

The Eaton Village Residents Association

Autumn Newsletter 2015

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Annual General Meeting 2015

The Association's AGM will be held at **Eaton Golf Club on Thursday 15th October 2015 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.

An open discussion will take place after the formal business and a break for refreshments.

The current committee members are Rosemary Benton (chairman) 452185; Chris Stebbing (vice-chairman); Pat Seadon (secretary); Sarah Cross (treasurer); Sharon Atkinson; Jane Miller, Naomi Godding and Chris Preston. All current members are eligible for re-election.

The Committee is currently under-strength and new members are needed to assist us with our various projects and activities. If you are interested 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.

EATON POST OFFICE. Since our last Newsletter in Spring the threatened closure of our Post office has receded with the Cellar House offering to host this. The Cellar House would provide a Post Office Local Service and longer opening hours during the week and at week-ends.

The Post Office HQ is currently running a public consultation on the proposed move and the closing date for this is 18th September 2015. You can have your say in support of this move or express any comments or concerns to the Post Office either by post – just write 'FREEPOST – Your Comments' on the envelope and send your views, or email at: comments@postoffice.co.uk

See the EVRA website for further information and links to the consultation documents.

EVRA continues to monitor the situation and will post information on our website and Facebook page as it becomes available.

Scarecrow Festival and Spring/Summer Garden Competitions 2015

The Scarecrow Festival held over the week-end of 11/12th July was a great success. The theme was 'Around the World' and there were some interesting interpretations of the this. Many thanks go to the Judges who had a difficult time deciding the winners. A list of all the winners and photos can be found on the EVRA website at www.eatonvillage.co.uk.

EVRA thank **Notcutts** for their generous sponsorship of prizes for this event. We also thank the Judges for their time and patience. Thanks also go to St Andrews Church who provided refreshments on the Saturday Eaton Primary PTA held a garage sale on the Saturday and many people were out and about touring the Village for both events. It was good to see so many taking part and getting involved.

The winner of the Spring Gardens Competition was Pat Raby on Greenways and Mike Major on Carnoustie came first in the Summer Gardens Competition. Our thanks go to Neil Rout for leading the judging for both events.

Thank you all for your participation in the events this year. We hope to see you all again next year.

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. 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>

MARSTON MARSHES – Volunteer Group

Our next community work day has been arranged for Saturday 3rd October 2015 when we will be clearing scrub from a section of Marston Marsh. This activity will form part of the City Council's "Get Involved Week" which will provide taster events for potential volunteers in the community. The session will be led by the Norwich Fringe Project who will also provide all training and tools. Further details can be found on the EVRA website at: www.eatonvillage.co.uk.

Other Local Issues

Donkey Lane – At this time of year, in particular, the vegetation along the lane looks untidy and we have been talking to the City Council about EVRA adopting parts of the lane. This would entail cutting back some of the growth, planting trees and hedging and generally keeping the area tidy and under control. A number of residents have offered to support this work. The City Council would continue cutting the edges and the grass areas and manage the trees but do not have funds for any other work. We are working towards finalising an agreement with the Council for this. See EVRA website for more information.

Car Parking – Several residents, in particular on roads close to the shops and businesses, have contacted the Committee about inconsiderate parking and the effect it has on access to their properties. We are fortunate in that we do not have too many parking restrictions in residential areas but please think about where you park and ensure that you do not block access for residents or prevent buses, delivery and refuse vehicles from easily moving around our village.

Bartram Mowers site - The Chairman and Vice Chairman met with representatives of McCarthy and Stone at a pre-planning consultation about their proposed development on Bluebell Road. We outlined a number of concerns particularly about traffic movements during construction and effect on Eaton Street Crossroads.

Norwich Area Transport Strategy - The City Council will be launching a consultation on a walking and cycling strategy for Eaton and Cringleford in the Autumn. See EVRA website for more information.

Eaton Green Playground Project: The analysis of your responses to our playground survey highlighted what sort of improvements you favoured. In May we invited the children at Eaton Primary School to design their ideal playground based on the ideas and suggestions in your responses and the whole school got involved in this. The best design was selected from each class and Chris Stebbing attended a morning assembly to present prizes to the winners. These designs were compiled into a "wish list" and have been used to seek detailed designs and quotations from providers of playground equipment. Providers have since visited the site and we await their quotations.

In parallel we are looking at potential sources of funding from bodies offering support to community groups and at grants available from other sources. We know that the costs are going to be at least £20,000, and probably far more, depending on the level of equipment purchased. However, not everything has to be done at once and we could make initial changes and then add to these in coming years. We will work with the City Council to get their approval and support for our plans. We will keep you posted on progress through the EVRA website and Facebook.

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

