

## Garage Sale, Saturday 5th July 2014

A new venture for summer 2014 will be a Garage Sale and we hope residents from all over Eaton Rise will join in. You can sell anything you like such as books, plants, furniture, toys, clothes.....from your front garden or garage, a marvellous opportunity to have a good clear-out. We plan to charge participants £5 for inclusion on a map of the garages open which we will sell to visitors for £1. These proceeds will go towards our Hedge Fund but you will be free to do what you like with any profit you make from your sales. You could donate it to the Hedge Fund or a charity/good cause of your choice or indeed keep it. There will be further details in the next newsletter but it would be useful to get a feel for how many participants there are likely to be. So could anyone interested please contact Janet.

**Quiz and Chips Night  
Saturday 8th February 2014 at 7.00pm  
United Reformed Church**

Our Quiz and Chips fun evening of friendly competition, testing your general knowledge, has returned.

To provide brain power a fish and chip supper will be provided.

Tickets are only £8.00.

The last date for entries is Friday 24th January.

Please bring your own cutlery, condiments, glasses and drinks.

**Book now to avoid disappointment.**

This is a Community event and any profit will go towards our Hedge Fund.

For further information and a booking form contact:

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Download a booking form from our web site

[www.eatonriseresidents.com](http://www.eatonriseresidents.com)

Cheques should be made payable to "Eaton Rise Residents Association".



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**Welcome to your Winter Newsletter.**

**January 2014**

**Your Committee Wish You A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

2014 promises to be an eventful year for our residents. In February we are holding our third annual Quiz and Chip Night. Previous years have been extremely popular and this year proves to be no different. Have you got your team together and table booked? Don't miss out book today! Read on to find out how.

At present we are arranging an Eaton Rise Mammoth Garage Sale in July. We are looking for residents to get involved, it should be a fun day. More details below.

Two great events to look forward to this year. However if these dreary winter evenings are making you feel a little grey, then why not buy a copy of our new and revised History of Eaton Rise book. It has been highly praised by those residents who have already purchased a copy. At just £5 with its colourful information and colour pages it's guaranteed to brighten your day!

Copies available from Janet Bearman

or Brian Curtis Tel: 01603 452400.

If you haven't taken the time to look at our brand new website then now's the time to check it out. Our Web Master Mark Templeman has done a terrific job putting all our community information on the site and he is constantly updating.

**Visit us at <http://www.eatonriseresidents.com>**

## Hedge News

In September our resident volunteers started work on Phase 4 of our Hedge Conservation Scheme. We had a strong team of around 25 who came out on two occasions and carried out some clearance work at the Welsford Road end of the hedge and also Lyhart Road corner. Following on from this we spent an hour and a half one Saturday morning in November planting 420 young hedge plants given to us by The Woodland Trust and 2000 Bluebell bulbs given to us by Norwich in Bloom.

Recently, after close consultation with us, City Council workmen carried out work removing dead and dying trees along with reducing the height of some trees at the Broadhurst Road corner leading up to Constable Road bend. This will greatly improve the condition of the existing trees and help allow light to the new plants once planted.

Our work on this stretch will commence in the early new year with the removal of ground cover Ivy and soil preparation for the native hedgerow plants going in before Spring. Watch out for our work banners, you can't miss them, and come along to lend a hand if you are able. You will be very welcome!

## Gardening Club

We're very sorry to report that the Gardening Club is to be put 'on hold' for the moment. The Lesleys Cooke and Phillips have done a wonderful job running the club for the past two years but are now unable to continue with it due to increased family commitments and so far no-one else has come forward to take over. We've had some memorable meetings and visits including talks about cuttings, bees, organic gardening, Norfolk flora, African flora, wildlife gardening, the poison garden and Heritage Plants and visits to an organic herb garden, Wheatfen and members gardens and allotments. We've had many discussions about our own growing experiences and tasted delicious samples of members produce at harvest time. At our last meeting in December we brought and shared festive food and enjoyed a 'flowery' quiz.

We would very much like to keep the club going so if anyone is interested in joining a small group of interested gardeners in planning for 2014 then do please contact Janet Bearman (details above).

## Homewatch - Eric Wilson 455638 [wilson1@tinyworld.co.uk](mailto:wilson1@tinyworld.co.uk)

Sadly our community has suffered from acts of mindless vandalism. The events reported include blue wheelie bins being removed and, at least on one occasion, set alight in the Park, eggs being thrown at houses, door bells being stolen and items removed from front gardens. The area most involved seems to be Constable Road but houses in Welsford Road and Lowther Road have also been affected.

Although damage to property may be low level it is nevertheless annoying for the residents concerned and can be an unnecessary worry for our elder neighbours.

Please, if you are affected or if you see anything suspicious or see anyone acting suspiciously, **DO REPORT IT TO THE POLICE** on their non-emergency number.

Our Safer Neighbourhood Team have given our area particular attention over the last month or so but they do need our help and cooperation if the culprit(s) is to be identified.

Anti-social behaviour 01603 212100 [asb@norwich.gov.uk](mailto:asb@norwich.gov.uk)

Police non urgent 101 (calls cost 10p)

Crimestoppers 0800 555111

In an emergency always dial 999

## Pavement gritting

Following our article in the last newsletter about the purchase of a pavement gritter only four volunteers have come forward. If the scheme is to be successful more volunteers are needed. A hand-push gritter would cost us about £300, a considerable charge on our limited resources.

Whilst salt would be provided by the Council, they cannot supply the manpower to carry out the gritting.

Some Norfolk communities have opted to grit their key footpaths themselves - would we be interested in doing the same?

If we are to progress this initiative we will need several volunteers per road to cover the whole estate. To support this venture and to be a volunteer, please contact Janet Bearman.

With your help we can establish a gritting scheme which would, without doubt, be of service to our community.

