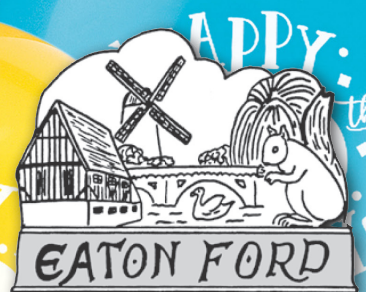




HAPPY 40th ESCAN

Your FREE Community Newsletter



Eatons Community Association - Registered Charity No.1110148

May to September 2019

Eatons May Day Celebrations

Monday May 6th 2019

on Eaton Socon Green 12 noon – 4pm



12 noon - Stalls open
2pm - Crowning of the May Queen
3pm - Award of the Eatons Community Cup
4pm - Drawing of the Raffle

If you wish to find out more about the entertainment or stalls on May Day please contact ESCA (Eatons Community Association), 3 Collingwood Rd, Eaton Socon, St Neots, Cambs, PE19 8JQ or email eatonsca@gmail.com

40th Birthday Quiz

Explore the Eatons with our special 40th Birthday Quiz – only £1 for quiz sheet, great prizes to be won - available from May Day and other ESCA events.

Local History Exhibition

St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon

Saturday 4th May and Monday 6th May 10am – 4pm

This year several small exhibitions are planned



Bushmead Secondary School

In 2019 it is 50 years since a massive change in schooling in Eaton Socon when children over the age of 11 transferred from Bushmead Secondary School to Longsands and younger children moved from the primary school in School Lane

to Bushmead. Bring along your photos, especially of Bushmead Secondary School and help us to compile an exhibition of new pictures and memories. Reunion Tickets now available – see back page

New – Eaton Ford and Eaton Socon Trails

Watch out for the new trails available from May Day – read the information, walk the walk and discover more about our area.

Eatons Events

Open Gardens Sunday June 9th 1.30pm – 5.00pm

Programmes available from Eaton Socon Green from around 1.00pm. Spend an afternoon exploring local gardens. All money raised goes to local Eatons good causes.

Neat Street July 2019 Entries deadline June 17th

Good Friday Easter Egg Hunt and activities 2-4pm

As part of ESCA's 40th birthday celebrations we are having activities in the Pightle on Good Friday. Everything will be free and children up to 11 years old could get some easter eggs. St Neots Woodcraft Folk are also coming along with various activities so if you have not yet found the Pightle – access is from the back path that runs between the housing and the fields from Eaton Socon Churchyard to Eaton Ford Green.

The Pightle is next to the cricket ground – so come along and join in with some fun activities.

The nearest car park is the side church car park in School Lane.



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Lots more news and views inside.

If you have any news or views please send to the Chairman no later than 26th July 2019 for inclusion in the next issue.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Police	01480 456111
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Electricity Emergency	
24 Seven	0800 783 8838
EME	0800 056 8090
Water Emergencies	08457 145 145
Huntingdonshire District Council	
General Enquiries	01480 388388
Out of Hours Emergencies	01480 434167
Fly Tipping	01480 388640
Local Halls	
Jubilee Hall	01480 392733
St Marys Church Hall Eaton Socon	01480 352154
Eatons Community Centre	01480 388922
Eaton Socon Sports Assoc Hall	0791 7017048
Doctors Surgeries	
Eaton Socon Health Centre	01480 210000
Cedar House Surgery	01480 406677
Eaton Socon Children's Centre, Bushmead Rd	01480 358340
Bushmead School	01480 375375
Crosshall Infants School	01480 475980
Crosshall Junior School	01480 475972
Community Car Scheme	01480 476047
Foodbank	01480 475426



Useful Websites

ESCA	www.escan.org.uk
St Neots Town Council	www.stneots-tc.gov.uk
Eaton Socon Health Centre	www.eatonsoconhealthcentre.co.uk
Cedar House Surgery	www.cedarhousesurgery.net
St Neots Archives	www.st-neots.ccan.co.uk
Paxton Pits	www.paxton-pits.org.uk
Sudbury Meadow	www.sudburymeadow.org.uk
St Marys Church	www.eatonsocon.org
Pightle	www.eatonsoconpightle.org.uk
Bushmead School	www.bushmeadprimaryschool.org.uk
Duloe, Staploe and Honeydon	www.staploeduloeandhoneydonparishcouncil.bedsparishes.gov.uk
St Neots Time Bank	www.stneotstimebank.org.uk
River Church	www.riverchurchstneots.co.uk
St. Neots Children's Centres	www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/childrenscentres



Who's Who at ESCA

<i>Chairman</i>	Sue Jarrett	01480 216065
<i>Treasurer</i>	Dave Jarrett	01480 216065
<i>May Day Administrator</i>	Julia Hayward	01480 210097
<i>Open Gardens co-ordinators</i>	Steve & Sue Georgiou	07863 763056
<i>History Co-ordinator</i>	Sue Jarrett	01480 216065
<i>ESCAN Co-ordinator</i>	Carole Robson	01480 218755

Hanover Knitting and Hobbies

Meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month 2- 4pm at Hanover Close in Eaton Ford.
For details please call Angela on 01480 534680. Everyone welcome.

Dates for your diary

St Mary's Church Eaton Socon

(for more details see website – www.eatonsocon.org)

June 3rd-7th – **Week of Prayer** St Mary's is open to all for prayer 8am – 10pm

June 9th – **Breakfast @ 9am** followed by **Celebratory Pentecost Sunday Service @ 10am**

June 30th – **Annual Barbeque** on the Village Green at 12.30pm

July 29th-31st – **Children's Holiday Club** (Booking essential)

Little Barford Church Service

Ascension Day service

Thursday 30th May at 7.00pm.

Please wrap up warm if it is a chilly evening as

there is no electricity in this church. Directions

for the car park will be signposted on the day

from Little Barford village – A lovely little church and well worth a visit.



River Church

meets at the Eatons Community Centre

Service each Sunday 10.30am

St. Neots Sinfonia and Choral Society

April 6th 7.30pm – **Handel - Dettingen Te Deum and Dvorak - Mass in D** at St Mary's Church

June 29th 7.30pm – **Summer Concert, Last Night of the Proms** featuring all your favourites as well as other works - The Priory Centre, St Neots

ESCA Open Gardens

Sunday June 9th 1.30-5pm

Tickets available Eaton Socon Village Green

Bushmead Secondary School Reunion

July 20th 12 noon-6pm – St. Mary's Church Eaton Socon

Lock Up/Cage Opening

School Lane, Eaton Socon – Free admission

May 26th 2pm-4pm

June 30th 2pm-4pm

July 21st 2pm-4pm



Events in the Town

June 7th-9th – **St Neots Folk Festival**, around the town

June 22nd-23rd – **Armed Forces Weekend**,

Regatta Meadow 11am – 5pm

July 6th – **History Festival – English Civil War**, 11am-6pm on St Neots Market Square

July 27th-28th – **Rowing Regatta**, Regatta Meadow

Aug 17th – **Dragon Boat Festival**, Regatta Meadow

Pightle AGM

Monday 20th May 2019 – 7.30pm
at St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon

Hearing Aid Users

Free monthly hearing help drop in session in the Tesco community room on the 3rd Friday of each month, from 2- 4pm. NHS hearing aid users can receive free replacement batteries and have their hearing aid cleaned and retubed. Free advice is also offered on hearing aid use.

For further details please see – www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk

Café on the Green

10am-noon every Monday

at Eaton Socon Church Hall

Why not pop in and have a chat, a cuppa and cake



Copy date for the next edition of ESCAN for news, adverts and information – 26th July 2019

Please send ESCAN letters & Adverts to ESCA, 3 Collingwood Rd, Eaton Socon, St Neots, PE19 8JQ Email – eatonsocon@gmail.com

Chairman's Spot

Welcome to another copy of ESCAN, your free community newsletter from the Eatons Community Association (ESCA). It is now 40 years since the Eaton Socon Community Association began with members paying £1 to join. Events such as bingo, dances, jumble sales and trips were held for members, but very soon the membership fee was dropped.

The first May Day Celebrations began in 1981 with just a few stalls on Eaton Socon Village Green and money raised began to be used for bulb planting, benches and other projects. It was soon decided that the history of Eaton Socon should be recorded with history exhibitions and books, the first being printed in 1986. A newsletter, ESCAN, was produced on 1 sheet of paper and distributed at first through shops and the Post Office.

Since those early days the Association has changed its name to the Eatons Community Association to reflect its inclusion of Eaton Ford and in the last 40 years many events have been run, projects completed and thousands of pounds given to local groups.

ESCA is a group for the Eatons and all ideas are welcomed. Please let us know if you would like something done - meanwhile keep informed through our newsletter ESCAN, the noticeboards and our website.

Hope to see you at some of the events this year,
Sue Jarrett, ESCA Chairman

Eaton Socon Charities

Each year at Christmas time the charities help some residents with money and/or a hamper and 2018 was no exception. The trustees were delighted to receive some letters of thanks including the following - 'I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people involved in this years Xmas Charity. Still up to a high standard. Thank you all! Colin Pope

Another resident wrote - Could you please pass on our many thanks to the organisers of the charities Christmas Hamper. This was our 2nd year of receiving this very welcome gift. Thank you.

The Charity trustees are delighted that so many people could be helped once again this year and know that those who went to the Christmas Meal at the Eatons Community Centre also enjoyed themselves.

St Neots Camera Club

Each year the members of St. Neots & District Camera Club raise money for a local charity and recently donated a record £350 to the St Neots Foodbank. Keith Woodward, who is also a volunteer for the local Foodbank, handed the cheque to Adrienne Dunn, who was delighted to receive such a generous donation.



The Camera Club meets on a Tuesday at the St Neots Bowling Club (next to the tennis courts) and welcomes everyone who has an interest in photography, regardless of experience.

Full details on the website: www.stneots-camera-club.org.uk

ESCAN Deliveries

More volunteers needed - especially in the Masfield Avenue and Duke Road/Kings Road areas. We deliver to over 6,000 homes, three times a year. We have a staunch band of volunteers but it is becoming more difficult for some of them to take on any more, plus two or three have stepped down for various reasons. If you think you could help out, just to do part of a road will be fine, please contact ESCA at 3 Collingwood Road, Eaton Socon - Tel 216065 or Carole Robson on 218755.

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

For free helpful, impartial advice on many matters please go along to the CARC portacabin in the Tan Yard car park, near Waitrose, PE19 1AN Drop-in Sessions - Mon, Tues, Thurs - 9.30am -12.30pm (NB. sessions may close early depending on demand or volunteer availability)

Wed - Open for pre-arranged debt appointments only.

Appointments - follow up appointments if needed are only made after a drop in or telephone interview.

Advice helpline - Mon to Fri 9:30am to 3:30pm

Tel: 0344 245 1292 Website www.ruralcambscab.org.uk



St Neots Food Bank

Hungry and don't know where to go for help?



If you are hungry then you could qualify for the Food Bank. You will need a voucher and these can be obtained from Bushmead or Crosshall School, your Housing Association, Eaton Socon Health Centre, Pre Schools, The Children's Centre in Bushmead Road, Social Services or your Support Worker. Failing any of these you can obtain a voucher from the CAB in Tan Yard car park near Waitrose or the St. Neots Locality Team in The Bargroves, Cromwell Road. Vouchers can then be exchanged for sufficient food for 3 days at these distribution centres -
Mon - 4 - 6 pm, Open Door Church, Suites 2-6, 31A St Neots Road, Eaton Ford
Tues - 10 -12 noon, United Reformed Church, High Street, St. Neots
Thurs - 4 - 6pm, Berkley Street Methodist Church, Eynesbury
Fri - 10 - 12 noon, St. Mary's Church, Eaton Socon
For more details see website - www.stneots.foodbank.org.uk

Textile Bank

Don't forget to use your local textile bank (situated at Tesco express opposite St. Mary's Church). You can donate clothing, shoes, bedding and towels. In October £2000 from the bank was given out to local groups at the ESCA AGM - so please use **our textile bank** and support **our groups**.

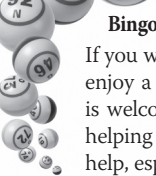


Help with your Computer/ Tablet/ipad



Are you lucky enough to have been given a gift of a computer/tablet/Ipad, or perhaps just treated yourself to a new one but can't quite get to grips with it? Help is at hand. Just pop into the library where volunteers will be happy to give some free helpful advice on how to find information, read and send emails, buy from ebay or google for something. Whatever your skill level there will be someone to help you. No booking required - just turn up for free sessions every Tuesday 10 - 12.30.

Bingo at Hanover Close



Bingo is held twice a week at Hanover - Mon and Wed - 2pm - 3pm

If you would like to play bingo go along, play a few games and then enjoy a cup of tea afterwards with new and old friends. Everyone is welcome to sessions which are held in the lounge. If you fancy helping out with the calling of numbers please go along and offer to help, especially on a Monday afternoon.

CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLORS - If you would like to ask your councillor a question or have any concerns then why not email them - using the contact details on the Town Council website or phone them on -

EATON FORD:

Derek Giles - 01480 731321
Sandra Giles - 01480 731321
Gordon Thorpe - 07956 878780

EATON SOCON:

Barry Banks - 07710 209950
Derek Eyre - 07779 296801
Colin Maslen - 07810 481941

Councillors' surgeries:- Cloisters, Priory Centre
see Town Council website - www.stneots-tc.gov.uk

Fire alarms

Are you concerned about your fire safety or anyone in your neighbourhood who may need support or assistance? The fire brigade can help with a free smoke alarm service for anyone with disabilities or if you're over 65. Contact us on 08009179994 (this is an answerphone service), email: firefire@cambsfire.gov.uk or the website www.cambsfire.gov.uk to book an appointment.

The Ghost Train

16-18th May Priory Centre

Tickets available from 01480 388922 or StNeotsplayers.co.uk

Written by the late Arnold Ridley (Godfrey in Dad's Army), the plot revolves around a party of assorted railway travellers who find themselves stranded in the waiting room. Buy your tickets and find out what happens as the Ghost Train gets closer and closer.

The Eatons Community Centre



The Maltings, Eaton Socon, PE19 8ES
prioritycentre@stneots-tc.gov.uk

- Wedding Receptions
- Community Events
- Community Groups
- Private Functions
- Childrens Parties

01480 388922

www.thepriorycentre.com

Groups in the Eatons

Do you get bored? If so, then why not try these:

Eaton Belles WI – Tel Gillian on 07802 545814

Eaton Socon Trefoil Guild – Tel Allison on 07505129518

Café on the Green – Mon 10-12am at Eaton Socon Church

Wednesday Welcome – Wed 3pm at Eaton Socon Church

Evergreen Club – Eaton Socon Ex-Service Club, School Lane
Tel 01480 356870

Wed Morning Club – Hanover Close – 10am
Carol Large Tel 01480 351693

If you would like your group mentioned please email esca –
eatonsca@gmail.com

Open Gardens Sunday 9th June 2019

Last year's Eatons Open Gardens was a great success with new gardens open, one of which included part of an aeroplane and one had a deluxe bug hotel. We already have some new gardens for this year and we are still looking for more gardens to make this event bigger. This year the date has been set for the afternoon of Sunday 9th June, so if you have a garden you would like to share with others and help to raise money for local good causes please let ESCA know at 3 Collingwood Road, Eaton Socon or email eatonsca@gmail.com. Tickets and programmes will be available nearer the time. Watch out in the local newspapers and noticeboards for exact timings nearer the event.

St Neots Woodcraft Group

Are you or someone you know age 9-15? Do you enjoy having fun, making new friends and outdoor activities? Would you feel a sense of purpose from making a difference in your local area and beyond? If yes is the answer to any of the questions why not come along and join the St Neots Woodcraft Folk. Woodcraft Folk is an educational movement for children and young people. At our groups our young members develop self confidence, make lifelong friends and explore the natural and social world around us through games, crafts, drama, debates and outdoor activities. We also go on camping trips and days out throughout the year. Over 2018 we launched a pioneer group for young people aged 9-12 who meet weekly at Paxton Pits Nature Reserve every Thursday during term time at 5:45pm. Over 2019 we hope to launch a venturer group for young people age 13-15 venue - timings to be confirmed. All our groups are run by volunteers so if you would like more information on how to get involved please email lauren@woodcraft.org.uk or call on 07422966127



Poppy Appeal 2018

A very big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Eatons Poppy Appeal which raised a massive £8388.10 last year. Many volunteers helped to raise this money and there is always an opportunity for more helpers. Each year the volunteers get older and it is always difficult to recruit new people. More volunteers are needed and an organiser is also needed ASAP. It is not necessary to be a member of the British Legion to help with the Poppy Appeal so if anyone would like to become a Poppy Volunteer or would like more information please contact Michelle on michelle_allison@sky.com or by phone on 07796 662439.

Many thanks for your continued support for the Legion.

Michelle Allison



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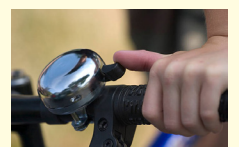
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Bikes and bells

Do you enjoy cycling? If so can you please think of others - attach a bell and use it! Several people have mentioned that pedestrians do not always hear you approaching and it can be scary when a bike goes past with no warning!!
So please attach a bell and ring it when passing anyone!



News from the Pightle

(pronounced:- Pie . t. hul)

Local Pightle myths exposed

Now that spring has arrived, the Pightle has had a deep clean ready for the new spring growth. During the winter the volunteers cleared all kinds of litter that people had dropped or thrown. Two bags were collected, including dog poo bags. It is a myth that there is a magic fairy that will dispose of rubbish so please put all your litter in the bin at the entrance to the Pightle by Capulet Close.

Now that spring has arrived why not take a moment to wander through the meadows, the wooded areas and by the river – look around and listen. The Pightle is a haven from the hustle and bustle of daily life.

Another Pightle myth is that The Pightle is ‘maintained by the council’. Wrong. We are very grateful to the small band of helpers and supporters who maintain the natural beauty of The Pightle for everyone. If you would like to get involved and spend a couple of hours each week helping to maintain our very own natural area - removing ivy, helping with grass cutting , or any other of the myriad jobs that the volunteers do - then please contact either Barry Banks on 351908 or Derek Giles on 731321.

Hope you can help. It really is good healthy FREE exercise or become part of our great Pightle team by becoming a Pal of The Pightle.

Derek Giles

Chairman – The Pightle Millennium Green Trust
Find out lots more by checking out our web pages on www.eatonsoconpightle.org.uk



St Neots Community Day Sat Oct 19th The Priory Centre

All amateur leisure groups, clubs and associations in the town and surrounding villages can take part in this event to publicise themselves. Entry will be free to participating groups and visitors but space will be limited so if you wish to take part please contact jands.kevern@ntlworld.com ASAP.

St. Neots & District Gardening Club

Meetings on Thursdays at St.Mary's Church Hall, Brook St. St.Neots

- May 5th **Visit to Knebworth Spring Show**
- May 23rd **Propagation-Plants for Free**, talk by Geoff Hodge
- Jun 2nd **Visit to Little Bentley Hall Garden Show**
- Jun 27th **Colour in the Garden**, talk by Andrew Sankey
- Jul 21st **Visit to Bressingham Gardens**
- Jul 25th **Topical Presentations**. A variety of speakers giving short presentations
- Aug 10th **Annual Summer Show**, Eatons Community Centre, open to visitors at 2pm
- Aug 21st **Visit to Luton Hoo Estate**

Riverside Miniature Railway

The volunteers have been working hard and there are some new features and surprises promised for this year. Trains will run from Good Friday throughout Easter April 19th–22nd and a special gala weekend on May 18th-19th will see visiting locomotives and other attractions. Trains will run every Sunday until the end of September, some Saturdays and a few weekdays during school holiday periods. All running days will be open to the public between 11am and 4pm for rides at £1 per person.

For more details on exact dates or if you fancy helping as a volunteer on this exciting venture please refer to the website – www.riversiderailway.co.uk

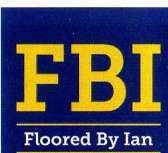


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NEAT STREET

This popular event is now in its 16th year with Crecy Court winning the competition last year. It is now time to enter your street for this year's competition so get together with your neighbours and enter for Neat Street 2019. Streets will be judged on (1) the absence of weeds on kerbs and gutters, (2) no litter, (3) maintained front gardens or frontages and (4) unobstructed pavements. Contact ESCA by phone or email and enter your street by June 17th. Longer streets can be split into smaller sections.

Pal of the Pightle

The Pightle here in Eaton Socon is enjoyed by many and relies on volunteer help to keep it maintained for the enjoyment of us all. The Pightle is NOT a Council owned facility and therefore has to rely on volunteer help.

We need regular finance to pay for items like grass cutting, maintaining the paths, planting new bulbs and trees as well as the annual insurance that has to be paid.

Can you help by becoming a “Pal of The Pightle”?

A “one off” donation or a small regular monthly contribution would be of great benefit for the long term success of The Pightle. Please send this off to Sue Jarrett, 3 Collingwood Road, Eaton Socon, St Neots, PE19 8JQ

Dear Trustee Sue,

I would like to become a “Pal Of The Pightle”

- A) Please accept a donation of £_____ as a “one Off” donation to help maintain The Pightle.
- B) I would like to donate £_____ per month to help maintain The Pightle. Please can you supply me with the Pightle bank account details so that I can set up a standing order from my bank.

Name.....(surname and initials)

Date.....

Address and Postcode.....

Email.....

Please make any cheques payable to ‘The Pightle Millennium Green Trust’. If you would like to Gift Aid your contribution so that The Pightle trustees can claim back a tax contribution from The Government please read and sign below.

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/ or capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Signed.....

Community Car Service

Do you need a lift in a car to get to the doctors, hospital, shops or to meet friends where no suitable public transport exists or you have mobility difficulties? If so, then phone St Neots Volunteer Centre on 01480 476047 to book transport or leave a message on the answer phone. Please also mention, at the time of booking, if a wheelchair needs to be transported and do give as much notice as possible (minimum 3 working days).

Volunteers use their own cars to provide transport and a small charge of 40p per mile is made, based upon mileage travelled by the driver (minimum fee of £1.50 for short journeys). If you would like to volunteer - please phone 01480 476047 for more details.



Little Miracles

This is a parent led support group and Charity for families that have children with additional needs, disabilities and life limiting conditions.

The group works with children and their families from 0-25 years providing support and activities, including trips and holidays. They also work closely with professionals for advice and support. A parents coffee group meets every Monday in term time at the Eatons Children's Centre, next to Bushmead School, from 1pm-2pm.

Most of the staff members are volunteers and if you are interested in receiving help or offering help then why not contact Janine Usher on – Janine.usher@littlemiraclescharity.org.uk or phone 07446 992591



Duloe Playing Field

Have you ever considered hiring the playing field at Duloe? These facilities are not far away and well worth taking a look at. The field is approximately

100m x 125m and available to hire for groups. A changing room and kitchen in converted shipping containers are available to use with the field. There is a play area and parking is available. For further information please contact the Parish Clerk - lcrawford@staploepc.org.uk Tel 01480 471 526.



This group works with families with children and adults with Downs Syndrome. Activities are planned to provoke more thought about how we should think about Downs Syndrome and how we can all work together to promote a better understanding of everyone.

If you would like to know more – please see the website:

www.losethelabel.co.uk
or contact
info@losethelabel.co.uk

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Eaton Socon Outdoor Bowls Club

Fancy learning to play Outdoor Bowls? Then why not pop along to the Eaton Socon Bowls Club Open Day on Sunday 5th May where anyone can come along and have a try. All we ask is that you wear flat/soft soled shoes. Tuition and bowls will be provided with club members on hand to answer any questions. Various memberships are available to suit both those working and those who are retired. Eaton Socon Bowls Club extends a warm welcome to those looking to take up or continue playing outdoor bowls. The season starts in mid April, weather permitting. The club has a friendly atmosphere for those who wish to play competitively or socially.

For further information please contact Brian Casson on 01480 381722, Stuart Ross on 01480 351179, or pop along to the club at River Rd (adjacent to St Neots Indoor Bowls Club) anytime from mid April onwards.

Eaton Belles WI

Eaton Belles is The Women's Institute (WI) for the Eatons and surrounding areas. The Eatons were without a WI for many years, but 2 years ago it formed again and has gone from strength to strength, with over 40 members. As well as our Monthly social meeting, we have a very active craft group "The Crafty Belles", a walking group, a lunch club and a full programme of events planned for the year. We also access lots of other outings via the local Federation. We are proud to support ESCA whenever we can and love supporting events locally. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of every month, 7-9 pm in the Hanover Housing complex, off Mill Hill Road. If you would like to join us, you are so welcome to just turn up and experience an evening as a visitor. We would love to see you. For more information please contact Jo Shirreffs 07799 650319

Eaton Socon Trefoil Guild



After an interesting winter of activities we have planned a great summer - 7th May - Walk at Paxton Pits, 4th June – Poppy Walk, Eaton Socon, 2nd July – visit to Hemingford, 6th August – Picnic at Priory Park and 3rd September – RNLI Fish Supper, 8.00pm Scout Hut.

As well as monthly meetings we have members visiting the World Centre, Sangam in Puna, India in September so we will be hearing from them on their return. We will also be going away for a weekend and suggestions include going on a narrowboat and walking in Derbyshire.

The venues for our meetings vary depending on what we are doing so if you are interested in joining us for any of our events please email: eatonsocontrefoilguild@gmail.com for more information. We look forward to meeting you!

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Dates for History Groups

St. Neots Local History Society

Monthly meetings at Eynesbury C of E School Hall, Montagu St, Eynesbury at 7.30pm
Chairperson – Elaine Donaldson 01480 217492

- May 3rd **Flag Fen to Must Farm**, by Stuart Orme
Jun 7th **Great Northern Railway through St Neots**, by George Howe
Jul 14th **Love's Farm Excavation Update**, by Mark Hinman
(Loves Farm House 7.30pm)
Jul 5th **Guided Walk around Diddington**, by Angela Ellmer/Edmund Thornhill
Aug 2nd **Visit to Panacea Museum in Bedford**
Sep 6th **The Great North Road and Eaton Socon**, by Sue Jarrett

Colmworth & Neighbours History Society

All meetings held in Colmworth Village Hall, Fridays from 7.30pm to 9.30pm
Chairperson – Chris Walker 01234 771536

- May 17th **Colmworth 1820 to 1850**, by Stephen Smith
Jun 21st **Prince Albert, Consort to Queen Victoria**, by Jules Stewart

Roxton & District Local History Group

Meetings are at Roxton Village Hall (in the High Street) 7.30pm
on the first Thursday of the month,

- May 2nd **Hobby Bobbies**, by Keith Jackson (at Roxton C of E Church due to election)
Jun 6th **Bringing Dead Street to Life: The British Schools in Hitchin**,
by Andy Gibbs
Jul 4th **Outside visit - Guided walk Bedford**, by David Fowler (1 mile 90 mins)
Aug 1st **Mapping old villages**, by Maurice Nicholson
Sep 5th **Beside the Seaside - a light hearted look at the history of the Victorian
and Edwardian seaside**, by Ann Wise

Fusion Youth Club

FUSION – the club for teenagers aged 13-18 to chill out and mix with friends in a safe environment. Set up by Barry and Denise Cathrall at St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon, Fusion meets on alternate Fridays from 8pm to 9.30pm. There is a wide range of activities and refreshments will be provided - all you need to do is turn up at 8pm and pay £1 for entry. For more details contact Barry & Denise on 07707 301640.



Puddles Groups

These groups are run by the River Church and meet at the Eatons Community Centre, behind the Co-op. **The Puddles Stay and Play** group for toddlers and carers meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30–11.30 when a snack and drink are provided and tea/coffee for carers. There is also the **Puddles Tea and Play** - an after School Club for primary school and reception children meeting on Thursdays from 3.30–5.30pm. A light meal is provided and Mums get a chance to catch up while activities are provided for the children. These groups are free but donations are asked for to help cover costs. Please contact Jim Fitzgerald on 07545 175837 for more information.

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ESCA Local History Books and Information

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All these booklets are available for reference in the St Neots and Huntingdon Reference Libraries and the County Archives offices in Bedford and Huntingdon. They are also available to buy at St Neots Museum.

The ESCA books are written by ESCA for anyone with an interest in the Eatons. All profits are used to support ESCA projects within the Eatons and no profits go to Committee members. If you wish to buy these books they can be obtained from "ESCA", 3 Collingwood Road, Eaton Socon, St Neots, PE19 8JQ using the form below.

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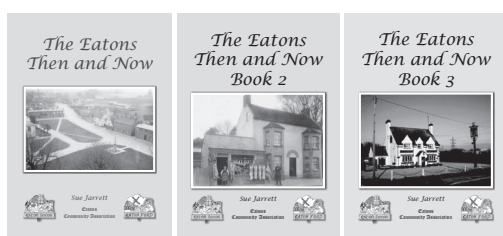
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