

Eaton and Rushton Newsletter

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(Rushton Parish comprises Eaton Village & the Rushton area)

Here we are again with another issue of the Eaton and Rushton Newsletter. This is the time of year when we all look forward to Spring yet know that Winter can still come back and bite us. Nevertheless, events in the Parish are moving ever onwards and that gloriously quiet time between Christmas and the New Year is just a memory. Most of our organisations and clubs have met to plan another fun or work packed year and with a Quiz Night, Film Night and Family Fun Night under our belt already the 2012 season is well under way and we are looking forward to seeing you all again at many of the events that make this such a good place to live.

If you are new to the village or parish do come along and see what makes us a prize-winning community! We will make sure that you are made welcome and introduce you to some new friends.

1.0 News from your Parish Council

1.1 Closure of Eaton Lane

Most residents will have seen the yellow signage stating that Eaton Lane (between Cotebrook & The Red Fox/Indian) will be closed from 14th Feb. Highways were contacted and this additional information has been received:

- Re-surfacing will be done between Lightfoot Lane (the Cross) and the last house (called Risedon) going North towards the Red Lion
- The work will take 3 days and starts sometime after Tues. 14th Feb
- If possible they will include a re-build of the pavement between Risedon & Rock Cottage

1.2 Community Pride Competition

In the last newsletter we told you how well we had done in 2011, winning the **Best Kept Village** element in our category and sharing the **Community Spirit** prize with Audlem, a much bigger village and

parish. No sooner had we drawn breath when the 2012 entry forms arrived. This year there is a new category for **Community Safety** sponsored by the Cheshire Constabulary, looking at how community actions and initiatives are making life safer in villages and parishes. This covers many areas including the Homewatch & Farmwatch schemes and making sure that the roads are safe for all residents. This year we hope to be competitive in the **Newsletter category and also with our new Website**. Over the next couple of months the Parish Council will be letting residents know how they can help make our Parish a place to be proud of. Having done so well last year, we want to add a freshness to our entries so, if you have any good ideas or want to help please get in touch.

1.3 Play Area for our Youngsters & A Youth Club

Play Area – we knew that this would be a hard slog to achieve and even with the Head Teacher Paul Mitchell on side, we still do not have the go-ahead to submit plans for a play area on the school field. But undaunted, the project is still being pursued and we will let you know as soon as there is progress.

Youth Club – similar delays here but as we wanted our new Youth Club Leader Sarah Baxter to have the opportunity to start the process, we were given permission by the Jessie Hughes Committee to use the Hall on certain Tuesdays that are available. This triggered the production of the many procedures, insurance checks, codes of conduct etc that are needed before the first meeting can be arranged. Sarah plus some helpers are visiting Tarporley Youth Club soon to make some links and in the next few weeks flyers will go out advising of the first meeting of the **Eaton Youth Club**.

1.4 Road Safety

May we first thank all those who came to the Road Safety meeting that we held on 21st November. The 5 key danger spots and some General points were identified:

- 1. Whalley Drive to the School**
- 2. Lower Lane – the Well to the School**
- 3. The Village Cross Area**

4. **Royal Lane – Village Hall entrance**
5. **Eaton Lane – Village to Cotebrook**
6. **General:** Certain hedges (vis), verges, obscured/dirty road signs.

Possible solutions were discussed and after the meeting a document was created and copies circulated for comment by Parish Councillors and those who attended the meeting. From the comments a summary document is now near completion and will form the basis of a further meeting to be held Monday 20th February 6.30 – 7.30pm. All those that attended the last meeting will be invited but all interested residents will be welcome. Next step will be the Highways department!

1.5 Electricity Sub-Station

Progress here since the last Newsletter. After some pressure to find an alternative to Elm tree Court entrance, Scottish Power are now in negotiations with the owner of an alternative site. It is hoped that an agreement will be reached so that a more secure supply with more underground cables will commence in the foreseeable future.

1.6 Village Green

Designs, quotes and grant applications were submitted for certain **improvements to our Green**. Unfortunately the County's legal people found that only half of the Green is owned by the Parish Council. This has led to the project being downsized and a new submission is now needed.

A big thank you to the workforce that turned out on Saturday 26th November for what is now **the Annual Village Green Leaf Clearance project**. This year some 14 one tonne sized bags of leaves were collected which were then taken away by our CWaC Council Streetscene guys. All volunteers were then treated to drinks and nibbles in Barbara & Ian Burgon's lovely garden at the Smithy, making what could have been a chore into a great social morning. Thanks again to all who assisted in this venture which stops dead leaves piling up around our village for many weeks after they fall.

1.7 Planning – (tips to smooth the process !)

In the last Newsletter it was suggested that residents should send a copy of any Planning Application to the Parish Clerk at the same time that it is submitted to the Planning Authority. Since then there have been a couple of incidents of residents, who live in the conservation area of the village, wishing to prune/fell trees. In this situation you must give the local planning authority 6 weeks notice of your intentions. Again it would be a good idea to let our Parish Clerk Alex Stubbs know at the same time.

1.8 New Parish Website

The new Parish Website is now available and we are working hard to add more to it. However, you can already find information about your Parish Councillors, dates for future Council meetings and minutes of previous meetings. Under the **News** heading you will find copies of the latest newsletter and a link to pages showing photographs of Parish and Village hall functions over the past few years. New information is being added all the time – so have a look at: www.eatonandrushton.org.uk.

1.9 First Aid Classes

In the last Newsletter we asked if anyone was interested in some basic Computer Classes. This time we ask if you would like to attend some **basic First Aid lessons** conducted by qualified trainers from either St John's or the Red Cross (we have spoken to both). There would be a charge but would you know how to respond to a sudden emergency whether it be to yourself, someone elderly or a small child. If you are interested in courses in either subject (would be held at our Village Hall) then contact Mike Wilson 760619.

1.10 Salt and Grit for Icy Conditions

Last year, certain salt/grit bins were removed from our Parish by the CWaC Council for cost saving reasons. In December we contacted the Council requesting more bins of Salt & Grit in 6 locations. A reply was received that stated that "none of the proposed locations meet

the policy for the provision of grit bins”! However communities can fund their own bins (with the agreement of highways re. specific location). For this current winter we are looking at one bin within the Village Hall area which suffers from a slippery surface on the car park slope when icy. At our Annual Meeting in May we will be asking residents what they would like providing for next winter.

1.11 Parish Directory

Another project that has taken longer than expected. Amendments have now been made and quotes received for printing. Please be patient and hopefully the end result will be worth it.

1.12 Red Lion Pub

In 1999, Scottish & Newcastle sold its pubs to the Royal Bank of Scotland (yes; we all owned 80% of the Red Lion!!), which were then managed by Scottish & Newcastle Pubs Ltd. Last December these pubs (918 in all) were sold to Heineken for £412m. We contacted the Estates Manager and he has recently reported that the Red Lion is up for sale as Heineken did not want to re-open the site as a pub. The site is now going on the commercial market and will either be taken on by someone else to start up a pub/restaurant or by a developer. We will stay in touch and keep you informed.

1.14 Renewable Energy – Solar Power

The presentation meeting was held in November but as the government had just announced the halving of the 43p feed-in tariff, we did not get a large turnout. Thanks to John Freeman for organising this. With the tariff now possibly being extended to the beginning of March there may be renewed interest.

1.15 Homewatch – Crime Awareness

We are still trying to develop the Homewatch Scheme (need more volunteers). However Ron Chisnall who lives in Tarporley, receives regular emails about criminal goings-on in the area from Inspector Keith Curbishley from the Western Rural Police Area – that’s mainly the old Vale Royal area. Ron copies these emails to your Parish

Council and to many Eaton and Rushton residents. If you would like to receive these communications, just email him at ron.chisnall@manchester.ac.uk. We will also look at putting these reports on the website.

Police Incidents (the sort of info received in the above emails).

This data is supplied by our local PC, Ged Gigg, and covers the period from 6th December 2011 up to 6th January 2012. He also provides an overview of issues that are affecting bordering parishes.

Reported Incidents	8	Total of the following types
Alarm Activation	1	(All in order – Rushton)
Cold Calling	2	(All in order)
Dog Incident	1	(All in order – Lightfoot Lane)
Drink Driver	1	(Person arrested – Hickhurst Ln)
Road Traffic Collision	1	(Damage only – Eaton Lane)
Suspicious Activity	1	(Red Lion – Eaton Lane)
Suspicious Vehicle	1	(Eaton Lane – Search - no trace)

Over recent months there have been increased thefts of metals from both unoccupied premises and lived in properties in the neighbouring parishes.

Theft of agricultural equipment, particularly rollers and horse trailers have increased. Please ensure you have all relevant details of any equipment you possess, such as serial numbers, make and model numbers etc to assist in identification in the event of a theft or for insurance purposes.

Please ensure to report incidents as and when they arise and use the appropriate number for the response required.

PC 4207 Ged GIGG, WESTERN RURAL NPT,

DRAGONHALL Police Station Gerard.Gigg@cheshire.pnn.police.uk
01244 612693 or 0845 458 0000

1.16 Oulton Park

In December, once again the Oulton Park management & staff laid on an excellent Christmas lunch for the pensioners of our Parish and

those from Little Budworth. After the meal Eaton Primary School provided a very tuneful choir to sing carols which this year were lovely songs not often heard (you see there are some plusses in growing old!!).

Councillors David Lilley & Eddie Shaw are our representatives on the liaison committee and you should contact them if you have points to raise regarding any Oulton Park issues that affect you.

Just a reminder to those who live within a mile of the circuit, you are entitled to a free season pass (for 2 persons) if you both take a utility bill dated in the last 3 months, 2 passport photos per person, your old 2011 pass and your driving licence down to the Foggarty Moss centre at Oulton Park, Monday to Friday 9am-5pm before the end of March . If you are not sure if you live within a mile call them on 01829 760301.

1.17 Rural Superfast Broadband Programme by CWaC

No progress to report on this initiative. Councillor Andree Rose is chasing any options we may have to speed up our broadband. Don't forget, to ensure that our Parish is seen to be interested - you are asked to go to the CWaC website www.connectingcheshire.org.uk and register. This site also will keep you in touch with what is happening and has useful "frequently asked questions" and "links".

1.18 Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012 (2nd-5th June)

Many people have expressed a view that the village and parish should do something to celebrate this occasion. The Parish Council and the Jessie Hughes Committee are keen to support a project – but are also keen that it should perhaps be run by others in the community to give it a different flavour to the events that already take place.

Amelia McCourty has volunteered to lead a group to develop the ideas that are being put forward and she has given us the following:

"We filled the Meeting Room in the village hall on 16th January with villagers keen to discuss options for a Jubilee celebration. Lots of ideas were put forward including a street party somewhere in the village; competitions based on a theme; a concert; an evening meal.

A sub committee has been set up to discuss the many options which are on the table and the **next meeting is on Wednesday 8th February at 7.30 in the village hall. Do come along and share your thoughts or email me aemccourty@lineone.net**".

1.19 BT Phone Services in the Area

We know of a couple in Eaton who were without their BT phone line for six weeks over the Christmas period and January. Of course, this also means that they had no internet service.

The Parish Council would like to know if this is an isolated incident or whether there are more cases that we haven't heard about. If you are suffering similarly, or know of someone else who is, then please tell us and we can try to apply more pressure to get the problems fixed.

1.20 Parish Council Precept

Included in the Council Tax that residents pay is a "precept charge" that goes to the Parish Council. This pays for the Parish Clerk's salary (all councillors are unpaid), stationery, your Newsletters etc. The precept charge is currently £3,400 which works out at about £16 per house per annum. This figure has not been raised since 2008 but with the new initiatives that we are taking we are putting this up by £500 (about £2.50 per household per annum) to £3,900.

Parish Council Matters Contact Parish Clerk: Mrs Alex Stubbs
rushtonclerk@aol.com Tel: 01829 733252

2.0 The Jessie Hughes Village Hall

2.1 General

The hall's year runs from January to December and at the recent January Committee meeting it was agreed that 2011 had been an excellent year with many new classes starting up, good village events and a healthy end of year financial balance. However we are keeping a watchful eye on escalating maintenance and running costs and are intent on keeping our first-rate facility in tip top condition (see

comments on page 11 from the ballet examiner). It was agreed that as far as the building is concerned, the three main objectives are:

1. To maintain the hall in a first class condition and carry out improvements as necessary
2. To keep the hall safe, properly insured, and to meet all the regulatory requirements
3. To build up financial reserves against unforeseen costs equivalent to about one year's turnover.

To discuss all aspects of how the Hall is used and managed you are invited to the JHVH **AGM**. This will be held in the hall on Wednesday, 4th April at 7.30pm.

2.2 The “Allo Allo” Evening

Along with the “40’s Night” & “The NY Cruise” this will go down as one of the best evenings held in our wonderful Village hall. The Kingsley Players put on a truly professional authentic version of the famous TV series interspersed with a fine hot meal and a licensed bar to round off the evening. The committee ladies & helpers, lead by Jan Freeman, made sure that the 80+ that attended (it was a sell-out) had a thoroughly enjoyable evening and we look forward to the next extravaganza !!!.

2.3 Quiz Nights

All the quiz nights this winter season have been fantastically successful giving an evening’s entertainment with refreshments still at only £3. Three more quizzes remain on the calendar for this year. The first, to be run by Jane and Brian Byrne, is on the 3rd February (perhaps not all of you will have received this newsletter by then!). The next quiz on the 2nd of March and will be led by Paul Chrisp. This will be Paul’s first quiz so the questions are bound to have a different flavour – they always do. Then, following a gap, because Easter is early this year, we shall have what has become known as the ‘Church Quiz’. This will be on the 20th April and will be run to the usual format, by members of St Thomas’ Church, most of whom are indistinguishable from Jessie Hughes regulars. However, the Church gets to keep the profit!

2.4 Film Nights

We started the season with “**The Kings Speech**” in October which everyone in the large audience enjoyed. In November we followed this up with another recent film ‘**Water for Elephants**’ based on a historical novel by Sara Gruen. This was enjoyed by an audience of about fifty. The next Film Night turned into something of an experience. It was planned for Friday, the 16th December. We had a double bill planned. After school, children were going to be escorted up to the hall for a showing of ‘Mr Popper’s Penguins’ complete with suitable end of term refreshments. In the evening we then planned to show ‘**The Holiday**’, that well known ‘feel good’ movie to our usual audience. That was the day it snowed !!! cutting off many roads in the area. Parents had started to call the school at lunchtime worried about the conditions so we cancelled the children’s film showing. It continued to snow. The small team of helpers were worried that nobody would show but in the event, seventeen stalwarts turned up and the show went ahead and in true Dunkirk spirit, a great time was had by all.

On the 20th January we showed the newly made version of ‘**Jane Eyre**’ for which DVDs are not yet generally available. Perhaps because of this and the publicity it has received, we had a record turnout of 85 people. All enjoyed it except for a couple of Bronte experts amongst the audience who thought that significant bits had been missed out. Anyway, with the extra revenue it more than made up for the loss at Christmas.

The February showing is on **Friday 10th** and the film was to be another 2011 film, A Lonely Place To Die. **However** when the DVD was released this week, we purchased a copy and unfortunately there is quite a lot of violence in it which we feel that our typical audience do not want (guys: you can borrow the DVD anytime!!). So we have switched to another DVD released this week and on our list. It is “**The Help**” which is based on an acclaimed book by Kathryn Stockett who was raised in Jackson Mississippi where the book is set. It is 1962 and a time when black maids raised white children but were not allowed to cross the line. This is moving authentic story and the film is already

being recognised as a classic. This is a very recent film. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. A great social evening. Don't miss it.

2.5 Family Fun Nights

Partly due to the lack of progress in starting a Youth Club, we have held more of these Family Fun Nights this winter season and as ever, youngsters and parents alike seem to thoroughly enjoy the format that has evolved. The January session last Friday was typical with 35+ enjoying table tennis, pool, a great "string assault course" provided by Brenda Soutar, Wii games plus many board and table games that kept everyone occupied. The atmosphere is magic and the only problem is groans at the end from youngsters (and adults) who would always like to stay an extra half hour. **Our next FFN is on Friday 24th February** so why not bring down those sons, daughters, grandkids or anyone else between 4 & 99 who just like to have some fun.

2.6 Dancing

We now have Ballet, Zumba & Ballroom classes during the week at the Hall. In this Newsletter we feature the Ballet Classes which are wonderfully lead by Nicolle Higgins and in the next issue we will catch up with Zumba & Ballroom.

Pointe Works had another successful year of Royal Academy Examinations at the Jessie Hughes with 8 distinctions, 16 merits, 6 passes and 20 medals awarded to the 5 year olds who presented their Pre-Primary Class.

Pointe Works owner Nicolle Higgins reports:

'This is a phenomenal achievement by the 50 local children involved, as the examinations are not easy to pass. We were honoured to have an ex-Royal Ballet student as our examiner this year, who now trains ballerina's to the highest standards in central London. She thought the children were delightful and was keen to hear all about Jessie Hughes and how the new village hall was built. She said that the hall was fabulous, particularly noting the floor, warmth & cleanliness of the environment. I am very proud of each & every child that took part – they worked so hard for over a year to perfect their exercises & dances, I hope they enjoy their success.'

Ballet classes take place weekly during term time at The Jessie Hughes Village Hall in Eaton

Nicolle Higgins BA (Hons), CBTS RAD:RTS

Pointe Works

For further information please contact Nicolle on 07900 303966 or email nicolle@pointeworks.co.uk or visit www.pointeworks.co.uk

2.8 Art Classes

We are fortunate to have 2 qualified art teachers living in the village, Bee Buckmaster & Gordon Ashton. They displayed a selection of their own work at the hall over Christmas with an invitation for people to contact them if interested in starting classes for water colour, still life etc. The classes would be held at the JHVH, possibly on Tuesday afternoons. Although some interest has been shown, Bee & Gordon need a few more names to make it viable.

Please contact them on 733967.

3.0 News from St Thomas' Church

It was a full house for the service of Lessons & Carols in December, with a real sense of celebration and a good community spirit. The traditional carols were interwoven with readings and prayers as we heard the familiar and profound story of the birth of Christ.

All that singing was thirsty work and so the refreshments in the Village Hall were welcome, although there was still more singing to come with Alan and Jean Cross leading us in some seasonal songs.

Last year saw the church full to the brim with wedding guests for a very local couple. We have a wedding booked again for this year. The church has been the focus too for a number of baptisms. Sadder occasions are funerals, but, again, it is good that the church is there in time of need, for people to come together to remember, give thanks and seek God's comfort.

Please remember that St Thomas' church is there for you, whether it is an 'occasional' need or week by week.

Each Sunday at 9 am the little bell rings out as we prepare for the weekly service: Holy Communion, and, on the fourth Sunday, Family Service, where the hymns and songs and the simple form of service are very accessible and 'user-friendly', with an opportunity for young ones to be involved in the service. For me the 'Family' means all ages – it's not simply for parents and children – God's Church family includes everyone – young and old, married, single, whatever our situation and circumstances. Please do come along. It would be a great way to start the day. Whatever else Sunday holds for you why not start it at St Thomas'?

This year we will be holding a series of ecumenical home groups organised by the churches of Tarporley through the weeks of Lent:

Thursday evenings 8 pm at 2 Orchard Gardens, Tarporley

1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 March *and*

Friday mornings 10.30 am, beginning at The Rectory

(with other venues to be announced)

2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 March

For further details please contact me. Lent leads us to Holy Week and Easter and we celebrate this great week at St Thomas' with Morning Service at 10 am on Good Friday, 6 April, and Holy Communion at 9 am on Easter Day, 8 **April**. All are warmly welcome.

School links The links between St Thomas' Church and Eaton school continue. Alex Sanders, the curate, and I really enjoy our visits to the school for assemblies – always a welcome and a friendly and attentive time together.

The Barn Dance has become part of the calendar and is eagerly anticipated. Get your straw hat and neckerchief, and your dancing shoes ready for the next Barn Dance on **FRIDAY 30 MARCH at Tarporley Community Centre**, Tickets £12 each (numbers limited) – includes a hot supper. Licensed Bar.

For tickets call: Mary: 760619, Amelia 730155 or Keith: 732491.

This is to raise funds for your local St Thomas's Church – to keep its fabric in good order and for its work in the community.

Tarporley Parish Church, St helen's, now has a website with a page for St Thomas', which links to the community website of Eaton and Rushton, so if you want to find out more about St Thomas' just log on to www.tarporleyparishchurch.org

This column brings you news of life at St Thomas', your village church, where the best news of all – the gospel, which means simply good news - is celebrated week by week - where we bring to God our needs and our thanksgivings, our sorrows and our joys. All are welcome to share in this:

St Thomas' at 9 am every Sunday. Family Service on the fourth Sunday

If you would appreciate a visit or would like to know more about the activities at St Thomas' please contact me.

Keith Hine, Rector 01829 732491

4.0 Eaton Reading Group

The Reading Group now meets in members' homes on the first Thursday of each month for informal discussion about our set book. The book for March 1st is a ghost story, "Dark Matter" by Michelle Paver and our venue is yet to be decided.

This is a very informal group, not at all highbrow – just a few people who enjoy a good read and then enjoy sharing their views on what they've read. If you are interested in joining the group, or would like to find out more, please call Hilary Healey on 01829 730427 or email hils51@yahoo.co.uk

5.0 Up The Garden Path – (Our Gardening Club)

Up The Garden Path = Eaton & District Gardening Club.

Our December and January meetings were both hosted in members' homes, so thanks to Tina and Derek for December's mulled wine and mince pies and Christmas gardening quiz, and to Mike and Mary for January's homemade chutney tasting and "Any Gardening Questions", when our members demonstrated yet again the wealth of gardening knowledge they hold between them.

Now we get down to finalising the programme for the rest of 2012. As usual we will have talks on several topics from experts in the field, starting on Tuesday 28th February, 7.30pm in the Jessie, when Roger Nutter from RSPB Chester will be giving a talk on "Farmland Birds". Roger came to speak to our group last year and was excellent. We also plan talks on propagation and "growing your own". There will also be visits to members' gardens on summer club-night evenings, and hopefully to some "Yellow Book" gardens at weekends. Add to this our usual seed and plant swaps, our fantastic potatoes in a bucket competition - now in its third year -, our fundraising stall at Tarporley Carnival and what more could a keen gardener want? As details of events are confirmed we will post them in the newsletter and hopefully the new Village Website - so look out for gardening treats there.

Members again expressed interest in the possibility of an "Open Garden Trail" in Eaton this summer. Proceeds would go to a local charity. If you have opened your garden in the past and would be keen to do so again, or if you are interested in showing your patch off for the first time, please contact me on the number below or at hils51@yahoo.co.uk . If this is to happen we need to get cracking as these things take a good while to plan.

New members are always welcome for the ridiculously cheap annual fee of £2 (plus £1 per meeting attended) but visitors are welcome too. You don't need to have expert knowledge to join us, just an enthusiasm for gardening.

So don't forget, Tuesday 28th February, 7.30pm, Jessie Hughes Village Hall for a fantastic talk on farmland birds, members £1, guests £2.

Hilary Healey
01829 730427

6.0 News from the WI

The Eaton WI has a new President for the coming year, Dianne Arden. Unfortunately she has broken her arm and cannot write or

type. The Secretary is in New Zealand – so Sheila Parton has had to carry on submitting the report which is copied below.

The new programme for Eaton WI, started with an interesting Members Evening, when one member demonstrated her pottery making, one her machine embroidery, one gave reminiscences of her life from childhood and one of her life in teaching.

The February meeting will be on the Daffodil Farm and Walks at Marton, where members and friends can go. In future, we have a solicitor on Sex, Lies and 9-5, an evening of Scottish Dancing and a talk by a Chiropractor, and in the summer a Garden visit .

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday, in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall at 7-30 p.m. All are welcome. - for further details ring secretary Celia Gregory on 01270 528647.

7.0 Eaton Rambling Club

We ended last year with a December walk in the area of Willington Hall where 30 of us returned for a lovely Christmas lunch. Our walk was made even more interesting by what is becoming an Eaton Ramblers' tradition... to look out for Santa and his helpers en route by following the smell of mulled wine and mince pies. Thanks once again to Mike and Mary who led the walk and made sure Santa knew where we were!

We are already into our walking year, having had a well supported walk led by Roy Hitchen in the Church Minshull area in January. Our next walk is 5 February(Sunday) and this is being led by Brenda Soutar in the area of Peckforton.

Other events and leaders are as follows:

9 Feb (Thurs) Meal and Skittles at the Bickerton Poacher (7.30pm).

3 Mar (Sat) Roy Hitchen

26 Mar (Mon) Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm.

This will be in the Committee Room at the Jessie Hughes - all welcome, particularly new members or anyone wishing to find out more. Come along with any ideas you have for future walks or

activities please. The programme for the rest of the year will then be decided. If you would like to lead a walk, and we are always looking for new leaders, please let me know.

15 April (Sun) David Lilley

12 May (Sat) Ray Duckworth

19 June – 22 June: Grasmere, Lake District mid week walking holiday. Roy has managed to book our usual haunt at Glenthorne Guest House where we have had so many good times.

Just to recap for newer members, we meet at the Jessie Hughes Village Hall at 10.15am and alternate between a Saturday and a Sunday each month. Those people who want to go straight to the walk meeting point are welcome to do so and details and time for this are circulated when the walk leader confirms their route to me.

Best wishes everyone Gill 782693

8. 0 “Nomads Tennis”

The Nomads will start their 3rd season in April. If you are interested in playing tennis on three lovely courts in our Parish on Sunday afternoons then contact Mary:

Mary Wilson on 01829 760619 or mike.marywilson@btinternet.com

9. 0 News From Eaton Primary School

The academic year 2010-2011 was a very successful one for everyone connected with Eaton Primary School. This has continued to build over the last term. Success in the classroom was matched in sports and the school's reputation for the arts was, once again, enhanced. Just as important the children's behaviour, manners and general attitude was commended on various occasions and from various sources. In addition the school's commitment to helping others less fortunate than themselves continued with charity work becoming a regular feature of each term.

What will become a highlight is the forthcoming Summer Ball – to be held at Portal on 13th July 2012 – where the school will continue its support of Macmillan Cancer in the very important work they do.

Eaton's KS2 SATs results for 2011, at 100% for the third year running, were absolutely fantastic. They are a credit to the children and to everyone connected with the school. The work that the children and staff have put into achieving such high academic standards cannot be overstated. The results put Eaton in the top 5% of primary schools in Cheshire. Well done everyone.

Sporting success came in a range of activities. Individual medals were won in cross country in the mud of December and in athletics in the sun of June. Team success continues to build.

The arts continue to flourish - the icing on the cake last term being the Christmas production of 'The Nutcracker', which was very well received by the entire school community. Every child in the school was involved and the production was absolutely first class. The "best ever" was the general opinion.

On top of all of the above were the normal day to day events of school with a committed staff determined to provide the best possible outcomes for the children in their care. Each day saw hundreds of delightful moments characterised by fantastic children working hard to fulfil their potential.

Every school is special. Every school has its own ethos, its own spirit. I am very pleased to say that Eaton is positively thriving!

Paul Mitchell Head teacher

10.0 Cotebrook Shire Horse Centre

And finally, have you checked out our (well some of their fields are in our Parish!!) award winning Shirehorse Centre at Cotebrook. February sees the launch of their "Foal Watch Video Diary" and first to foal will be Dora around 10th Feb. This is a great way for families to see the foals develop in their first 6 months and will probably lead to a visit. Go to www.cotebrookshirehorses.co.uk and look for video diary.

Editors Note We hope that you enjoyed this Newsletter. If you have suggestions for improvement or wish to add items for our next issue (planned for 1st May) then do contact one of us.

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EATON & RUSHTON DIARY DATES – February / March 2011

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	TIME
Frid 3 rd Feb	VILLAGE QUIZ NIGHT	JHVH	7.30 for 8pm
Sun5 th Feb	EATON RAMBLING CLUB	JHVH	10.15am
Wed 8 th Feb	DIAMOND JUBILEE Planning Meeting	JHVH	7.30pm
Thurs 9 th Feb	RAMBLERS Skittles Night	Bick Poacher	7.30pm
Frid 10 th Feb	EATON FILM SOCIETY “The Help”	JHVH	7.00 pm for 7.30
Tues 14 th Feb	EATON W.I. “Talk on Daffodil Farm”	JHVH	7.30 pm
Thur 16 th Feb	TEA n CHAT Drop in drink & a natter	JHVH	10.30 - noon
Mon 20 th Feb	PARISH COUNCIL Mtg Meeting “Road Safety 6.30pm–7.30”	JHVH JHVH	6.30pm 7.30pm
Frid 24 th Feb	FAMILY FUN NIGHT Wii games & much more	JHVH	6.30 – 8.30pm
Tues 28th Feb	“UP THE GARDEN PATH” “Farmland Birds” RSPB	JHVH	7.30 pm
Thurs 1 st Mar	READING GROUP	TBA	7.30 pm
Frid 2 nd Mar	VILLAGE QUIZ NIGHT	JHVH	7.30 for 8pm
Sat 3 rd Mar	EATON RAMBLING CLUB	JHVH	10.15am
Tues 13 th Mar	EATON W.I.	JHVH	7.30 pm
Thurs 15 th Mar	TEA n CHAT Drop in drink & a natter	JHVH	10.30 - noon
Frid 16 th Mar	FAMILY FUN NIGHT Wii games & much more	JHVH	6.30 – 8.30pm
Mon 19 th Mar	PARISH COUNCIL Meeting	JHVH	7.30pm
Frid23rd Mar	EATON FILM SOCIETY	JHVH	7 for 7.30pm
Mon 26 th Mar	EATON RAMBLING CLUB AGM	JHVH	7.30pm
Tues 27th Mar	“UP THE GARDEN PATH” Talk on Propagation	JHVH	7.30 pm
Weds 28 th Mar	St.Thomas Church AGM	At the Church	7.30pm
Frid 30 th Mar	“BARN DANCE” in aid of St Thomas Church Funds	Tarporley Community Centre	7.30pm