

Eaton and Rushton Newsletter

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(Rushton Parish includes Eaton Village and the Rushton Area)

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Welcome to our February edition of the Parish Newsletter.

1.0 News from your Parish Council

1.1 PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES – Urgent !!

Your Parish Council is made up of 7, unpaid volunteer councillors and a paid, part-time Parish Clerk, Alex Stubbs. A further regular attendee is the County Councillor for our ward, Eveleigh Moore Dutton who is also the current Deputy Leader of Cheshire West and Chester Council.

All councillors are elected for a 4 year term which currently finishes May this year. 2011 was quite an exception as we had more than 7 people apply to be members and a Parish vote was taken. If less than 7 apply then no vote is required.

At the end of this 4yr stint (May 2015) we are losing 2 of our councillors, Mike Scott and long standing councillor, David Lilley. Chair Mike Wilson has agreed to do an extra year (not as Chair) in order to complete the projects that he is involved in.

Hence WE NEED AT LEAST 2 VOLUNTEERS !!! The commitment is to attend the monthly Parish Council Meeting where we discuss and decide on the various responsibilities of a parish council and also to support the initiatives that the council agree to take on. We do respect the fact that people have varying amounts of time available for this important work.

We feel that we do represent the views of the community and try to maintain and develop the Parish in a way that the community would wish. Apart from the above, it can also be fun!! **So; if you feel that it is time that you did your bit, or a bit more for the community then call: Mike on 01829 760619**

Sad Losses: whilst on the subject of people of our Parish we were very sad to hear last week of the passing of Colin Lloyd and Dr Dennis Brooke. Colin was a well known figure in the village with valuable contributions to our church, village hall (a main person behind the Tea n Chat start up), walking club and a key member of our Parish Plan team in 2006-2008. In recent years Colin suffered his illness with dignity and was inspirational helping some of us who were going through similar experiences. Our thoughts are with wife Ann (whom he met at Oulton Park) and their son & daughter. Funeral 12th Feb. 11.30am St T. Dr Brooke, perhaps not so well known in the village, was a key member of our church committee holding the post of treasurer for many years. Condolences have been sent to his wife Mary.

February Parish Council Meeting: the Police & Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, John Dwyer, will be attending our meeting at 7.30pm (for about 45mins) on **Monday 16th Feb.** He will be explaining the type of projects for which his grant fund was intended. We will be re-enforcing the community's view that road safety for our people is an important issue for us and hence the reason for our disappointment in our request for financial support being rejected. All are welcome to attend to support your council. We will be using the main hall of the Jessie Village Hall.

1.2 Precept Payment from your Council Tax

Within the amount of Council Tax each householder pays each year there is an amount shown on your bill entitled "Rushton Parish Council". This is the Parish Council's income for their expenditure. Last year from the 215 houses in our Parish, this brought in £3,756 (an average of £17.47 per household dependant on house banding).

This pays towards such things as road safety changes not paid for by Highways, hall hire for meetings, additional grit bins, Clerk's pay and Parish Newsletters. This year we have a double hit on finances in that, outside of our control, we have lost the precept from at least 11 houses (Flaxyards going into Tarporley Parish) plus we have some exciting/needed projects in hand that do need some financing.

Consequently we are putting the precept up (it didn't rise last year) to bring in £4,131, an additional £375 and a rise on average of £1.84 per household.

SLOW PROGRESS – at the January Council meeting, frustration was expressed by Councillors with regard to how long it takes to “get things done” e.g. replacing a broken road sign – 4 months! or unblocking a certain drain – many months. This not only results in many many emails to various agencies but also in having to post in Minutes of our Meetings, plus in this Newsletter that “work is on-going”. However all agreed that “pecking away” does eventually get results and we can only apologise to our readers who we expect have similar thoughts to ours.

1.3 An Honour for us all to Share

You may have heard that Parish Council Chairman Mike Wilson was awarded an MBE in the NY Honours List for services to his community over the past 9 years. The long process (unknown to Mike but known to wife Mary and sponsor Jan Freeman) involved contact by the Cabinet Office with colleagues in the Scouting world in which Mike has been very involved in the past, plus colleagues in other areas that Mike has worked. This is a very humbling experience for Mike who wants it to be known that this award should be shared by many (particularlry wife Mary) who, in this great community, go beyond the call to keep it a fun and attactive place in which to live.

1.4 Village Green and Surrounds

The current phase of improving the Green is near completion with the rotting steps having been removed and the redundant bus stop tarmac being removed since the last Newsletter. Spring will see the seeding of the bare areas and a final tidy up. Many have been involved in the phases of improving the Green area and particularly the Lower Lane Notice Board / Well area in the past 4 years. But main thanks must go to the co-ordinator Cllr Mike Scott who has masterminded the whole project which has taken this area to a fine new level for all to see.

The Big Leaf Collection: Saturday 22nd November saw the biggest turn out since we started in 2010 (32 folks armed with rakes, bags and shovels). Within 2hrs the job was done (filling 15 x 1tonne sacks) and all were rested in the Smithy “workers shelter” (thanks to Ian & Barbara Burgon) tucking into hot mincepies, mulled wine and a variety feast of goodies. The clearance of these leaves stops drains blocking and heaps of leaves building up on kerbs and private

driveways. Thanks to all who were there and see you next year (we may have to start selling tickets!!).

1.5 Rushton Picnic Area (by the Millpool)

Another project that is “work in progress” is getting CWaC legals to complete the sale. When completed, we are hoping to hold an open morning at the site so that the community can be involved in what we want to see in this area of great potential. If you have any ideas then **contact Cllr Simon Roberts through Parish Clerk Alex Stubbs**

1.6 Road Safety within the Parish.

From our last Newsletter we ended up with 10 people who have joined our **Eaton Road Safety Working Group** which will be in existence until the end of April. They have already had 3 meetings and projects such as the Vehicle Activated Speed Sign for Eaton Lane and a possible kerb to the Village Hall are now in progress. In order to gain more information, the group asked Highways to measure volume/speed of traffic along Eaton Lane (by the Red Lion) over a 7day period. This was done during the last week of January and the figures have just come in for the group to look at. However you may be interested in a couple of these figures : during the 5 day working week, between the hours of 7am and 9am, on average the daily figure was 246 vehicles travelled in a Northbound direction (towards Cotebrook) at an average speed of 40.7mph. During the same period 224 vehicles travelled southbound at an average speed of 39.2mph. On the basis that this is now a 40mph stretch it is clear that many are breaking the speed limit. A replacement village sign, knocked down by a speeding motorist has just been replaced on Sapling Lane as has a crossroads sign at the Brownhills / Beech Lane junction. Thanks to all those who have joined this Working Group. The minutes are displayed on our website.

1.6 The Parish Website (& Twitter)

Due to one of those “server problems” our website has been switched off for a few weeks but is now back on. Work continues with a parallel new website by two of our senior teenage Youth Club members, Rowan O’Shea and Barney Stubbs.

1.7 Youth Club

Winter has seen no reduction in the number attending the Junior section and number between 20 & 25 members each week are the

norm. Indoor games are ever popular and this week we introduce a new one which is the traditional Dutch Shuffle Board with tutor Mary in charge. The club meets each Thursday (including school holidays) Juniors 6.15pm to 7.30pm and Seniors 7.30pm to 9.00pm at Eaton Primary School. Encourage your children to come along.

1.8 The New Play Zone for the Community and School.

Fingers crossed, we should have the results of our final grant application to WREN in the next few weeks. Locally we have to raise nearly £5,000 and this is happening with a sell out Barn Dance on 14th February and support coming through from local contacts including £150 from the Youth Club tuck shop profits!! If you can give a personal financial contribution to this project or can talk your company, shop or organisation into giving, then contact Mike Wilson (tel. 01829 760619). Anyone wishing to be on the Management Committee or simply the "Friends of Eaton PlayZone" Group should email Mike at mike.marywilson@btinternet.com

1.9 Electricity Sub-Station (a more secure supply)

Another lengthy project but with all the legals completed we are expecting a programme of work to install the sub-station together with laying new cables (many underground). This is a major project and we will keep you informed of progress.

1.10 Oulton Park

"**Art in The Park**" in November, organised by our Sherriff Sue Sellers & her team, was a brilliant success raising circa £12,000 for hospices in the area. A good turn-out of seniors attended the **Christmas lunch** on the 15th December and again all were very impressed with the performance of Eaton Primary School Choir under the direction of Head Paul Mitchell with carols old and new. A thank you was sent to manager Simon Bonser and owner Jonathan Palmer.

A reminder to those who want **Residents Passes**, they are available from mid January to mid March. Also sign up for the free passes to **Carfest** which will be available at the same time.

1.11 The Red Lion Site – Eaton Lane

We have been told by the developer that further to the recent installation of steel fencing, the pub will be demolished in the next few weeks. The building of the new houses will take place later in the

year but we are arranging a meeting to discuss the likely timescale and will give more details later.

1.12 Broadband Update – “Connecting Cheshire”

Our Parish Clerk Alex has regularly chased members of the Connecting Cheshire Team to try and get a date when the 2 parts of our village (Tarporely served 730 numbers and Little Budworth 760 numbers) will be connected. Vague date periods have been given so we have asked that someone come and visit us. Consequently on the 20th April Andrew Arditti Connecting Cheshire Partnership Digital Engagement Manager will be attending our Parish Council meeting and he will be bringing someone from BT along also. We will advertise it nearer the date.

1.13 Neighbourhood Watch

Many of you are on our list for the regular reports about crime in our area (if not email Ron on ron.chisnall@btinternet.com or call him on 733821). **The Police continue to work on Rural Crime which needs all of our input if we see suspicious events. Call 101 for non-urgent reporting or 999 if appropriate.**

1.14 Eaton Village – Rushton Parish – IN 10 yrs TIME!!!!!!

Thank you to all those who either emailed or forwarded their answers to our mini **survey “HOW WOULD YOU LIKE THE PARISH TO LOOK IN 10 YEARS TIME?”** shown in the November Newsletter.

70% of the returns want Eaton to remain a “Quiet Rural Village” but over 70% still felt that sensitive developments of housing would be good for the village. Consequently your Parish Council are exploring whether more affordable housing could be considered for the Parish thus making it possible for younger couples to live here.

Please note the following contacts for your Parish Council:

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General Parish Council Matters Contact Parish Clerk:

Mrs Alex Stubbs rushtonclerk@aol.com Tel: 01829 733252

2.0 The Jessie Hughes Village Hall

Chairman – Ron Chisnall

Fund Raising Success

Last time I told you that the Jessie Hughes Institute had applied for a grant from the Big Lottery Fund as a contribution towards the cost of building a new storage room on the back of the present hall. Well – we were awarded the grant – just a few days after the last newsletter went to press. We had asked for £10,000 – and that is what we got. But I'm not supposed to tell you this without giving due publicity to The Big Lottery Fund and using their approved publicity material. So, here goes. Looks OK to me. Those reading this electronically will see the logo in colour; those reading the print version will see it in black and white.



Actually, we are very grateful to the Fund and to the help we got in making the application from Steve Wright. Steve, a resident of this Parish, is an expert in how to apply for grants and knows exactly how to complete the various application forms. Like many of these applications, knowing what the people at the

other end will be looking out for and how to “press their buttons” is a valuable skill. Of course, the new storage room will cost rather more than £10,000 – but asking for more would have raised the stakes and we had to demonstrate that we could fund any difference. We have selected Cartwright Pond to build the extension. This is the company that built the new hall over six years ago and, knowing how it is all put together, were able to give us a competitive quote. As you all know, winter is not a good time for building projects so we are looking at a slot in the Easter holidays to make a start. At times there will be a lot of banging and usually the Pilates and ballet classes have a break at this time.

The Jessie Hughes Institute AGM

This is an important meeting so please put it in your diary now – but note that this year it is on a Tuesday so that we don't have to evict the Tae Kwan Do class. The date is **Tuesday 21st April at 7:00pm** and we shall be in the main hall. And, as an extra incentive, tea,

coffee and biscuits will be available from 6:45. We who sit at the front have an incentive to keep the meeting short because we carry on afterwards with a normal committee meeting.

As usual, I (Ron Chisnall) will present the Chairman's report and David Bailey, our Treasurer will tell us about the financial position. Provisional results are looking very good but the extension has to be built and there are other substantial maintenance costs on the horizon. We shall then elect the committee for next year and, as always, we will be very happy to welcome anyone who would like to join us. Please give me, or any other committee member a call if you are interested and we will tell you what is involved. The election process at the meeting is as follows: you elect the committee and then, at the following meeting, the committee elects its officers.

One item which will attract our attention in the near future is our constitution. The present document was written in 1975 when the JHI applied to become a charity. But it is clearly an update of the original document written in the 1920s when the land for the hall was leased from the Arderne Estate. The committee agrees that the present document isn't fit-for-purpose, but changing it involves negotiating with the Charity Commission. The good news is that our Treasurer knows more about charity law than the rest of us put together – so now is a good time to act.

Quiz Nights

These continue to be firm favourites in the social calendar with a solid core of quizzers who enjoy a good night out at an amazingly attractive price. And it is also a forum to which new members of our community can come along and meet new friends. If you are new, don't think that you will be left alone to squirm with embarrassment – we introduce you to regulars and you can fit in at your own speed.

Last November, Gill Dennett survived her first outing as quiz master with flying colours while being very ably helped by Brian Byrne driving the scoring lap-top. And after what I said in the last newsletter about "foreigners" from Bunbury always winning, they told me that they had decided to "throw it" and only came second.

Next up, the Christmas quiz was a cracker with well over sixty players – of course it could have been the free mulled wine that drew the crowds. Santa himself taxed us all with some difficult questions

but his glamorous helper had been on the training course and coped brilliantly with the new technology. But where is the Challenge Cup? It has gone missing and so couldn't be presented to the deserving winners!

We were worried about the first quiz of the new year held on the 2nd of January. We thought people might still be nursing sore heads but over fifty turned up obviously keen to get 2015 off to a good start. Richard and Jane as quiz masters set the tone admirably looking as if they hadn't yet been home following an extended New Year's Day party.

So, quiz nights are always on the first Friday of the month – except, that is, for the April event which traditionally is run by Mary & Mike to raise much needed funds for our St Thomas church. The 3rd April is Good Friday which we think might seem to be inappropriate for many of our regulars. So, **it is slipped by one week to the 10th April.** Dates for your diary are therefore the 6th February, 6th March and then the 10th April.

Film Nights

The three films shown since the last newsletter have been “Belle”, “The Grand Budapest Hotel” and “The Butler”. Attendances were over fifty for the first two and almost seventy for the last.

Many of you thought that The Grand Budapest Hotel was a bit strange – but just to show how much we know it was much acclaimed by those who supposedly know about these things. Wikipedia reports as follows: “The Grand Budapest Hotel was released to general acclaim from film critics, and many included it in year-end top 10 lists. The film led the BAFTA nominations with 11 nominations more than any other film. Awards including Best Film, Best Director and Best Actor. The film also won the Golden Globe Award for Best Motion Picture and garnered three more Golden Globe nominations and nine Academy Award nominations. So – what do we know?

The Butler was an interesting film which for many of us was marred by some indistinct speech which was exacerbated by many of the actors having a strong “southern drawl”. Are we right – or is this attributable to the average age of the audience? We all know that some television directors are getting stuck at the moment for inaudible speech on popular shows – so perhaps it isn't just us.

Accents apart, we are taking steps to improve the sound reproduction at our film shows. Part of the problem comes from the amplifier and speakers that we installed in the hall six years ago. They are still good but are designed more for a public address situation than a modern film show. Modern “blu-ray” discs allow the speech tracks to be separated from background sounds and to be amplified independently. This, of course, requires a new amplifier and possibly some new speakers. But the JHI committee recognises the importance of our film nights and voted a budget so that we can make some progress in this area. Mike W promises the new system will be ready and installed for the February show.

That film show night will be on Friday 13th February – but we are not superstitious! And the film to be shown is “**What We Did on Our Holidays**” featuring David Tennant and Rosamund Pike as the put-upon parents of three unruly children and they are all visiting their grandfather Billy Connelly. Reviews say “It’s impossible not to enjoy this big-hearted and sweet-natured British family movie from Andy Hamilton and Guy Jenkin – effectively a feature-format development of their smash-hit BBC TV comedy, Outnumbered, which pioneered semi-improvised dialogue from the children. It creates a terrifically ambitious (and unexpected) narrative with a tonne of sharp gags.”

Following that, the next show will be on Friday 13th March. But after that the following showing will be on Friday 17th April because of the slipped date for Quiz Night

Tea’n’Chat

Tea’n’Chat is always on the 3rd Thursday of every month – which means that the next one will be on the 19th February. Because of the nature of the calendar, this will be five weeks after the last one. However, these get-togethers are always popular and attract a regular collection of locals – all of whom do just that – drink tea, coffee and chat. Be sure to make a note in your diary. We start at 10:30 and go on until mid-day.

Eaton Bridge Club

The latter part of 2014 has seen a change in the officers of the club. After seventeen years Mr Gordon King has resigned as Chairman due to ill health and after fourteen years Mrs Iris Weaver has resigned from the position of secretary. Under their excellent management the club has grown in numbers to a maximum of sixty-

four members who enjoy a varied and regular programme of bridge including party evenings and one bridge break in spring. The club is now managed by the Chairman, Mr Martin Evans, the Treasurer, Mr Andrew Clarey, and four other committee members. The new committee is dedicated to continuing the excellent work carried out by the retiring Chairman and Secretary.

Eaton Bridge Club meets every Thursday evening in the Jessie Hughes Institute with play starting promptly at 19.00 until 22.00. The membership is full at present but prospective bridge players can have their names placed on a waiting list. **Anyone interested in joining the club should contact: Martin Evans at mbe@budworth.eclipse.co.uk or Caroline Woodward at cmwoodward@talktalk.net**

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All welcome

Brenda McCoey

Ballet at the Jessie

32 children took part in the latest examination session at the Jessie Hughes on the 13th of December. We were lucky enough to have our first male examiner, Eric Assandri come to the hall. Eric is somewhat 'ballet royalty'!!! He trained at the Conservatoire de Nice and is now a Royal Academy examiner & lecturer in Ballet at the Northern School of Contemporary Dance. He has a very impressive professional ballet dancer background so it was an honour to host him at the Jessie Hughes. Once again, he was full of praise for the Hall, its floor & wonderfully clean, bright & airy facilities.

The results are just in & we were awarded 5 Gold medals, 27 Silver medals. We have beaten our previous highest score with one of our Grade 5's achieving 86%. These achievements will be celebrated

with an awards ceremony at the community centre on the 8th of February. Congratulations to everyone who took part.

This term the children are busy preparing for our summer charity showcase event to raise money for Breast Cancer Care. The theme is Sleeping Beauty & the groups of children are playing the roles of the 11 (!) fairies from the ballet. These performances take place on the 12th of July at Sir John Deane's Sixth Form College in Northwich. It's a fantastic theatre venue & we are delighted to be performing there.

If you are interested in getting your child dancing please **call Nicolle on 07900 303966 or email nicolle@pointeworks.co.uk. There is more information at the website www.pointeworks.co.uk**

Jessie Hughes Chairman
Ron Chisnall 01829 733821

3.0 News from St Thomas' Church

St Thomas' had some very successful and rewarding Christmas Services with record breaking numbers at the Carol Service (104 people!!) and on Christmas Day. A big thank you to all who attended. Our choir, under the leadership of Chris Clarey, gave a splendid performance that was highly praised in the Jessie Hall afterwards where all enjoyed mulled wine, mince pies in a festive atmosphere. Thank you also to all in the Village who are contributing regularly to the Food Bank in the Church and the Hall. So far you have donated some 220 kgs of food to help the needy in Northwich and Winsford. Keep up the good work it is very much appreciated.

Please note: Church AGM – Monday 23rd March 7.30pm at church.

The Parish is looking forward to the arrival of our new Rector, Georgina Watmore, in May. In the meantime we are grateful for all the support from our visiting clergy.

An event to put in your diary is the Church Garden Trail in aid of St. T's, fixed now for Saturday 5th July. It has been a couple of years since we have held this successful event which involves the advice and support of our Village Gardening Club. We already have 8 gardens on the list to visit and **should you wish your garden to be included, please contact Mike Scott on 760750**. Full details will be given in the May Newsletter.

4.0 Eaton Reading Group – Spring 2014

Back in October some of our group followed up our discussion of Susan Hill's 'Woman In Black ' with a trip to the theatre. This 2 man (and 1 ghost) production , unlike many stage adaptations stayed true to the story line and was greatly enjoyed by group members.

November, in honour of the 100 yr anniversary of the Great War found us sharing our individual choices of War Poetry. This ranged from the well-known works of Siegfried Sassoon and our more local Wilfred Owen to lesser known works and poets.

December's meeting was cancelled and the review of 'Blackberry Wine' By Joanna Harris deferred to our January meeting . This novel had mixed responses but as usual generated some lively discussion. At February's meeting we will be discussing 'Unexploded' by Alison Mac Leod a heartrending novel about love and prejudice in wartime Brighton. This book was long listed for the 2013 Man Booker Prize. New members are always welcome and if you would like to join us **for a 'taster' meeting please contact Tina Peel 01829 732904.**

5.0 Up The Garden Path – (Our Gardening Club)

We had an excellent year in 2014 with our monthly meetings when we had good speakers, garden visits, varied activities with a few socials and all were much enjoyed by the members. Unfortunately I was unable to join in the Christmas social kindly hosted by Richard and Annette but have been assured by all present that it was a really fun night with good music, a tricky quiz prepared by Richard and of course excellent food on the shared table.

Our first 2015 meeting was the now traditional Cheese and Chutney night on 27 January at Mary & Mike's. Twenty three members turned up and enjoyed some wonderful food & wine and still managed to have sub-groups discussing ideas for Group activities for the remainder of 2015. The resultant draft programme has some exciting ideas and should ensure yet another good year for the club, the early months already having been arranged. Although still in mid-winter it seems that Spring is well on the way, the snowdrops are in bloom and the early daffodils already showing flower buds. The seeds for 2015 have all been ordered and the increasing daylight hours and longing to be outdoors again gives gardeners itchy fingers. Let us hope that February is kind to us all.

Our forthcoming meetings at Jessie Hughes Village Hall 7:30pm are:
24th February Jo Dyer speaking on Organic Vegetable Gardening
24 March Susan Nicholas presenting Scent in the Garden

28 April Carol Siddorn speaking on Floristry.

I look forward to welcoming members, their guests and visitors to these events, the entrance is members £1:50, guests and visitors £2:00.

Derek Peel 01829 732904

6.0 News from the WI

Well we are now well and truly into 2015. Our year started with a very interesting talk by Karen Hunt the Fundraiser from Tarporley Hospital. Karen enlightened the members on the history of the hospital with various items from the archives. She also told members what refurbishments had been done and what the hospital are looking to do in the future.

On the 10th February 2015 our speaker will be Sue Ord, on Forensic Document Examination. Sue came to speak to our WI last year and we were all so fascinated with her talk about handwriting analysis that we asked her to come back.

In March we are looking forward to hearing about Heler's Cheese, hopefully with some samples!!!

In December members enjoyed a Christmas meal and were entertained by Caroline Doughtey.

Eaton WI welcome visitors, including men! We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.30p.m. Should you require any further information please contact our Secretary, Celia Gregory on 01270 528647 or myself on 01829 733639.

Dianne Arden (President)

7.0 Eaton Rambling Club

2014 was another good year for the Rambling Club with many new walks showing the beauty of our countryside. The year ended with the ever popular December Santa Walk organised by Mary & Mike. 23 walkers ventured out on a cold but sunny day and as ever Santa and his little helper elf Mary, were spotted by the Calverley Canal Bridge and hot mulled wine and mince pies were enjoyed by all. The walk finished at the Tollemarche Arms where a further 12 members/partners joined for a Christmas meal and the normal chit chat accompaniment.

We are a friendly bunch and welcome new members- just come along to our meeting point, the Jessie Hughes Institute. Walks are usually approx. 6 miles long and we try to give an indication of how strenuous (or not!) each one is. We stop for lunch along the way so please bring something to eat. We usually finish with a visit to a local pub for those who want to quench their thirst or just have a relaxing coffee.

Future dates for 2015:

- Sunday - 8 February, 10.15am
- Thursday - 19 February – Social evening. Skittles Night at the Bickerton Poacher.
- Saturday - 7 March, 9.45am
- Sunday - 5 April, 10.15am
- Saturday - 9 May, 9.45am

If you would like to be added to our mailing list please let me know. Gill Ellison, Secretary on 01829 782693.

8.0 Tarporley and District U3A

Tarporley and District U3A held the first monthly meeting of the year on Thursday 22nd January, there was a talk by Mr Ken Clark on the Story of Astronomy and Backyard Astronomy. The talk was accompanied by a wonderful collection of photographs and a description of what we could see from our back gardens through binoculars. I am sure many members were inspired to be out on the first clear night and look at the skies through a new perspective. Our next meetings are 26th February Two centuries of boat building a talk by Geoff Taylor, 26th March The Crystal Palace and The Great Exhibition a talk by David Hill and 23rd April Super Bugs and The Media a talk by Dr Christopher Cefai. We look forward to seeing members and prospective members on these dates at Tarporley Community Centre, the doors open at 10am.

<p><u>Editors Note</u> The contributors 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 : Mike Wilson 01829 760619 mike.marywilson@btinternet.com</p>

EATON & RUSHTON DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	TIME
FEBRUARY			
Frid 6 th Feb	QUIZ NIGHT	JHVH	7.30pm
Sun 8 th Feb	RAMBLERS WALK	JHVH	10.15am
Tues 10 th Feb	EATON WI	JHVH	7.30pm
Frid 13 th Feb	FILM NIGHT – “What We Did on Our Holiday”	JHVH	7 for 7.30pm
Sat 14 th Feb	BARN DANCE - PLAYZONE	JHVH	7 for 7.30pm
Mon 16 th Feb	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	JHVH	7.30pm
Thurs 19 th Feb	TEA & CHAT Drink & a natter	JHVH	10.30 - Noon
Thurs 19 th Feb	SKITTLES - Ramblers	Bickerton P	?? 7.30pm
Tues 24 th Feb	“UP THE GARDEN PATH”	JHVH	7.30pm
MARCH			
Frid 6 th Mar	QUIZ NIGHT	JHVH	7.30pm
Sat 7 th Mar	RAMBLERS WALK	JHVH	9.45am
Tues 10 th Mar	WI	JHVH	7.30pm
Frid 13 th Mar	FILM NIGHT	JHVH	7 for 7.30pm
Mon 16 th Mar	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	JHVH	7.30pm
Thur 19 th Mar	TEA & CHAT Drink & a natter	JHVH	10.30 - Noon
Mon 23 rd Mar	ST. THOMAS' AGM	St T Church	7.30pm
Tues 24 th Mar	“UP THE GARDEN PATH”	JHVH	7.30pm
APRIL			
Sun 5 th Apr	RAMBLERS WALK	JHVH	10.15am
Tues 7 th Apr	WI	JHVH	7.30pm
Frid 10 th Apr	QUIZ NIGHT	JHVH	7.30pm
Thur 16 th Apr	TEA & CHAT Drink & a natter	JHVH	10.30 - Noon
Frid 17 th Apr	FILM NIGHT	JHVH	7 for 7.30pm
Mon 20 th Apr	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	JHVH	7.30pm
Tues 21 st Apr	JESSIE HUGHES AGM	JHVH	7.00pm
Tues 28 th Apr	“UP THE GARDEN PATH”	JHVH	7.30pm