

EATON AND RUSHTON
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**CELEBRATING THE CORONATION OF
KING CHARLES III.**

6th May 2023

The Coronation of King Charles III

There will be some exciting events in the Jessie on the weekend of our King's Coronation. These have been arranged by Mike Wilson and a small committee who thank the Jessie for providing their facilities free of charge. Do come and join us! No need to book, just turn up. We would like to thank our Ward Councillor, Eveleigh Moore Dutton and also our Rushton Parish Council, for providing some finances to help fund our weekend.

Friday 5th May: Extra Film Night: Richard III - "The Lost King"

7.30 pm. Showing of "The Lost King" a 2022 dramatization of the story of Philippa Langley, who initiated the search to find Richard III's remains under a car park in Leicester.

Entry for this special film club evening: only £2! Bar open.

Saturday 6 May: The Coronation – Live! Plus BYO Lunch.

11am Live streaming of The Coronation on our super new screen.

1pm Bring your own picnic lunch in the hall. Bar open. Free ice creams and other treats provided.

Sunday 7 May: Coronation Concert & Social Get Together.

7pm Live streaming of The Coronation Concert. Bar open.

Monday 8th May; The Big Help Out

Communities are being asked by our King, to ask volunteers to Help Out with something that will benefit others. This may be calling on someone who doesn't get out, participating in village events, arranging a "One-off Litter Pick" in the area or baking cakes for lucky post code winners. If you have any ideas on what we could do, who needs a visit or if you would like to put your name down to help, then let Mike know.

Parish Council News

Your newsletter

Our temporary editor Mike Wilson has stepped back in but would love to hand over to an aspiring “local wannabe journalist” for this quarterly product – enjoyed by many of the 400 email addresses that it goes out to.

If you would like to take this job on, then please contact Mike or Clerk Lindsey. Lots of help will be given.

We now also hand-deliver about 30 to 50 copies to villagers who we know are not on email – (for this month only, because of the Coronation News, we are delivering as many copies as we can).

Please contact your neighbours and ask if they would like an email copy (get them to send us their email address) or a paper copy. Extra copies are left in the old telephone box on the Green and also with Ann Kelly at The Drays Café (bottom of Lower Lane) who has offered to hold some printed copies for visitors.

Send your replies to Mike Wilson by calling 01829 760619 or emailing mike.marywilson@btinternet.com. Thanks!

Pot Holes

Pot holes continue to plague drivers in the area and they seem to be getting bigger and greater in number. Our Clerk Lindsey reports those that are brought to her attention but the best way of getting Highways to do something, continues to be **multiple reports from our community**. Google “CWaC Pothole Reporting” and you can report any pothole 4cm + (or 1.75in in old money) deep. Please continue to get your neighbours to join in the reporting of a particular bad fault. We have also been raising this to our Ward councillor who is lending her support.

Village Entrance Signs

The Parish Council is looking into what options we have to ‘spruce-up’ our village entrance signs and perhaps include the addition of a white gate at the base of the signs like we see for some villages which we believe as well as making the entrance gateway look more attractive, will also help to slow down drivers as they enter the village. Some example signs are below. Any feedback/input/suggestions would be welcome – please send to the clerk.

Example of current signage



Examples of ‘Gateways’



Picnic Area

The picnic area is starting to come to life as spring has now sprung, reminding us what a wonderful asset to the community this area is. Anyone who would like to help with upkeep of the area should contact Clerk Lindsey or Mike W.

Eaton Play Zone

The site continues to be looked after by the “52 Team”, members of which dedicate one week per year to visiting 3 times during their week to check bins and report any concerns to the Management Team.

Councillor Olga Vertija (and daughter) joined Mike and Mary Wilson along with a merry band of other volunteers (Julie Earner; Jane & Richard Potton; Gill Dennett; Brian Oldham; Barbara Burgon) to carry out the Annual Spring clean session which took place on Sat. 1st April.

An amazing list of jobs were accomplished including painting of the gates, cleaning all pieces of equipment, clearing all of the garden areas of weeds, trimming hedges (inside and out), adding new signs and many more.

Once again a massive thankyou to all those who gave up their time to help keep this fantastic community facility looking as good as the day it was first opened.



Future Major Roadworks United Utilities

The United Utilities project to reline the old (1890) water pipe is continuing and we will start to see over the next 6 months how it is going to affect the roads around our village. The overall project can be seen on the UU website virtual exhibition <https://uuhub.co.uk/vyrnwy/tarporley-to-norton/>. Our Parish Council are being updated and will advise when UU are ready to update the community again.

Neighbourhood Watch

Cheshire Police are launching an initiative to encourage more adoption and involvement in Neighbourhood watch. They came to the village on Saturday 22nd April with a stand/Gazebo at the Village Hall car park. If anybody would like more information and/or how to be part of this please contact the clerk.

CPR & Defibrillator Training

Many thanks to Kathryn & Stuart Telford who ran this training on Sunday 19th February at the Jessie. It was well attended by over 20 residents with several sessions running over a 3 hour period. All those who attended will have had life-saving training and will NEVER have to say, "If only I'd gone to the training..."



Upcoming PC meetings; Tuesday 16th May; Tuesday 20th June
Tuesday 18th July

Rushton Parish Chair: Neil Thompson
**General Parish Council Matters - Contact the Parish Clerk,
Lindsey Worrall, at rushtonclerk@aol.com. Tel: 01829 760653.**
Communications: Mike Wilson -
mike.marywilson@btinternet.com

The Jessie Hughes Village Hall

Welcome

A Warm Welcome!

If you've recently moved to Eaton, then a special welcome to you. Our village hall is affectionately known as "The Jessie" in memory of Jessie Hughes, who played a prominent role in providing a village hall for Eaton in the 1920s. If you know anyone who has recently arrived in the village, please let them know how they can get on the e mail list to receive future newsletters, as well as other information, about the many events in the village, many of them being held at the Jessie.

Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Roses

Two roses have been planted outside the hall to commemorate the life of our late Queen. The roses were bred in England for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by Harkness Roses and are surrounded by Scottish pebbles and Welsh slate. There is also a commemorative, engraved memorial stone which reads: "Planted By The People Of Eaton In Grateful Memory For The Life Of Queen Elizabeth II 1926–2022".



We are grateful to local funeral director, Jacqueline Wilson, for generously donating the memorial stone and Stephen Blackwell, of Blackwell's Stonecraft, Chester, who inscribed the stone at no cost.

Our thanks to Brian Byrne who donated the roses and did the planting, landscaping, decorative stone buying and laying. Thanks also to Mick Welch and Bernard for removing the overgrown conifer and clearing the space for the planting and Nick Parker for advice. The Eaton gardening club, "Up the Garden Path", kindly donated £100 towards the commemorative rose bed.

There will be a 'dedication' of the rose garden, along with the stained-glass Platinum Jubilee windows (see below) later in the year.

The Jessie committee wish to thank Jan Freeman for her sterling work in coordinating this project.

Queen's Jubilee Commemorative Window

In late February, Gill Ellison, who is leading the design element of this project, showed the Jessie Hughes Village Institute committee the proposed designs for the three stained-glass window panels to be installed in the Ron Chisnall Meeting Room. These will face outwards, so everyone will be able to enjoy seeing them from outside the building. The designs, from drawings by children at Eaton Primary School, feature various landmarks in the village and the committee was

impressed with the proposed selection of drawings and felt they represented the village nicely.

Gill will now progress the designs with the stained-glass artist who will produce the final designs for production and installation later this year.

Winter Quiz & Film Nights

The winter programme of quiz and film nights continued to be well supported. The last quiz was on 31 March and was a superb evening with over 60 quizzers attending and thanks go to quiz leaders, Amelia McCourty and Rosemarie Lilley, with all profits going to St Thomas' Church. The final Film Club night featured *A Man Called Otto*, starring Tom Hanks on 14 April which attracted an audience of 54 people. Our thanks to Social Secretary Jan Freeman, the various quizmasters who have provided such great entertainment over the winter and to Mike and Mary Wilson for organising and presenting the film nights.

Our programme of quiz and film nights will recommence in October.

Continued Energy Saving Project

Battery System to Store Power from our Solar Panels

Solar panels were installed on the roof of the Jessie in March 2022 to help reduce energy costs, but additional funding was needed for a battery system to store excess electricity generated; this will help reduce running costs even more. Over the winter, we set up an online crowdfunding campaign with Spacehive which generated £1,600 worth of pledges from just over 100 people. The pledges helped us to secure the balance of funding required from grants. The battery system should be installed over the next few weeks. THANK YOU to everyone who made a financial contribution, your support is appreciated. Thanks too to committee member Steve Wright for his expertise on how we should go about raising the money.

New Lighting in Main Hall and Exterior

Regular users of the Jessie may have spotted that the lighting is brighter than before, and this is because all the fluorescent tubes in the main hall have been replaced with LED tubes. The energy saving is estimated at 50% to 60%, saving approximately 1kW or 35p/hr whenever the lights in the main hall are switched on. The exterior, low-pressure sodium lamps were replaced with LEDs in January. These are much brighter and use only 30% of the power. This has been a significant improvement for the hall, giving better lighting and reducing operating costs for the future. We are very grateful to our maintenance guru, Brian Purchas, for his detailed work on this.

Tea'n'Chat

Every third Thursday of the month, 10am to 12noon, tea, coffee and biscuits are provided for just 50p! Please do come and make new friends, especially if you are new to Eaton, and meet existing ones too. Just call in for a warm welcome. The next Tea'n'Chat will be on Thursday 18 May.

Police Drop-In Surgeries

Our local police officers, PC Paul Gilchrist and PCSO Jorge Ferreira, will continue with their “drop-in” surgeries at the Jessie. Please come with praise, complaints and problems, or just to meet them. It's important to support this initiative, so please do come along. Comments may also be made via www.cheshire.police.uk/residentsvoicenorthwich.

Forthcoming Police Surgeries at the Jessie:

MAY – expected to be rescheduled owing to The Coronation – please see our website for new date.

JUNE – Thursday 8th 12 noon to 1pm

JULY – Saturday 8th 1 to 2pm

AUGUST – Thursday 3rd 5 to 6pm

SEPTEMBER – Wednesday 6th 4 to 5pm

Jessie Hughes Annual General Meeting

The AGM for the Jessie Hughes Institute (the charity which manages the hall) will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 2 May. All are welcome.

Contact & Bookings

Bookings and enquiries about the hall may be made via our website www.jhvh-eaton.org.uk or e mail using jhvh.booking@gmail.com

And Finally

Our Chairman, John Freeman, is always generous in thanking the Jessie Committee for its work, so, for a change, in this newsletter (in view of him being away when this is written) we'd like to thank John for his continuous encouragement and leadership and for motivating us all!

And please remember, if you'd like to get more involved or have special skills or talents which could help us, or could just help out from time to time, please contact either our Hall Manager, Val Tough, at jhvh.booking@gmail.com or John Freeman on 01829 730820 or injfreems@btopenworld.com

Peter Holloway
Secretary - Jessie Hughes Village Hall

Local Activities

New! Yoga with Katie

Weekly yoga classes. Every Tuesday 9am-10am - £8.
If you would like to book or have any questions please email Katie@shine-yoga.uk or message on 07734 778 112



Ballet

Final preparations are underway for our Summer Showcase now booked for Sunday the 2nd of July at Winsford Academy Theatre. The show is based on the 2021 Film 'Cinderella' by Kay Cannon, starring Camila Cabello. The soundtrack is brilliant and the children are already enjoying picking out music and costumes.

We have opted to hire costumes this time which is a much more environmentally friendly solution & the company we are using will even plant trees with our hire fee. Parents who have offered to help backstage have undertaken a two hour child protection course at the hall this month to become Official Chaperones. This is part of our on-going commitment to keep children safe & well cared-for in their dance lives.

Fantastic news for one of our students, Gabriel, who has accepted a place at The Royal Ballet School in September to begin his Professional Dance Training with some of the world's finest ballet instructors. Gabriel will board at their famous White Lodge Campus in Richmond where he will start a five-year classical ballet training alongside his secondary school work. He will be preparing to join the world's top dance companies at the end of his time there. We wish him all the best with his dance journey.



If you're interested in getting your child dancing please contact
Nicolle on 07900303966 or email nicolle@pointeworks.co.uk
www.pointeworks.co.uk



Yoga with Brenda

Yoga Classes at The Jessie Hughes Hall.

Yoga is great for your overall health & wellbeing.
Keeping you flexible, toned and in good shape.
Helping us cope better with stress and anxieties of everyday living.

Mondays 8pm-9pm Tuesdays 11:15am-12:15pm Thurs. 7-8pm

For more information please contact Brenda;

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Up the Garden Path

In February the Gardening Group welcomed Katie Tonge from Heathfield Orchards to give us a talk on orchards and in particular apple trees, choice of tree for your garden or orchard, their maintenance, pruning and how to get the most from a small number of fruit trees.

In March, Tracey Snell the General Manager for Estates and Woodlands at RHS Bridgewater talked about the creation of Bridgewater gardens from the concept, design, build and the vision of taking an overgrown unused contaminated piece of wasteland and turning it into a garden with half a million new plants along with the continued development and maintenance of the garden.

In April, Alice from Delamere Flower Farm will join us to talk about growing flowers for cutting.

From May onwards we will be enjoying our summer programme of local garden visits which will include a visit to Long Acre in Bunbury a 1-acre garden with unusual and rare plants and trees, a pool garden, exotic conservatory with bananas, greenhouses with Clivia in spring and Disa orchids in summer. Spring garden with camellias and magnolias followed by roses and lilies in summer.

In June we visit Delamere Flower Farm where we will see first-hand, how Alice and her team plan and manage the cutting garden to ensure all the blooms are ready when needed throughout the seasons.

In July we will be hosting the 'spud in a bucket' competition, every year the competition gets fiercer, and the weights achieved get greater. The winner of the competition gets the 'mounted potato peeler' to cherish for the year. The social evening is completed with strawberries and cream and a selection of lovely cakes.

If anyone wishes to join in with the gardening group chat, or has any questions, please e-mail lindsey.worrall@hotmail.co.uk and we can include your questions to the group.

To become a member of the gardening group is £20 a year, there are no other fees except for garden visit costs, alternatively you can attend meetings as a guest for £3 an evening.

Lindsey Worrall
01829 760653

Tuesday 25th April Speaker - Alice Taylor - Delamere Flower Farm

Eaton Rambling Club



Our programme of walks has continued uninterrupted, and we have been fortunate in returning twice en route on the edge of Delamere Forest to the lovely daffodil filled garden of John and Rosemary Scott, firstly arranged by Mike Scott (no relation!) and then with Mike and Mary (see photo of a lovely day).



The annual meal and skittles night at the Bickerton Poacher proved a great success with 27 members and friends attending and some even managing to play skittles after pie and chips!

This year was the first time since 2019 that we have managed to hold an AGM and several members gathered in the Jessie on 27 March to cover a few formalities. As our Chairman, David Lilley pointed out, this was our 17th AGM but the Club's 20th anniversary (having missed three AGMs during Covid). To mark our 20th year the Committee decided to award founding member and long-time Secretary, Peter Stockton, Honorary membership - which means giving him his tenner back! Peter was the first Secretary of the Club and I had the honour of taking over from him, and he and Pauline have led many, many walks – thank you both for your contribution. Thanks also to Mary, our treasurer, for keeping our finances in tip top order and David Lilley for chairing so expertly. We currently have a membership of 30.

We are all looking forward to our annual trip to Grasmere in late June and hope the weather will be as good as last year.

2023 ~May – July Calendar

May - Sat 13 - Linda.

Jun - Sun 4 – Julie, Brenda and Beryl.

June 26 – 29 June Grasmere Trip.

Sat 8 July – this will now be 15th due to clash with Tarporley Carnival (leader Cathy tbc)

Sun 6 Aug – walk and picnic back at Jessie

Sat 9 Sept. Sun 8 Oct – Gill. Sat 11 Nov – Richard and Jane

Sun 3 Dec -Christmas walk and lunch. Mike and Mary

New members always welcome. Why not come along for a free ‘taster walk’ – meeting times are at the Jessie at 9.45am on Saturdays and 10.15am on Sundays, or drive direct to the walk start – and bring a picnic.

Gill Ellison (Secretary) - 01829 782693

Eaton Annual Golf Day

BREAKING NEWS !!!

Just arranged for Saturday 3rd June – 9.15am Arderne Course.
Contact Nick Parker 07785 350376. Event not to be missed !!!

St Thomas' Church



It was good to see the church full on Easter Sunday morning.



Our monthly Songs of Praise service followed by breakfast in the Jessie Hughes has proved popular. The singing and stories have been inspiring and the breakfast a real feast. There is no service on 23rd May as Bishop Julie is taking a Parish confirmation service at St Helen's. The next Songs of Praise is June 25th. Do please join us; you need not come to the 9am service (though we'd love to see you there!) but come to the hall for breakfast and a chat at 10am.

Thanks to the Jessie Hughes committee, the last quiz of the season was for church funds. There were lots of quizzers and it was an enjoyable evening which raised £448.

Looking forward, we are planning a Patronal Festival in July, which I don't believe has been done in Eaton before.

Details to follow.

Eaton WI

Eaton WI has been very busy since my last report. In February our speaker was Sarah Darlington who gave a talk on how Mrs Darlington's Jams started from humble beginnings in the farm kitchen to the business it is today. She also brought Lemon Curd tarts for members to taste, which were delicious.

In March our speaker Tom Jones (not the singer!!!) entertained members with his talk on the 'Ghosts of Chester'. Some of the members also enjoyed an afternoon painting ceramics at Blakemere. Here is a picture of the finished pots.



Also this month some of our members attended the Cheshire Federation Annual Council meeting at Winsford Academy Theatre and heard an inspirational talk by Paul Whittaker. We have also started to have a monthly coffee morning at Tarporley Garden Centre as an informal gathering to get to know new members. We finished the month off with a meal at the Bickerton Poacher followed by a very enjoyable game of skittles; here is a photo of our members having a go.



This month has been our 99th birthday meeting and members enjoyed a very interesting talk by Barry Fewster on the 'Hills of Hawkstone' he had been a Warden on the Hawkstone estate and had a very detailed knowledge. Next year will be our 100th birthday and we are looking forward to a special celebration to mark the occasion.

Our speaker for May will be Tony Bostock on 'My Genealogical Journey' and members are going to wear red, white and blue to celebrate the King's Coronation.

Eaton WI welcomes visitors to the meetings: we meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.30p.m. The full programme can be seen on the noticeboard in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall and also on the Village noticeboard. Should you require any further information please contact me on 01829 733639.

Dianne Ouseley (President)

Eaton Reading Group



The Reading Group continue to meet monthly, and new members are always welcome.

Contact Tina for details.

Tina Peel 01829 732904

Eaton Primary School

It has been lovely to welcome the children back after the Easter break and what a beautifully sunny start to the Summer Term it has been!

In the Spring Term, we took our Year 4 pupils on a residential visit to Robinwood. They had such a wonderful 3 days, jam-packed with activities such as canoeing, archery, caving and zip wire and they pushed themselves to try lots of things for the first time. Their support for each other really stood out and the staff there were very complimentary of the children's behaviour, attitudes and general willingness to try something new. Our pupils continue to take part in a range of sports events and last term they represented the school in hockey, cross country, basketball, handball and football. We were very proud of our Year 5/6 girls' football team, who won the Sandstone Shield.

We enjoyed celebrating World Book Day in March and pupils were invited to dress up to represent a word for the day. There were so many fantastic costumes, and we learned some new vocabulary too!

Our Year 4 pupils learnt to play the ukulele during their music lessons last term, and they picked it up so incredibly well. They were very proud to share their learning and played for their families during their last session before the holidays.

Parents' Mornings took place for each class, where parents were invited into school to look through their children's books with them and share the learning taking place.

Our KS2 choir were invited to perform as part of the ensemble choir in MAPA's (Majestic Institute of Performing Arts) production of Peter Pan at the Storyhouse in Chester. They worked really hard to learn and practise the songs and it was a wonderful opportunity for them to perform on a stage in front of an audience. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

One of our Year 5 pupils was selected to take part in a poetry competition run by The Literacy Company at The Storyhouse on the theme 'This is Me'. He enjoyed sharing the poem he had written with the audience, and we were very proud of him.

We celebrated Children's Mental Health Week by revisiting our 5 ways to wellbeing and doing work around one way each day in each classroom and we celebrated International Women's Day, where each class did work relating to a significant female. It was also British Science Week in March and we took the opportunity to think about 'What makes a great scientist?' We shared the skills and qualities that a Scientist needs and celebrated scientists relating to our current science topics. Later that month, it was World Maths Day and we all had lots of fun with maths. We have much more to look forward to this term, with visits, residentials, Sports' Day, Summer Fair and (hopefully) some sunny, warm weather to go with it!

Head – Lorraine Skellon

***Many thanks to all of our contributors and distributors.
Your next Newsletter will be 1st August 2023
Deadline for contributors – 21st July 2023 !!***

**EATON & RUSHTON PROGRAMME FOR
CELEBRATION OF THE
CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III
(all at the Jessie)**

Friday 5th May: 7.30pm – Film Show of Richard 111
“The Lost King”. Doors open at 7pm
**Only £2 entrance. Pay Bar & Ice Creams
all at low, low prices.**

**Saturday 6th May from 10.15am Live Stream of the
Coronation (11am)** in the Jessie
12.30 pm BYO Lunch in the Jessie
Bring your own but **also
free Ice Creams; Mini
Coronation Cakes; Teas
Coffees & Cordials.**
2.30pm ish Coronation Games For All
inside the Jessie and if
weather ok, then outside also.
5.00pm Finish

**Note: Coronation Mugs available. Free to 11yrs and
under children who live in our Parish. Subsidised down
to £5 each for others.**

**Sunday 7th May 7.15pm Live Stream of Coronation
Concert at Windsor. Pay Bar &
Social**

Monday 8th May During the Day – Visits to neighbours
in our community who have not been able to attend
weekend activities.

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE

EATON & RUSHTON DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	TIME
Tue 2 May	JESSIE AGM	JHVH	7.30pm
Fri 5 May	FILM NIGHT RICHARD III	JHVH	7:30pm
Sat 6 May	CORONATION LIVE & BYO LUNCH & GAMES	JHVH	11.00am
Sun 7 May	CORONATION CONCERT LIVE	JHVH	5.00pm?
Tue 9 May	EATON WI	JHVH	7:30pm
Sat 13 May	EATON RAMBLERS	JHVH	9.45am
Tue 16 May	PARISH COUNCIL	JHVH	7.30pm
Thur 18 May	TEA'N'CHAT	JHVH	10.30am
Tue 23 May	UTGP	JHVH	7:30pm
Sat 3 Jun	EATON GOLF TOURNAMENT	Arderne	9.15am
Sun 4 Jun	RAMBLERS	JHVH	10.15am
Thur 8 Jun	POLICE SURGERY	JHVH	12-1.00pm
Tue 13 Jun	EATON WI	JHVH	7:30pm
Thur 15 Jun	TEA'N'CHAT	JHVH	10.30am
Tue 20 Jun	PARISH COUNCIL	JHVH	7.30pm
Sun 25 Jun	"SONGS OF PRAISE+Break;"	ST THOMAS	9.00 am
Mon 26-29	RAMBLERS	Grasmere	2.00pm
Tue 27 Jun	UP THE GARDEN PATH	JHVH	7:30pm
Sat 8 Jul	POLICE SURGERY	JHVH	1-2.00pm
Tue 11 Jul	EATON WI	JHVH	7:30pm
Sat 15 Jul	RAMBLERS	JHVH	9.45am
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