



## **Best Kept Village: Runner-up**

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# Parish Council News

## 2018 Best Kept Village Competition

At the presentation night in November in Frodsham, representatives of our Rushton Parish Council collected a major award for Runner-Up in the 200-400 category of the 'Best Kept Village' competition. We also won a Little Gem Award for the 'Information' Telephone Box, created and maintained by John Freeman.

## Road safety and vehicle speeds

The Parish Council has continued to work with Cheshire Constabulary and the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council to look at ways of making Eaton a safer village to live in. In December, Councillors Emma Lesley, Mike Wilson and Clerk Lindsey Worrall had a meeting at Highways HQ in Winsford. The items discussed included:

- The new 20mph extension to include the part of Eaton Lane which is in the village. **This is now installed and active.**
- The Eaton Lane approach to the village from Cotebrook. It was agreed that the Parish Council will produce a plan to include 'entrance features', more speed limit mini-signs etc.
- The Eaton Cross proposals, produced two years ago, will be re-visited and prioritised.

It was agreed at the January Parish Council meeting that a further meeting will be arranged with Highways in February and a clear detailed proposal on the above points will be presented to them.

It has been impressed upon Councillors by Highways that if the village has potholes that need repairing, due to their heavy workload, the more reports they receive, the higher up the queue the repairs are likely to rise. **SO PLEASE GO TO THE CWAC WEBSITE AND REPORT ANY POTHOLES.**

## **Eaton Play Zone**

Recently, the netting on the MUGA has been strengthened around the far goal and one of the penguins has had new eyes. The funds have benefitted from the December Film Night (see later), which has enabled the long-term maintenance plan to be implemented. The major equipment changes have been reconsidered in light of the need for this maintenance plan.

Thanks, as ever to our 52 Team, who ensure that the areas are checked every day of the year. It has been three years since the opening and it all still looks good.

## **Picnic Area**

The Eaton Primary School project was launched in December with a presentation to the School Council (eight pupils aged 6 to 10) by Councillors Neil Thompson and Mike Wilson. The project, called 'Birds, Bugs and Butterflies', will run from February and the school will help to decide on the types of wild meadow area, bird boxes and bug hotels. At a later stage, there will be visits to the site to assess what difference these initiatives have made.

## **Broadband update - 'Connecting Cheshire'**

With many more residents enjoying higher-speed broadband, Council Chair Neil Thompson is collecting data on those that have not been so fortunate, to pass on to Connecting Cheshire. Please contact Parish Clerk Lindsey if you want to be included in this follow-up. (email address [rushtonclerk@aol.com](mailto:rushtonclerk@aol.com).)

## **Eaton Youth Club**

In December, eight of the Youth Club Leaders and helpers gave up a day to complete a Paediatric First Aid Course at the Jessie Village Hall, run by Jigsaw Medical (thanks to the Jessie Committee for the provision of the venue). All of them passed and

with the completion of DBS checks, all of the current requirements are now met for some time.

Numbers continue to be good and over 50 children and parents enjoyed a visit by Tarporley Rotary Club's Santa sleigh just before Christmas. Apart from meeting Santa, they all enjoyed hotdogs supplied by Mary Wilson and John Freeman. Anyone willing to help with the Youth Club should contact Julie O'Shea on [julioshea1@btinternet.com](mailto:julioshea1@btinternet.com).

## **Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and Rory McIlroy!**

*Will not be playing in the*

### **Eaton Village Golf Day**

*Because they haven't qualified... but you can!*

**If you live in Eaton or Rushton, you've already made the cut!!**

**Save the Date:** Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019

**Time:** Meet at 10:10 for a 10:28am Tee Time

**Location:** Portal Arderne Course: 18 holes (twice round 9 holes)

**Format:** Texas Scramble – Team game, so no pressure.

Playing for the coveted Eaton Village Golf Trophy, allegedly the smallest trophy in golf history

**How Much?** £15 on the day - includes bacon baps and tea/coffee, with prizegiving at the Jessie Hughes.

**All abilities welcome**

**To register:** Nick Parker 07785 350376 [nickyp43@hotmail.com](mailto:nickyp43@hotmail.com)

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## **Roadside hedge cutting**

Unfortunately, there were only two takers for this year's hedge cutting, which wasn't enough to make it viable. Apologies to the two people concerned.

## **Footpaths Officer**

Further to the November newsletter's request for a volunteer to fill this position, Paul Healey applied and was enthusiastically appointed. Paul has walked many miles in recent years with his wife Hilary and together they have nearly completed all of Wainwright's walks in the Lake District. Paul has already walked four of the footpaths within our Parish and has reported back on his findings.

## **Oulton Park Christmas lunch**

The OAP Christmas Lunch took place in December and over 45 seniors from Eaton Village joined the Little Budworth contingent for a wonderful meal. Jonathan Palmer visited by helicopter to speak with us, and as usual our Eaton Primary School choir provided entertainment with fine carols, both old and new.

Thanks have been sent to Jonathan for this lovely gesture.

## **A big Thank You**

The Parish Council would like to thank Amanda Harris and Mary Wilson (food and catering) plus Mike and a wonderful team of over 25 helpers who, for the second December running, organised and ran a fund-raising Film Night with the Jessie Committee. The profits went to our Youth Club and PlayZone. The figure raised was a staggering £957, which ensures that these two facilities can run with very little financial support from our limited Parish Funds. Thanks also to all villagers who supported this event.

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***Rushton Parish Chair: Neil Thompson***  
***General Parish Council Matters - Contact the Parish Clerk,***  
***Lindsey Worrall, at [rushtonclerk@aol.com](mailto:rushtonclerk@aol.com). Tel: 01829 760653.***

# The Jessie Hughes Village Hall

## Quiz Nights

*Our monthly quizzes go from strength to strength, with over 70 players at the Christmas quiz and over 60 in January – despite the fact that it was held on the day after New Year! Thanks to Santa and Richard and their beautiful helpers.*

*February's quiz hadn't happened at the time of going to press, but new Quizmaster Michael Lavender assures us that everything is in hand and we wish him well on his Jessie Hughes debut.*

*Our next quiz on 1<sup>st</sup> March will be overseen by Quizmaster Phil Allcock and, on April 5<sup>th</sup>, St Thomas' Church will be organising their annual quiz in aid of church funds.*

*As always, the very reasonable £3.00 entry fee includes tea/coffee, sandwiches and cake at 'half-time'.*

*Teams are nominally of six players. If you can organise your own team, that's excellent. If you don't have a team, come along and we'll find you one. Teams of over six players are allowed – but there is a small points penalty for having 'too many' in the team!*

## Film Nights

*These are held on the second Friday of the month (7:00pm for 7.30pm). Entrance £4 (seniors £3 concession) and refreshments at very reasonable prices.*

*On a cold wintry November night, a loyal band of 45 regulars watched the brilliant film 'The Darkest Hour', which was enjoyed by all. Our December showing was ticket only (a sell-out), with 100 people enjoying 'Mamma Mia Here We Go Again'. £957 was raised for the Youth Club and Play Zone and the now established team of helpers worked wonders.*

The January film was very well attended, with 94 people enjoying 'The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society', an interesting film about the island's experiences in World War II. The audience voted for their preferred three films (out of five) for the last three months of the season. The result was:

- **8<sup>th</sup> February** – 'Finding Your Feet' (unfortunately we couldn't go with Peterloo, voted second, due to technical problems with the DVDs, which have to be used before the release date).

- **8<sup>th</sup> March** – 'Bohemian Rhapsody'

- **12<sup>th</sup> April** – 'Stan & Ollie'

## **Keeping up appearances**

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will have read about our Film Nights and Quiz Nights. And in the last newsletter, I told you about all the work that went on to spruce up the Village Hall, associated with our ten-year anniversary, to keep the hall looking spick and span. However, other work has been going on which is largely invisible but just as important in maintaining the hall as a place where we can enjoy quizzes and films – but in total safety.

Firstly, as a public building, the entire electrical system has to be checked over and 'signed-off'. This isn't a job that we can do ourselves. It had to be done by properly qualified electrical personnel – and that wasn't cheap. And not everything was perfect – for instance, the outside lights which illuminate your way to the car park weren't fitted with armoured cable. Everything has now been amended and should be correct – at least until the regulations change again!

Fire safety is paramount in a public building, and recently we were visited by a Cheshire West Fire Safety Officer. Our Risk Analysis document passed muster – at least we had one, although the frequency with which we test the emergency lights could be improved. And it was noted that the heat and smoke detectors in the hall, kitchen and lobby have a ten-year advisory life and are now due to be changed. This isn't as easy as it might seem - in the main hall we need a tower just to reach them. And as a parting gift, the Fire Safety Officer left us with a reference to a

*148-page document about fire safety in small and medium sized places of assembly. Just a reference, note - not an actual copy.*

*And finally, you might have noticed that all of the broken paving slabs at the front of the building have been changed. We couldn't match the originals exactly, so 'borrowed' some from around the side. These have now been replaced by ones that don't quite match. At least there is now a much better emergency route from the rear exit door, which meets the standard for wheelchair users.*

*So, these are all the jobs that have been going on behind the scenes to keep the hall legal as well as beautiful. But there was one extra task which will directly affect many of you. We renewed our alcohol licence for another year. Hooray!*

Ron Chisnall (Village Hall Secretary)

## Local activities

### Eaton Bridge Club



2018 was seen off with a sumptuous feast and a variation of bridge to tax only the most benign minds. Prizes were awarded on an almost ad hoc basis and a jolly time was had by all. 2019 was seen in with everybody's favourite occasion, the AGM, during which it was revealed that the club is in a sound position: financially, managerially and with cover in almost all the high positions of power. Prizes were again awarded, but this time to the lucky winners of the cumulative annual bridge competition.

The format of the bridge in 2019 will be similar to that of 2018. Some minor changes to the programme were suggested to increase the collective joy of the members, one of which was the novel suggestion of a cake evening. If this is successful, the concept could be extended to other evenings, when the consumption of other various delicacies may be a feature!

The new year competitions have commenced, with the members struggling to achieve a strong start to the 2019 duplicate pairs competition. Later events will include team competitions, two parties and at least one evening that will come as a surprise to the organisers as well as the members.

If you'd like to join such dedicated intellectuals in a thriving bridge club in a modern hall, please contact me or Caroline Evans (01606 883660) or contact Caroline on [caromaur33@talktalk.net](mailto:caromaur33@talktalk.net).

*Martin Evans*

## **TARPORLEY CROWN GREEN BOWLING CLUB**

Tarporley Bowling Club has the most attractive and peaceful green in Cheshire. Set beside allotments, it's surrounded by trees and overlooks the beautiful Cheshire plain. A summer's evening there is pure bliss.

The club is looking for new members: it caters for men and women of all ages and abilities. The season starts in late April and competitions take place on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. Playing in a competition isn't compulsory, but is great fun. Members can also practise whenever the green isn't used for matches.

If you'd like to meet a group of friendly and talented bowlers, maintain your physical fitness, and thoroughly enjoy yourself, please contact the Club Secretary, Clive Wilson, on: 01829 733144.

## **Ballet**



Spaces are available in both the Pre-School Ballet Groups for children ages 3 and above. Classes take place at the hall on Saturdays at 9am or Thursdays at 4pm. If you're interested in getting your child dancing, please contact Nicolle on 07900 303966 or at [nicolle@pointeworks.co.uk](mailto:nicolle@pointeworks.co.uk). Full details can be found at [www.pointeworks.co.uk](http://www.pointeworks.co.uk)

*Nicolle Higgins*

## Up The Garden Path



In October, Sue Beasley of Bluebell Cottage Nursery gave an informative talk on perennials that give autumn and winter structure. She talked about not cutting down all the herbaceous perennials and leaving seed heads as food for the bees and bugs as well as possible overwintering locations for them. The seed heads provide a structure and framework for the garden along with the grasses that give movement and a sense of space.

For the November meeting, we welcomed Hilary Ash from Wirral Wildlife, part of Cheshire Wildlife Trust, who gave an informative talk on wildlife gardening, providing bird boxes, bug hotels and the plants that really benefit the wildlife in our local area.

The Christmas social was a small but very sociable gathering hosted by Mike and Margaret Bourne. A varied selection of refreshments meant that it was a really successful evening.

The January meeting was the AGM and Cheese and Chutney evening, with members bringing a selection of homemade chutney to try along with locally made cheeses.

In February, we'll welcome back Franck Forrest to give a talk on Propagation, and in March we'll have a talk from Jack Swan on wildflowers of East Cheshire.

Our evenings at the Jessie Hughes Village Hall cost £2 for members and £3 for guests. For full programme details, please contact me on 01829 760653

*Lindsey Worrall*

## Tarporley War Memorial Hospital



Founded in 1919, the hospital plays a vital role in our community and with help it will flourish for another 100 years. We've launched a Centenary Appeal: 2020 Vision. By 2020 we want to:

- Increase our in-patient bed capacity
- Develop services for patients requiring day-case procedures
- Enhance respite day-care services
- Establish a new dementia facility
- Develop and expand our Minor Injury Service

To achieve these exciting developments, we need to raise £1m over the next two years (as well as £0.8m needed annually to break even). A series of major challenges lie ahead but with hard work and your continued support, we'll succeed and will be able to provide much-needed facilities that benefit all of our families.

### **Dates for your Diary**

**22 February** - Rock, Pop & Hot Pot - Cotebrook Village Hall - Tickets £15 . Great local band, 'Cover All Basses': **SOLD OUT!**

**6 April** - Grand National Draw - Tickets £5

**29 June** - Centenary Ball - Cholmondeley Castle

**13 November** - Anne, Duchess of Westminster, Bangor-on-Dee Race Day (nominated charity: Tarporley Hospital)

Every penny of profit from these events goes towards building our vision for your hospital. Also, please consider whether you can make a donation or leave a legacy. Tarporley Hospital is our greatest community asset so please don't take it for granted: do a little to keep it and make it even better! Thank you so much to all of you who support the hospital in so many ways. This isn't taken for granted and everyone at the hospital appreciates it.

For further details, tickets etc., please contact Brian Byrne - 01829 732255 or [borisbyrne@btinternet.com](mailto:borisbyrne@btinternet.com)

*Brian Byrne*

### **Ceilidh at the Jessie!**

A St Patrick's Day ceilidh will be held at 7:30pm, 16th March, in the Jessie Hughes. The event is in aid of Anthony Nolan, and organiser Nicola Fox will also be raising money for the charity by running the London Marathon in April.

Tickets for the ceilidh cost £15, to include an Irish-themed meal, are available from Nicola at [nicolabfox@gmail.com](mailto:nicolabfox@gmail.com) or from Claire and Jim Fox on 01829 733403.

## St Thomas' Church



The 100th anniversary of the ending of World War 1 was celebrated at a poignant Remembrance Day Service on 11th November led by our Rector Georgina. It included silhouettes from the St Helen's 'There but not There' exhibition, representing the seven brave young men from the Parish who died in both wars. Amelia had added some fascinating historical notes, and members of the Platt family strengthened the congregation to remember their relation, Bertie Platt, who died in the war. Amelia also hosted all the classes from the Primary School on a day of visits to see the silhouettes.

Our Christmas celebrations of Blessing the Crib and the Carol and Christmas Day Services were all joyful occasions, attracting excellent attendances from church members and the community, including several from St John's on Christmas Day. Mulled wine and mince pies in the Hall followed the Carol Service, our opportunity to thank the community for their invaluable support for St Thomas' during 2018.

We now look forward to our fund-raising Quiz Night on Friday 5th April and we are pleased to welcome Nick and Wendy Parker, who have kindly offered to be quiz maestros for the first time. Please join us for what is always a good night in aid of a good cause.

*Rosemary Lilley and Mike Scott (Wardens)*

## Eaton Reading Group



At our November meeting, we discussed Erskine Childers' 'The Riddle of the Sands'. Erskine is classed along with Buchan and Haggard. This classic spy novel tells the story of Carruthers and friend, who on a sailing holiday inadvertently uncover a planned

invasion of England. The story has a good pace, would appeal to sailors and non-sailors alike, and was in its time responsible for encouraging the British Admiralty to strengthen its sea defences.

December's book, which the group enjoyed reading but on which they had very mixed views, was 'The Other Hand' by Chris Cleaver. This story looks at illegal immigration from a different angle... that of the victim. It leads you to question your ethics and values. It shows a contrast of cultures and has a good storyline. However, as the blurb on the back of the book asks us not to divulge the ending, I'll leave you to read the book...

In January, we met to share our Christmas reads and show our Christmas book presents. This month, February, we will meet to discuss 'Kidnapped' by Robert Louis Stevenson.

For information about this year's reading list and venues, please contact me on 732904.

*Tina Peel*

## **Taekwon-do**



Our fun and friendly classes are designed so that children get the most from their Taekwon-do, developing effective self-defence and building fitness and confidence, along with positive skills and traits that they can use every day. We can help your children to develop social and team-working skills as well as encouraging self-discipline and confidence.

Children follow a programme designed with all-round development in mind, covering age-appropriate self-defence and safety awareness; fun workouts; and simple, calming breathing techniques and relaxations. They progress through the grading and belt system, which gives them personal goals that they can work towards. The belts act as a great incentive for children to improve and also help to keep their motivation high. The children

are encouraged to listen, take part and behave appropriately as well as getting plenty of enjoyable exercise.

We think that this creates a good balance where children are encouraged to improve through their own efforts, whilst not becoming overly competitive. Children who haven't enjoyed other sports often thrive in Taekwon-do, thanks to this approach.

All classes are pay-as-you-go, in the Jessie Hughes on Mondays and Wednesdays (6:30pm - 7:30pm). Please feel free to call me on 07828 461480 if you have any questions.

*Mr Chan*

## **Tarporley and District U3A**



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Tarporley & District U3A continues to grow but for some reason the number of members from Eaton and Rushton has actually dropped to just 4! Over 200 of our members come from villages outside Tarporley and more of you would be welcomed to join – or just try a meeting. We've started to hold two meetings each month, with a second social meeting that we're planning to hold in a different village each month. That would be an ideal opportunity to hear more about us without trekking into Tarporley. We'll keep you updated when we're planning to come to Eaton.

Our new Concert Goers Group continues making regular monthly visits to a wide range of concerts ranging from jazz and orchestral through to ballet and opera. Coach transport is included for each trip, so there are no travel or parking problems!

Other trips are planned to visit Airbus and The Lowry Centre in the near future, by coach from Tarporley Community Centre.

New groups are starting all the time. This year, we've started a Play Reading Group and a Science and Stuff Group.

Any retired visitor from Eaton or Rushton can enjoy a FREE entry to our February, March or April meetings with this article. Membership is just £10 until August 31st.

*David Carter*

## Yoga



Are you thinking of a health and wellness plan for 2019?

Include yoga in your schedule. Stretching releases tension, calms and focuses the mind, lowers blood pressure, builds strength and works on your flexibility.

### **Yoga at The Jessie Hughes Hall:**

**Beginners Yoga:** Mondays 8pm - 9pm

**Gentle Flow Yoga:** Tuesdays 11am - 12:30pm



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*Brenda McCooley*

## **The Drays Coffee Shop** **eaton drink @ THE DRAYS**

Soup days are definitely here! After a Christmas/New Year break we were pleased to open doors again to old and new customers.

We serve 'Jaunty Goat' coffee, hot chocolate, Cheshire Tea and cold drinks. If you haven't visited yet, bring this newsletter along and have a drink on us!

We are open 10am - 4pm, Wednesdays - Saturdays.

*Anne Kelly*

## Eaton Rambling Club



In December, members enjoyed a delightful pre-lunch walk led by Mike and Mary Wilson (accompanied by Father Christmas and his helper serving mid-walk refreshments). This was followed by an excellent meal in the beautiful surroundings of Willington Hall.



*A recent walk at Delamere*

We started the 2019 season with a record January turnout of 21 members on a walk around Chester and the walls, led by David Lilley. On 21st February we return to the Bickerton Poacher for our annual Skittles Outing and our AGM is on 25th March at the JHVH. (see calendar).

Thank you to all our leaders who have volunteered to help and we look forward to a good walking year.

## 2019 Walk Calendar

**3 Feb (Sun)** – leader required please!

**21 Feb** – Bickerton Poacher Skittles: 7:00 for 7.30pm sit down (let me know if you wish to come along)

**2 March (Sat)** – Mike and Chris Scott

**25 March** – AGM at JHVH from 7.30pm, all welcome

**7 April (Sun)**

**11 May (Sat)** – due to bank holiday

**2 June (Sun)**

**6 July (Sat)** – Desmond and Doreen Dooley

**4 Aug (Sun)** – and bring your own BBQ at JHVH

**7 Sept (Sat)**

**6 Oct (Sun)** – Frank and Gill Ellison

**9 Nov (Sat)**

**1 Dec (Sun)** – Mike and Mary Wilson, and Christmas lunch

*Gill Ellison (Secretary) - 01829 782693*

## Eaton WI



Eaton WI's last meeting of 2018 was our Christmas Party, which was very well attended, with a good number of brave husbands included. We again enjoyed delicious food from Harveys Caterers and held some innovative games which gave us a laugh.

Since then, we've only had one meeting – Paul Stockton on 'Little Knick Knacks' in January. How fascinating that was! He showed us all sorts of mysterious objects, from old obscure farming implements to kitchen gadgets.

There are some really interesting talks coming up, the first one in February being 'The Story of Flamenco', followed by a talk on Puppy Walking for Guide Dogs in March. Hopefully we shall have some trips out when the better weather comes. Our full programme can be seen on the village and hall noticeboards.

We meet at the Jessie Hughes on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm. Come and join us, we'd be delighted to see you

– it's only £3 for a trial visit. More details are available from myself on 01829 733639 or from our secretary Celia on 01270 528647.

*pp Dianne Ouseley (President)*

## **Eaton Primary School PTA**

2018 was a fantastic year for the PTA - and thank you for all your support and for coming along to our events.

Please keep an eye on the noticeboards for the exciting events happening in 2019. We look forward to seeing you all.

*Michael Denysenko (Chair)*

## EATON & RUSHTON DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	TIME
Fri 1 Feb	QUIZ NIGHT	JHVH	7:30pm
Sun 3 Feb	EATON RAMBLERS	JHVH	10:15am
Fri 8 Feb	FILM NIGHT	JHVH	7:30pm
Tues 12 Feb	EATON WI	JHVH	7:30pm
Tues 21 Feb	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	JHVH	7:30pm
Thurs 21 Feb	TEA'N'CHAT	JHVH	10.30 - noon
Thurs 21 Feb	EATON RAMBLERS - Skittles		7:00pm
Tues 26 Feb	UP THE GARDEN PATH	JHVH	7:30pm
Thurs 28 Feb	U3A: Tales of a Travel Journalist	TCC*	10:00am
Fri 1 Mar	QUIZ NIGHT	JHVH	7:30pm
Sat 2 Mar	EATON RAMBLERS	JHVH	9:45am
Fri 8 Mar	FILM NIGHT	JHVH	7:30pm
Tues 12 Mar	EATON WI	JHVH	7.30pm
Tues 19 Mar	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	JHVH	7:30pm
Thurs 21 Mar	TEA'N'CHAT	JHVH	10:30 - noon
Thurs 21 Mar	U3A: Manchester Homeless	TCC*	10:00am
Mon 25 Mar	EATON RAMBLERS AGM	JHVH	7:30pm
Tues 26 Mar	UP THE GARDEN PATH	JHVH	7:30pm
Fri 5 Apr	QUIZ NIGHT	JHVH	7:30pm
Sun 7 Apr	EATON RAMBLERS	JHVH	10:15am
Tues 9 Apr	EATON WI	JHVH	7:30pm
Fri 12 Apr	FILM NIGHT	JHVH	7:30pm
Tues 16 Apr	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	JHVH	7:30pm
Thurs 18 Apr	TEA'N'CHAT	JHVH	10.30 - noon
Tues 23 Apr	UP THE GARDEN PATH	JHVH	7:30pm
Thurs 25 Apr	U3A: Daniel Adamson Tugboat	TCC*	10:00am

*\*TCC = Tarporley Community Centre*

***Deadline for contributions to the next newsletter: Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Apr***