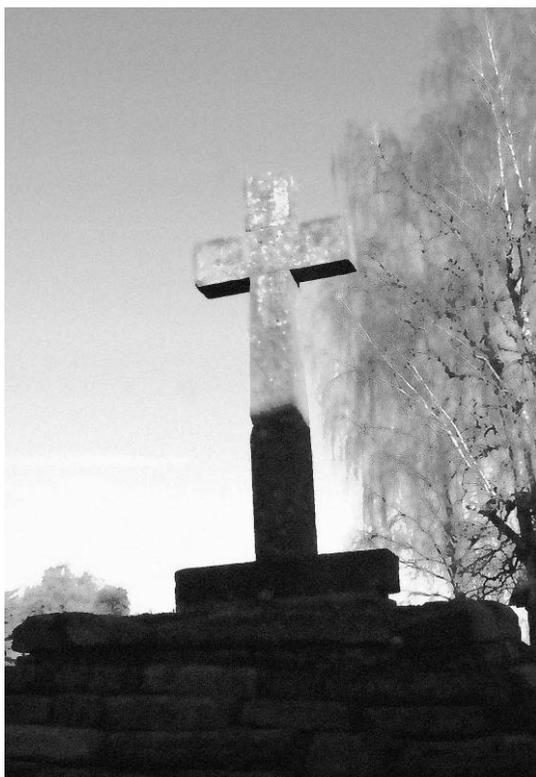


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Parish Council News

New Councillor

We're pleased to welcome Amy Markham as our new Parish Councillor. In the short time that Amy has been a councillor, it's become clear that she is enthusiastic and eager to be involved in parish life and to help to maintain and enhance the village.

Road Safety

The following items are awaiting action by Cheshire and Chester West Highways - we have to be patient...

- **20 mph limit:** the extension to complete the village rectangle is being investigated by Highways, who will report by the end of this financial year, and will take action in the 2018-2019 financial year.
- **The Village Cross junction:** Highways haven't yet responded to several points raised by Richard Page. They've indicated that road lines will be repainted but not until Scottish Power have finished engineering work. Lower Lane is scheduled at the same time.
- **Flooding:** Royal Lane will be completed by the end of this financial year.
- **Oulton Lane:** They will look at this again with the landowner.
- **30mph poles:** These are damaged and loose and are due to be rectified by Highways (it's a long wait).
- **Beech Lane/ Brownhills Lane junction:** Highways to re-paint the road markings!
- **School traffic and speeding:** The Council is considering placing a solar-powered, vehicle-activated sign on Lower Lane to protect pedestrians (there are no footpaths) and to slow down traffic near the school (more vehicles are expected as the school expands) .

For any concern about Road Safety, please contact Lindsey Worrall (rushtonclerk@aol.com) or Brian Oldham (Road Safety Working Group Chair) on 01829 732786 or jfboldham@hotmail.com.

Picnic Area

Activity will ramp up in the spring as we start further work to make the site's copses more accessible and also look to kick off the joint project with Eaton Primary School. Councillor Neil Thompson has taken over as the chair of the Working Group from Mike Wilson who stepped down at the end of last year – a big 'Thank you' to Mike for all his fantastic work in helping us get to this point. If you'd like to join the Picnic Area Working group, please contact Neil on neilthompson1000@hotmail.com.

Red Lion site

Apex are excited about getting onto the site in the next couple of weeks to begin the Red Lion Project, which will run through to 2019. The stunning properties have now been marketed, with a healthy response leading to three being reserved within the first couple of days. Apex are looking forward to delivering an outstanding project within the village

Annual Village Green leaf clearance

This took place on Saturday 25th November. It was the eighth year that we've cleared the Village Green and surrounds of tough leaves from the two trees planted in the '70s. Without doubt it was the coldest, wettest, sleet-driven morning so far but a trusty band of 16 volunteers (half our normal number) worked non-stop for two hours, filling the usual 16 big one-tonne sacks.

All then retired to Barbara and Ian Burgon's lovely terrace area for hot mulled wine, mince pies and lots of other treats (many thanks Barbara and Ian!). Clearing the leaves not only tidies this important part of the village but prevents drains from blocking and improves the surface for walking. Many thanks to all those who turned out - not just for the work but the good humour in defiance of the weather. Also thanks to the Cheshire West Streetscene crew, who collected the leaves on the next Monday.

Eaton Play Zone

As we need to spend some money this spring on upgrading some of the equipment, the Jessie Hughes Committee agreed to allow the Play Zone Committee to run a special ‘Mamma Mia’ themed evening on the normal December film night, retaining the profit. With a three-course Greek meal served during intervals, plus an inter-table ‘sing along’ competition, at £10 per head it was soon a sell-out. A very enjoyable evening raised over £900 due to the generosity of those present. A big ‘Thank you’ goes to all who supported us and particularly to Mary Wilson, Amanda Harris and their team of helpers, who cooked for the 88 people present.

With the Parish Council agreeing to fund a new Noticeboard, there will be some good changes coming soon. Another ‘Thank you’ to the 52 team who ensure that the site is checked every day of the year. After two years, the Play Zone is still as good as new.

Eaton Youth Club

A highlight of the year was a visit by Santa and his Round Table friends from Tarporley to the Christmas Party on 21st December. Barbecued hot dogs by chef John Freeman were enjoyed by all, including the many parents who came along. A few well-sung carols finished the evening.

Thanks again to Julie O’Shea, Tracey Heath and the volunteers who look after the 40+ youngsters who attend the club each week.

Broadband update - ‘Connecting Cheshire’

BT has completed the first phase of upgrade work, and premises served by the Little Budworth 2 cabinet can now order Fibre to the Premise (FTTP). If you’re in CW6 9AQ or CW6 9DX postcodes, contact BT to confirm if you’ll be eligible. BT expects to start on phases 2 and 3 in the next few months. Eaton Lane residents at the end of the Little Budworth line are now in the process of contacting their supplier. BT Sales have advised Mike and Mary Wilson that

there will be a charge of about £50 to connect fibre to the house and then a revised package that will give them circa 50mbps for about the same monthly charge. All residents supplied from Little Budworth (760 numbers) should push 'Connecting Cheshire' to get fibre to their supply poles.

The Parish Council is also looking at options that complement BT's upgrade work, including super-fast broadband providers. We've been in discussions with Voneus, a wireless Internet service provider (WISP) that delivers super-fast broadband services to customers in rural communities. Voneus buys a high-speed fibre connection from a provider such as Virgin Media or BT Wholesale and uses this to distribute a wireless broadband signal via relay points to customer homes and businesses. These relay points can be village churches, farm silos, follies, office blocks or individual dwellings. They're selected on the basis of their strategic location and are generally at a vantage point that allows onward connections via a small 'receiver' on the home or business premises.

No investment or up-front cost is needed from the Parish Council / community for the initial installation work for the fibre connection or relay points - households will just pay a connection fee and then an ongoing subscription, as with any other provider. **Voneus will be presenting to the community in the Jessie Hughes village hall on 6th February at 7:30pm**, so please come along to find out more - the more people that show an interest, the more likely that Voneus will seek to offer the service to the community.

New village defibrillator

The Parish Council and the Jessie Hughes Committee have recently installed a new AED (Automated External Defibrillator) in the village. It's on the outside wall of the Jessie Hughes (on the left corner as you face the hall) and is in addition to the one that's been available for some time at the entrance of Eaton Primary School.

If someone has a cardiac arrest, early intervention is vital and can significantly improve the outcome for the patient. The British Heart

Foundation's website states: "A defibrillator... gives a high-energy electric shock to the heart through the chest wall to someone who is in cardiac arrest... it's an essential life-saving step in the chain of survival. If you come across someone who has had a cardiac arrest, **it is vital to CALL 999 and START CPR. Then you should find out if there is a defibrillator nearby.**"

The New England Journal of Medicine states: "AEDs are designed for use by untrained or briefly trained laypersons. By making these units publicly available, AEDs have improved outcomes for sudden out-of-hospital cardiac arrests."

Instructions on the use of the defibrillator are in the housing of the machine and the machine itself takes you through the sequence of steps to be taken. Simple training can be arranged – if you're interested in attending a session, please contact the Parish Clerk Lindsey Worrell, at rushtonclerk@aol.com.

Roadside hedge trimming

For the fourth year, at the end of November, Mike Wilson and Councillor Eddie Shaw arranged for a contractor to trim residents' hedges on dangerous sections of our roads. This is a fantastic service, costing between £15 and £25 each, depending on the length of hedge. This makes a definite contribution to road safety for both residents and road users.

Oulton Park

Seniors Christmas Lunch

This year's lunch was held in the Fogarty-Moss Centre on Monday 11th December and was attended by CEO Jonathan Palmer. He gave a good address, thanking local residents for their support and tolerance of the motoring events. Jonathan then circulated amongst about 180 locals from Little Budworth and Rushton Parish.

Head Teacher Nikki Duffell introduced the Eaton Primary School Choir, which gave a lovely rendition of Christmas carols, old and

new, and which received a lengthy ovation. The turkey meal was as good as ever and the wonderful staff ensured that glasses were kept full and everyone had a good time.

Residents' Season Passes

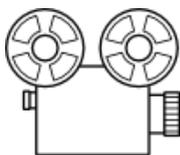
Oulton Park Residents' Passes aren't available yet. When they are, all previous recipients will receive an email from MSV stating when and where they can be picked up. Residents within a mile of the circuit who want a free season pass should apply in person at the Oulton Park office. You'll need to take a recent utility bill, two passport photos plus photo ID such as a passport or driving licence.

Rushton Parish Chair: Jade Plumbley

*General Parish Council Matters - Contact the Parish Clerk,
Lindsey Worrall, at rushtonclerk@aol.com. Tel: 01829 760653.*

The Jessie Hughes Village Hall

Quiz and Film Nights



Quiz and film nights continue apace at the Jessie Hughes Village Hall. Both continue to be very popular but there's space for just a few more people. So far this winter we've been having a record season for both types of nights.

Quiz Nights are on the first Friday of winter months – up to and including April – March 2nd and April 6th are those left in 2018. Teams of six are welcome but if you don't have six, come along and we'll find you a team on the night. Bring your own favourite tippie, although complementary refreshments – tea, coffee, sandwiches and cake – are served at half-time and there's a raffle, the proceeds of which go towards the upkeep of the hall. Entry is still an unbelievable £3 per person.

Brian Byrne was the quizmaster in November, with 60 participants and some tense final rounds. All of our quizmasters bring their own

flavour to these events, which has helped to keep them fresh and well-supported.

A regular fixture in our calendar, the Christmas Quiz, attracted over 70 quizzers. Organised by Jan and John Freeman, this is always well-attended – and it's nice to know that the much-coveted Challenge Cup has gone to a good home – again! Richard Potton helped to blow our cobwebs away with his January quiz. We had over 50 participants – very good, as many of our regulars were enjoying the winter sun in far-flung places. It was a high-scoring quiz, which definitely helps to bolster one's self-confidence.

Film Nights are on the second Friday of winter months – up to and including April – Feb 9th; March 9th and April 13th are those remaining in 2018. February's film will be 'Victoria & Abdul'. This isn't a BYO night, as there's a bar selling wines, beers and soft drinks. The bar is open both before the film and during the interval. Tea/coffee and the cheapest Cheshire Farms ice creams around are also available during the interval.

The bar opens at 7.00pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. Entry is £4 – with concessions at £3. "Not just a film but an enjoyable social night out."

In November, we showed 'Sully', the story of the Airbus 320 airliner that suffered a bird strike whilst climbing out of La Guardia airport and was forced to land on the Hudson River. The film focussed on claims by the airline and safety officials that the pilot, Chesley Sullenberger, could have returned to the airport – and his ultimate demonstration that this wasn't possible. Almost 70 film-goers in the hall watched this very enjoyable and thought-provoking movie.

The December film was a special 'Mama Mia Theme Night' which was put on by supporters of the Play Zone in the village (see the Play Zone article). Eighty-eight fans crammed into the hall. We're all looking forward to the new Mama Mia film, expected soon.

The January film was 'Dunkirk', based on the rescue of a very large part of the British Army from the beaches of Dunkirk in 1940 following the German advance into France. The evacuation was

conducted using the few serviceable Royal Navy ships and an armada of small civilian vessels. There was little dialogue as the graphic scenes completely described the action. It was a thought- and perhaps memory-provoking film that was appreciated rather than enjoyed.

Entertainment

A Jessie Hughes Production comes to the JHVH on Saturday 24th March: 'From Here to Absurdity'. Direct from The Edinburgh Fringe, this is a night of original comedy sketches directed at those of us who've relinquished youthful ideals and hate political correctness and bureaucracy.

The evening will take the form of a Comedy Club night in an informal setting, with a bar and table nibbles. More details will follow later in February - but please put the date into your diaries as tickets are likely to go quickly when they go on sale.

Defibrillator

Elsewhere in this newsletter is a report about the defibrillator now installed at the village hall. But I want to report on the training session held at the end of November. We're very lucky to have a Paramedic instructor in the village. Kathryn Telford works for Jigsaw Medical Services, who've been very supportive of her as she led our initial training course, with about 40 villagers turning up. This course, which was seen as a trial, was very successful and more courses are planned over the next few months.

Kathryn has told us of some worrying statistics. In 2016, only 2.5% of cardiac arrests out of hospital involved the use of an AED – in Norway, where everyone is being taught CPR, the figure is 80%. In the UK, 28,000 cardiac arrests were attended to by an ambulance and the survival rate was below 10% – so there's a lot of ground to make up. Moreover, most people don't know where the nearest AED is located. So, we shall be doing a lot more publicity and holding many more training courses.

Ron Chisnall (Village Hall Secretary) with help from John Freeman

Local activities

Eaton Bridge Club



The final meeting of the Eaton Bridge Club in 2017 was a 'fun' evening, the bridge element of which consisted of playing set hands, each of which required a simple problem to be resolved. Hot mince pies and cold sherry were also served to help initiate, propagate and celebrate the festive spirit.

The AGM was held on January 4th, when the healthy state of the club was re-affirmed. Prizes of M & S vouchers were awarded as usual to the winners of the annual 'ladder' competition. The 2018 season's competitions commenced immediately after the AGM, with high expectations of an enjoyable and competitive year's bridge.

If you feel that you'd benefit from a course of mental relaxation in a delightful and modern hall and if you're interested in meeting new people and playing a fascinating game of skill and chance, please contact either Martin Evans or Caroline Woodward on 01606 883660 or contact Caroline on cmwoodward@talktalk.net.

Martin Evans

Yoga



Re-balance and wisely energise for 2018! Replenish and rejuvenate your body and mind through yoga. This time of year can be hard on your health, so what better way to strengthen your immune system, and restore it to optimal good health!

My classes are on Tuesday mornings in The Jessie Hughes Hall from 11am to 12:30pm. Please contact me for any enquiries on 07876 497664 or Mccooleybrenda@gmail.com

Brenda McCooley

Taekwon-do



The Tarporley and Eaton Taekwon-do Club holds classes for adults, children and families on Monday and Wednesday nights at the Jessie Hughes Village Hall. This is an easy way to start learning this martial art, which is great for relieving stress, having fun and improving your fitness and stamina. There's a free first lesson and a free T-shirt after five

lessons.

To find out more, please call or text Mr Lightfoot on 07768 642894.

Up The Garden Path



Exciting times in the gardening world! The days are lengthening, the weather's improving... and thoughts turn to New Year resolutions involving making something of that outside space. What better way to start than to join the crowds who come to a garden club meeting? We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month – our programme can be found on both the Eaton and Little Budworth websites.

The programme of events can be sub-divided into phases of the year – our main objective at the turn of the year has been to eat and drink! Both the Christmas Social (thanks Ron for your kind hosting) in December and the Cheese and Chutney evening in January were well attended and enjoyed by all. These followed a superb demonstration of flower arranging by one of our members – who knew there was more to it than bringing flowers and a vase into close proximity?

In February, we welcome Richard Lewis to talk on 'The spring Garden - waking up the garden'. And in March, fans of organic vegetable growing look forward to hearing Derek Jones present some thoughts and tips. Our last talk before the garden visits start will be in April, when Sally French-Greenslade (owner of Well House at Malpas) will talk to us prior to our visit there in May.

Generally, evenings at the Jessie Hughes Village Hall cost £2 for members and £3 for guests. Please contact Lindsey Worrall for further details on 01829 760653.

Paul Healey

The Drays Coffee Shop

Eaton's long-awaited coffee shop in Lower Lane is nearly ready! Anne Kelly reports: "We're getting there! The walls are up, the roof is on, the kitchen is in, the toilet is plumbed and we have power! We just need to get tables, chairs and of course learn some Barista skills! We hope to open for coffee and cake in mid- to late-April. We'll keep you updated."

St Thomas' Church



The Blessing of the Crib service took place on Sunday, 18th December. This service is enjoyed by children and grown-ups alike. Georgina made sure that we all had a part to play!

The Carol Service was held on the following Monday evening with readings and carols. The choir, whose leader is Chris Clarey, led the congregation in singing. All responded in fine voice. Everyone could feel the true spirit of Christmas. Following the service, the congregation enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

All St Thomas' services start at 9.00am. On the first Sunday of the month we now have Open Worship. This is a short informal service. The other three Sundays include communion and on the fourth Sunday the choir leads a sung Eucharist.

We would love to see you there!

Rosemary Lilley

Eaton Reading Group



We finally finished our classic reads with 'Evalina' by Francis Burley. This book was written when 'the novel' as we know it was relatively new. The group agreed that it needed to be considered in this context to appreciate how ground-breaking this book was, both in its style and its social context.

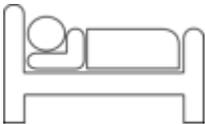
Our Christmas meeting had 'A Winter Theme' as its title and members shared books associated with different aspects of Christmas. These included a reading from Laurie Lee's 'Village Christmas', Tolkien's 'Letters from Father Christmas' and a ghost story!

This year we begin a new reading cycle of members' choice of modern novels. We started in January with the much-acclaimed 'Essex Serpent' by Sarah Perry, which was enjoyed by all members with its atmospheric descriptions of the marshes, interesting characters and storyline.

Interested in joining us? Call Tina Peel on 732904 for details.

Tina Peel – 01829 732904

Tarporley War Memorial Hospital



A lady in the village recently went to Tarporley Hospital and told me it was brilliant. She'd gone for an appointment and was home again in 40 minutes. Meanwhile, a friend's mother was visiting her but fell and spent two weeks in the hospital in respite. What a benefit to be wonderfully cared for just a mile away, with unrestricted visiting for her family! These are just two excellent examples of why we're so lucky to have Tarporley Hospital and why everyone is trying so hard to keep it open.

The highlight of the last quarter was the Folk Evening and Fish & Chips supper in November, involving amateur local musicians who

performed for free. Ed, the Fish & Chip Van Man, helped as all of his family have benefited from treatment in the hospital; and individuals made cash donations. We raised £1,360 - more than enough to supplement the £2,500 Co-op grant we'd been given to buy a new bed. It gets better: the grant rose to £3,800 and thanks to other amazing donations, we bought two high-specification beds. These are vital for patients and nursing staff and have eased the burden on scarce resources. Thank you! Please support the Co-op, who have again adopted us as their charity. Members receive 1% of their purchases for their chosen charity during 2018.

Eaton Primary PTA has donated money from a Fashion Evening and I was delighted to talk to the children about our hospital. We also received donations from fees for speaking to the local Probus groups and from subscriptions to a local sewing group. A member of our community took some fantastic photographs for the hospital brochures and website; another has been selling hospital pens; and our Christmas card sales raised over £700. My good friend Geordie Gill drove her VW camper van around the M25 and raised £800 in memory of her brave late husband Nigel, who passed away in the hospital. A warm 'Thank you' to everyone.

On Saturday April 7th we're holding a Race Night. Tickets are £10 including supper. Last year, our Grand National Draw proved very popular, so we're making it an annual event. The Grand National is on April 14th so we'll make the draw during the Race Night and hope to have a celebrity racing guest. **Please come along, and please buy/sell some raffle tickets for the Grand National Draw.** With a small army of sellers, we can make the Draw a much healthier venture. You can get your Race Night / Grand National tickets from me – borisbyrne@btinternet.com – 01829 732255.

Other events coming up include a Charity Golf Day at Eaton Golf Club on May 24th; and the Tarporley Tea Party Month in June. Could you hold a tea party to raise money for the hospital? Find out how from www.tarporleyhospital.co.uk.

Brian Byrne

Tarporley and District U3A



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Tarporley U3A welcomes anyone in the district who is partly or fully retired. We continue to offer a free first visit to a monthly meeting to anyone from Eaton who is considering joining us. The next meeting is on Thursday 22nd February at 10:30am in Tarporley Community Centre, when John Christopher will be talking about '6,000 years of clay and pottery'.

Our speaker programme is full until nearly the end of the year, and our range of interest groups is still growing. To find out more, look at the website – www.u3asites.org.uk/tarporley or the calendar at the back of this newsletter.

Our recent trips out have been to Chatsworth in November and the Liverpool International Horse Show in December. Luckily, we visited Liverpool a couple of days before the dreadful fire that wiped out the car park. In January we went to Brendan Cole's new show, 'All Night Long' at the Floral Pavilion, New Brighton.

David Carter

Eaton Rambling Club



We finished 2017 with a super walk led by Mike and Mary Wilson and, yet again, we were lucky enough to meet Father Christmas and his helper along the way and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies! Our Christmas lunch was enjoyed by around 30 members and friends in the exquisite surroundings of Willington Hall.

The first walk of 2018 saw 15 members, led by David Lilley, enjoy a ramble in good weather around Chester, stopping for lunch in the park. We would like leaders to come forward and volunteer for the 2018 walks, so please let me know if you can help, especially for February.

Our annual skittles night at the Bickerton Poacher (with a two-course carvery) is on Thursday 15th February – all welcome. Please let me know ASAP if you want to come along.

2018 Dates for your diary: 4th Feb (Sun); 15th Feb (Thurs) - Skittles; 3rd Mar (Sat); 26th Mar, 7pm - AGM; 8th Apr (Sun); 12th May (Sat) - possibly a Bluebell walk; 3rd June (Sun); 30th June (Sat) - instead of July date; 3-6 July Grasmere trip; 5th Aug (Sun) - with BBQ lunch; 1st Sep (Sat); 7th Oct (Sun); 10th Nov (Sat); 2nd Dec (Sun) - followed by Christmas lunch!

All weekend walks meet initially in the Jessie Hughes car park at 9.45am on Saturdays and 10.15am on Sundays. Bring a packed lunch - new members always welcome.

Gill Ellison (Secretary) - 01829 782693

Pilates



Happy New Year to all! My Pilates classes remain full to bursting and I apologise to any local residents who get caught up in the traffic chaos that's created when there's a class changeover and swathes of outgoing cars have to exchange spots with those incoming.

This year, I've signed up for even more training and am looking forward to attending Advanced Workshops on specialist Pilates Equipment and for certification in 'Pilates for Neurological Conditions'. In November, I'm off to Boston, Massachusetts, to attend a weekend of Workshops presented by some of the world's most prominent Pilates Instructors. I continue to work with physios, GPs, consultants and medical lawyers to ensure that I'm delivering the best and safest possible instruction to my clients.

Once again, I'd like to thank Hilary and Paul Healy for their continued attention to the hall and for keeping it such a great place to teach. Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy 2018.

Linni Lanni x

Eaton WI



Eaton WI rounded up 2017 with our Christmas party, where members enjoyed a super meal cooked for us by Harveys, followed by a quiz, entertainment and carols.

We started the New Year with a very interesting talk in January by Aimee Best. She told us of the wonderful work The Dogs Trust do, and she was accompanied by her own dog Frieda, who made lots of friends with our members.

Our next meeting is on 13th February. Our speaker is Mr Tony Clark, who will be talking about the 'Role of a Magistrate'. On March 13th, our speaker is Helen Bundy, who will be talking about the 'Blood bike charity'.

Eaton WI welcomes visitors to the meetings: we meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm. The full programme can be seen on the noticeboard in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall. If you need any further information, please contact our Secretary, Celia Gregory, on 01270 528647 or myself on 01829 733639.

Dianne Ouseley (President)

Eaton Primary School



Hello from everyone at Eaton Primary School! We're already well into our Spring Term and have lots to be excited about in our school life. The whole school visited Chester Zoo in the New Year for an educational trip to study the animals and their life in the zoo. It was a fantastic occasion and what we discovered and saw has enhanced lessons in all classrooms. Recently, our Year One class has been on a residential visit to Delamere Forest, during which they had a brilliant time enjoying outdoor experiences such as pond-dipping, orienteering, den-building and building a campfire. Our Reception class joined them for the first day and everyone had a fantastic trip. We're very proud of all our Year One pupils for staying overnight for their first time.

All year groups have been taking part in weekly sporting competitions at Tarporley High School, often winning medals. Our Year Six pupils were lucky enough to be invited as part of their transition process to watch the High School production of Bugsy Malone. It was wonderful to see so many of our ex-pupils involved in the performance. March sees the return of our annual spectacular, 'Eaton's Got Talent'. Children are already practising for the upcoming auditions and it's a joy to celebrate such talent within our school. The weekly Celebration Assemblies each Friday are a highlight for all and we relish the opportunity to celebrate effort, attainment and achievement for our pupils.

The building work has just left a few snagging tasks now and we're gradually working our way through them. It was lovely to see so many of our neighbours at the Opening Event before Christmas and we really appreciate your interest and support. If anyone would like to visit the school to look around, please don't hesitate to contact us and we can arrange a convenient day and time. The whole school is looking and feeling wonderful and I'm very proud of all our pupils, staff and governors for their collective teamwork and their drive to be the best we can be, now and in the future.

Nikki Duffell
Head Teacher

Eaton Primary School PTA

Firstly, thank you to all who were able to join us at the end of last year for our Ladies Fashion Night, Christmas Bingo and Christmas Fair. All were very well attended and a great success.

This term, the PTA has already covered the cost of coaches to enable all pupils to visit Chester Zoo. We also hope to provide more iPads and new classroom furniture and play equipment as we head into spring.

We have various fundraising activities coming up at the school, including 'Eaton's Got Talent' and children's Easter Bingo. We hope to offer the following events to the local community:

Easter Bingo – Wednesday 28th March - TBC

Adult Quiz Night – Date TBC

Summer Fair – Saturday 23rd June – TBC

As always, check the Parish noticeboards for updated information. If you want to contact us or to be on our email distribution list, please let me know: Jacinta@eatonprimarypta.co.uk

Jacinta Hallows (Chair)

Friends of Little Budworth Common (Save your library!)

Regular users of the common probably won't have seen much change in the last few months, which is how we like it! The Friends aim to maintain the common as it is now for the benefit of all users – both now and in future years. Working parties continue to remove unwanted seedlings from the heath areas, maintain paths and encourage heather growth on the newly cleared ground. The second Saturday (10.00am) of each month sees a hardy band engaged in this way - volunteers are always welcome.

Currently, CWAC are consulting about their Draft Community Assets Framework. In a nutshell, they're looking at all of the assets they manage (libraries, community centres, green spaces, toilets...), in order to decide if **selling / refurbishing / transferring to local partners / closing** will offer the best way forward.

They've invited responses from anyone – not just groups – so why not go online and search for CWAC consultations? There's also a drop-in session to explain the consultation in Winsford on Tuesday 6th February, 3.30 - 6.30pm at Wharton Library, Willow Square.

The two assets most at risk locally are the **public toilets at Little Budworth Common** and the **library in Tarpорley**. If you feel that the community needs them, please respond to the consultation and say so! Although it's a consultation, an option that leads to closure clearly presents a very real danger to their community use.

Paul Healey

EATON & RUSHTON DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	TIME
Fri 2 Feb	QUIZ NIGHT	JHVH	7:30pm
Sun 4 Feb	EATON RAMBLERS	JHVH	10:15am
Fri 9 Feb	FILM NIGHT	JHVH	7:30pm
Tues 13 Feb	EATON WI	JHVH	7:30pm
Thurs 15 Feb	TEA'N'CHAT	JHVH	10.30 - noon
Thurs 15 Feb	EATON RAMBLERS Skittles	Poacher	TBC
Tues 20 Feb	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	JHVH	7:30pm
Thurs 22 Feb	U3A: 'Clay and Pottery' talk	TCC*	10:00am
Tues 27 Feb	UP THE GARDEN PATH	JHVH	7:30pm
Fri 2 Mar	QUIZ NIGHT	JHVH	7:30pm
Sat 3 Mar	EATON RAMBLERS	JHVH	9:45am
Fri 9 Mar	FILM NIGHT	JHVH	7:30pm
Tues 13 Mar	EATON WI	JHVH	7.30pm
Thurs 15 Mar	TEA'N'CHAT	JHVH	10:30 - noon
Tues 20 Mar	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	JHVH	7:30pm
Thurs 22 Mar	U3A: 'Origins of nursery rhymes'	TCC*	10:00am
Wed 26 Mar	EATON RAMBLERS AGM	JHVH	7:00pm
Tues 27 Mar	UP THE GARDEN PATH	JHVH	7:30pm
Thurs 28 Mar	EASTER BINGO	School	TBC
Fri 6 Apr	QUIZ NIGHT	JHVH	7:30pm
Sun 8 Apr	EATON RAMBLERS	JHVH	10:15am
Tues 10 Apr	EATON WI	JHVH	7:30pm
Fri 13 Apr	FILM NIGHT	JHVH	7:30pm
Tues 17 Apr	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	JHVH	7:30pm
Thurs 19 Apr	TEA'N'CHAT	JHVH	10.30 - noon
Tues 24 Apr	UP THE GARDEN PATH	JHVH	7:30pm
Thurs 26 Apr	U3A: 'Liverpool Cowkeepers'	TCC	10:00am

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Deadline for contributions to the next newsletter: Sat 21 April