

# The Eaton Village Residents Association

## *Spring Newsletter 2015*

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### **REPORT OF 2014 AGM AND NEW COMMITTEE**

Our thanks again go to Eaton Golf Club for hosting a very successful AGM. This was to be the final AGM for Gerald Cooke who retired after 11 years of being Chairman of EVRA. Gerald was presented with commemorative photographs of key EVRA achievements during his time as Chairman. Gerald also received vouchers and a bottle of wine on behalf of Residents to thank him for all his hard work and unstinting efforts during his term of office. Copies of reports and accounts presented to the AGM can be seen on the EVRA website.

Your new committee elected at the AGM is: Rosemary Benton (chairman) 452185; Chris Stebbing (vice-chairman); Sarah Cross (treasurer); Patricia Seedon (secretary); Sharon Atkinson, Chris Preston, Jane Miller and Naomi Godding. Please get in touch if you are interested in joining the committee.

### **SPRING AND SUMMER GARDEN COMPETITIONS**

We are reintroducing the Spring and Summer Garden Competitions which will be for front or side Gardens only – those easily viewed from footpaths.

The SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION will take place during the week of 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015 and will be judged by Mr Neil Rout - Chairman of Cringleford and Eaton Horticultural Society.

The SUMMER GARDEN COMPETITION will take place during the week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

Prizes will be awarded for first and second places for each competition with the winners receiving a Trophy to be held for one year. PLEASE ENTER the Garden Competitions even if you only have pots or hanging baskets. Further information will be available on the EVRA website.

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

**Eaton Green Playground Project:** Thank you for your responses to our survey which we have analysed. Our next step is to look at what sort of facilities and equipment are available to meet your suggestions and to develop from these a costed design for the area. We will then have to seek City Council approval and apply for funding from trusts and other organisations that are able to support our project. We will keep you posted on progress through the EVRA website and Facebook.

### **MARSTON MARSHES – Volunteer Group**

We have not been able to arrange our usual quota of week-end conservation sessions with the Norwich Fringe Project (NFP) because of pressures on that team during a period of re-organisation. However, we did have a joint work day with Eaton Rise Residents on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February in Danby Wood where we tidied up an old hedgerow and planted many new trees to re-establish the hedge. EVRA volunteers also work with the NFP at its weekday conservation sessions around Norwich. Details of these together with dates for EVRA conservation days can be found on the EVRA website at: [www.eatonvillage.co.uk](http://www.eatonvillage.co.uk). The re-launched Norwich Fringe Project website also provides information on conservation volunteering at: <https://norwichfringeproject.wordpress.com/>

## EATON VILLAGE SCARECROW FESTIVAL 2015

The Scarecrow Festival and Competition in July 2014 was again a big success with many residents and visitors following the Scarecrow trail around the Village. The Committee is therefore organising the sixth Eaton Village Scarecrow Festival to be held over the week-end of 11th and 12th July 2015. 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. The theme this year will be 'Around the World'. Notcutts has once again generously agreed to sponsor the prizes. 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](http://www.eatonvillage.co.uk).

**SUBSCRIPTIONS** - Another year has passed and EVRA subscriptions are again due. Please use the envelope delivered with this newsletter for your £1.00 subscription. Please put your name and address on the front so that we can enrol your household as a member. You can return your envelope to one of the listed addresses or place it in the EVRA letter box, next to the cash machine, in Waitrose. We also thank Waitrose management for their continued support for EVRA and its residents.

### Other Local Issues

**Possible Closure of EATON POST OFFICE.** You will be aware from press reports that our postmaster, Malcolm Fuller wants to retire which could mean closure of Eaton Village post office. The Post Office has advertised the business and all local businesses and organisations have been asked if they would take this on. But at the time of writing no organisation has been willing, or able, to do so. Our MP, Simon Wright, and local City and County Councillors have been talking to parties to find a solution but if one cannot be found we may lose our local post office. EVRA continues to work with parties to help find a solution and will post information on our website and Facebook page as it becomes available.

**CNS/Golf Club Footpath:** It is more than a year since the footpath through the Golf Club car park closed and CNS, the Golf Club and local Councillors have been in discussions about re-opening this. A sticking point appears to be funding of a new safe path which will cost over £30,000.

**Plea to Parents of Eaton Primary School pupils:** We have received a plea from Residents living close to the school for children to avoid walking across their gardens and property and to keep to paths. We hope that you will make every effort to do this.

**WAR MEMORIAL:** This has been repaired and cleaned by the Trustees with a donation from EVRA. It was completed in time for the service on Nov 11<sup>th</sup> which was led by Rev Phil Rodd and Rev Patrick Richmond. It was a particularly poignant occasion to mark the 100 yrs. since WW1 and was attended by many residents.

## 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 Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 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 12noon : 12.30pm to 1.30pm: 1.30pm to 2.30pm. Numbers will be limited for each session. Contact Chris Stebbing to book on Nor 503301 or email: [evra.vc@live.co.uk](mailto:evra.vc@live.co.uk)

**EVRA WEBSITE & FACEBOOK:** The EVRA website was given a new look at the start of the year and is regularly updated with local events and information. Take a look at the web site at: [www.eatonvillage.co.uk](http://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. <https://www.facebook.com/eatonvillageresidentsassociation>