her team will be very welcome. You can contact Rosemary on 452185 or email: rosesunny@live.co.uk.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Join us for a family Easter Egg Hunt at Eaton Green Playground **on Easter Monday 17th April**. Find 10 matching eggs, decorate your egg for our egg display and collect your egg prize! **Entry Fee: £2.50 per child - (all profit will go to Eaton Green Playground Project)**

To find out more please email: carolie@hotmail.co.uk

EVRA 2017 SPRING AND SUMMER GARDEN COMPETITIONS: Rosemary is again organising our Spring and Summer Garden Competitions 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.

Closing date for entries for the SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION is 17th April 2017.

Closing date for entries for the SUMMER GARDEN COMPETITION is 7th July 2017.

Judging will take place soon after. Prizes, sponsored by RJL IFA of Eaton, will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for each competition with the winners receiving a Trophy to be held for one year.

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

Dyke Dipping During Spring Half-Term - Wednesday 31st May: We will again be running dyke dipping sessions on Marston Marsh during half-term week led by the Norwich Fringe Project who will provide all the dipping equipment. We will be running four 45 minute sessions at the following times: 10am: 11am: 12.30pm: 1.30pm. Numbers are limited to 12 children for each session. Booking essential. Contact Chris Stebbing, preferably by email: evra.vc@live.co.uk, or call 503301.

EATON VILLAGE SCARECROW FESTIVAL 2017: Our eighth Scarecrow Festival will be held over the weekend of 15th/16th July. The format will be similar to previous years with formal judging of entries on the Saturday and a trail map and voting form for Residents to vote for their favourites. For 2017 the theme will be ‘**Fictional Characters**’. So get your thinking caps on and start planning your scarecrow. Notcutts Garden Centre will once again sponsor the Judges Prizes. Entry forms will be distributed to Residents in early June with the Parish Summer School leaflets but will also be available at end of May from the EVRA Website at www.eatonvillage.co.uk.

Family Fun Day –Cellar House Garden Sunday 16th July – 12 noon onwards: We will again be having a Family Fun Day on the Sunday of the Scarecrow week end. As in 2016 we will have lots of traditional games all at very affordable prices. Last year we raised around £250 towards the Eaton Green Playground project and most of that was in 20p’s (our poor Treasurer!) It was very busy in the garden and it was a great family event. This year, the Cellar House plans to have a barbecue outside selling hot food. Their restaurant will also be open but it is advisable to book a table to eat inside.

WEBSITE & FACEBOOK: Further Information on above events and other topics can be found on our website at: www.eatonvillage.co.uk See Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/eatonvillageresidentsassociation> for items of immediate and short term interest and to keep in touch with local events and current issues