

The Eaton Village Residents Association

Summer Newsletter 2021

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Welcome to this EVRA Summer Newsletter. We also warmly welcome to Eaton Village all those residents who have recently moved into the Village.

As we move towards easing of Covid-19 restrictions we feel that we can once again safely run our Scarecrow Festival and garage sales and also hold a Family Fun Day and other events. It is important that you continue to comply with government advice when attending any event.

Your Committee is: Chris Stebbing (Chairman) 503301, Email: evra.vc@live.co.uk; Vic Flute (Vice-chairman) Naomi Godding (Treasurer); Patricia Seadon (Secretary); Sharon Atkinson, Carol Plunkett, Kathleen Westwell, and Bernard Godding.

EATON VILLAGE SCARECROW FESTIVAL 2021: Following the success of the week-long festival in 2020 we have decided that our twelfth Scarecrow Festival will be held from Saturday 17th July to Sunday 25th July. This includes the last days of summer term and the start of the school holidays. There will be no formal judging of the scarecrows this year but residents can follow the Trail Map and vote for their favourites. For 2021 the theme will be **'Discovery'** to celebrate what our scientists and others have achieved over the centuries, and in particular during the past year. "Dippy" the dinosaur will be visiting Norwich Cathedral this summer and the Break "Go-Go Discover Trail" will be on display around the City and may inspire your choice of scarecrow. So time to get your thinking caps on and start planning your scarecrow! There will be prizes for the winners of the public vote. We will also run a Garage Sale throughout the final weekend – 24th and 25th July. Please let Vic Flute know if you are planning a scarecrow and/or a garage sale at: vicechair.evra@gmail.com or Tel: 457802 and he will add you to our Trail Map. Vic will need your name, address, and phone number, name of scarecrow or details of when you will be having a garage sale. Please also let Vic know if you are willing to host an estate agents board advertising our events.

FAMILY FUN DAY –Cellar House Garden Sunday 5th September – 12 noon onwards: We are pleased that we will again be having a Family Fun Day at the Cellar House to raise funds for our Projects. As in previous years we will have lots of traditional games all at affordable prices and we hope to see you all again at our great family event. In 2019 we raised over £500 towards the Playground Project which helped achieve our target to purchase an accessible roundabout at Eaton Green Playground. Our main project for 2021 is the refurbishment of the Eaton Village Sign and proceeds will go towards this. We are grateful for the support of Victoria and Grahame at the Cellar House and for permitting us to use their garden. 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. **Please contact Vic Flute on: vicechair.evra@gmail.com or Tel: 457802 if you can provide any Fete games or can offer help to set up or run a stall on the day.**

EVRA WEBSITE & FACEBOOK: The EVRA website is regularly updated with local events and information. Take a look at the website 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> **Alternatively you can contact us by telephone on 503301 or via Email at: evra.vc@live.co.uk**

Eaton Village Sign: Our Village sign was installed in 1956 and has stood at the junction of Church Lane and Eaton Street for 65 years. The sign is owned by the City Council although EVRA has arranged and paid for repainting on several occasions. You will have noticed that it is now in need of a bit of care and attention to give it a new lease of life. A local specialist has inspected the sign and advised that it requires a new post, repairs to some of the carved detail on the west facing side and repainting. We are working with the City Council to determine how any work is undertaken and EVRA has offered to raise funds for the refurbishment. There are few workshops specialising in this work and indicative costs for refurbishment and supply of a new post are around £3000 with additional costs for removal and re-installation. For comparison, a new replacement oak or metal sign and post would cost at least £6000 plus fitting. The sign has welcomed visitors to Norwich, on what was the old road to the City, for 65 years and deserves to be preserved for future generations.

During 2021 our main fund raising events will be for the refurbishment of the sign but you can also donate to the project via the EVRA postbox in Waitrose or delivering these to 54 Greenways or 21 Ebbisham Drive. Any cheques should be made payable to "Eaton Village Residents' Association" and please mark your envelope as "Village Sign Donation".

Eaton Gardens: Instead of our garden competitions this year we encourage residents to consider gardening for the environment and wildlife. Lockdown has led us to appreciating our gardens and green spaces more and it is evident that many residents have left patches of their plots to grow a little wilder, which is welcomed. Greening initiatives run by The Norfolk Wildlife Trust and Wildeast provide information on their websites about how you can get involved. You will find more information and links on the EVRA website under Greening Eaton

Marston Marsh Path Tenth Anniversary Celebrations: Did you know that it is ten years since the accessible path was laid around Marston Marsh? The path and the marsh itself has been much appreciated during lockdowns and very well used during the past year. To celebrate this tenth anniversary we will be holding several events on Wednesday 18th August which will include dyke dipping, a bio-blitz and a "get to know the Marsh" trail aimed at children. We are also looking at arranging a dusk walk for adults to see the flora and fauna of the site. Please note that children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times. Details of these events and how to get involved will be posted on the EVRA website and Facebook page. Please get in touch if you can help through sharing your knowledge of flora and fauna of the marsh on walks or other events. Our Vice chairman, Vic Flute, will be organising the events and will be pleased to hear from you at: vicechair.evra@gmail.com

Donkey Lane: Rosemary and her team continue to manage the verges along Donkey Lane, meeting most weeks. We have a number of helpers but anyone interested in joining Rosemary and her team will be very welcome. It is a social as well as an active session. Why not form your own team and adopt a section of the Lane to manage? For more information please contact Rosemary on Norwich 452185 or email: rosesunny@live.co.uk

EVRA SUBSCRIPTIONS: Thank you to all residents who have paid their 2021 subscription. It is not too late to pay your subs which help pay for expenses such as printing this Newsletter, insurance and supporting our events and funding our projects such as the Village Sign refurbishment. EVRA subscription remains as £1 but we would really welcome additional donations to support our projects. You can post your subscription in the EVRA Postbox behind the checkouts in Waitrose or deliver this to 54 Greenways or 21 Ebbisham Drive. Please include your name and address so we can enrol your household as a member of the Association. We thank Waitrose management and other local businesses for their continued support of EVRA.