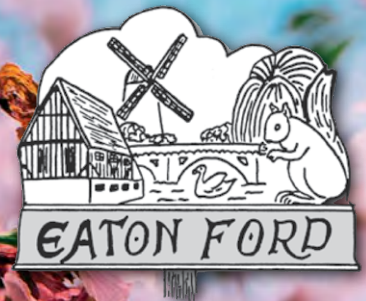




# ESCAN

Your FREE Community Newsletter



Eatons Community Association - Registered Charity No.1110148

May to September 2022

## Chairman's Spot

After two years' absence, it's a pleasure to see preparations for May Day – and our other summer events – coming together. It may not reach the level of 2018, where we had to turn stalls away simply to fit on the Green, as voluntary groups and small businesses have found recent times as tough going as we have. Just to have an event at all is progress, and we hope in time it will grow back to its best. But we are very conscious our volunteers are depleted and stretched thinly. So we'd like to appeal to everyone in the Eatons – will you join us to keep May Day, Open Gardens and the rest going in future? Some fresh faces and new ideas will keep May Day secure and thriving. Just get in touch!

**Julia Hayward, Chair**

## The Cage opening

Are you curious about what a stay in our little prison would be like? Come along on a Sunday afternoon to find out! The Cage will be open on Sundays 29th May, 26th June, and 31st July between 2pm and 4pm – admission is free.



## Eatons May Day Celebrations

**Monday 2nd May 2022,**  
on Eaton Socon Green,  
12:00 - 4:00pm

- 12 noon: Stalls open**
- 2pm: Crowning of the May Queen or King**
- 3pm: Community Cup**
- 4pm: Grand Raffle**

We're hard at work getting ready to bring back our traditional May Day. We're looking forward to an afternoon of fun, entertainment and fundraising! A new May Court will represent us at community events through the year, performers lined up – some familiar faces and some new young talent – impressive raffle prizes, and the usual selection of stalls providing games and a wide variety of interesting things to buy, promoting the many good causes that are active in the Eatons. We hope to see you on the day! Email us for more details: [eatonsca@gmail.com](mailto:eatonsca@gmail.com)



On May Day, you can see the ESCA team proudly sporting our new caps, designed to match our T-shirts. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the sponsors of our caps:  
**Adams Cook & Pearce**, 89 High Street, Huntingdon. **Clover Office Supplies**, 49 New Street, St Neots.  
**Eaton Socon Post Office**, 194 Great North Road, Eaton Socon.  
Please support these sponsors.



## Open Gardens 2022

**Sunday 12th June**  
**1:30 - 5:30pm**

Spend an afternoon exploring some lovely local gardens – some with intriguing surprises – and have tea along the way! Programmes will be available from Eaton Socon Green from around 1pm. All money raised goes to good causes in the Eatons. And if you have a garden which you would like to show, we'd love to hear from you! Drop us a line at [eatonsca@gmail.com](mailto:eatonsca@gmail.com)



## T NEAT STREET

Are you proud of your street? Or would you like us to give everyone near you a gentle prod to make a bit of a difference? Nominations are now open for our 2022 competition, and if you're on a long road, you can enter just a part of it. Four-times winners Spencer Close set the bar very high last year in a very competitive event. We'll be in touch with our shortlist in the summer, but we won't be letting on exactly when the judges will be passing by...



## Lots more news inside.

Deadlines for all contributions  
**22nd August 2022 for inclusion**  
in the next issue.

We look forward to hearing from you.  
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Please note – we are not a political group. We are supported by all political parties and are not part of one.



## Useful Telephone Numbers

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report the number on the lamp-post, the street name and town.	
<b>St Neots Town Council</b>	<b>01480 388911</b>
<b>Police</b>	<b>01480 456111</b>
<b>Gas Emergency</b>	<b>0800 111 999</b>
<b>Electricity Emergency</b>	
24 Seven	<b>0800 783 8838</b>
EME	<b>0800 056 8090</b>
<b>Water Emergencies</b>	<b>08457 145 145</b>
<b>Huntingdonshire District Council</b>	
General Enquiries	<b>01480 388388</b>
Out of Hours Emergencies	<b>01480 434167</b>
Fly Tipping	<b>01480 388640</b>
<b>Local Halls</b>	
Jubilee Hall	<b>01480 392733</b>
St Marys Church Hall Eaton Socon	<b>01480 352154</b>
Eatons Community Centre	<b>01480 388922</b>
Eaton Socon Sports Assoc Hall	<b>0791 7017048</b>
United Reformed Church	<b>07366 058861</b>
<b>Doctors Surgeries</b>	
Eaton Socon Health Centre	<b>01480 210000</b>
Cedar House Surgery	<b>01480 406677</b>
<b>Eaton Socon Children's Centre, Bushmead Rd</b>	<b>01480 358340</b>
<b>Bushmead School</b>	<b>01480 375375</b>
<b>Crosshall Infants School</b>	<b>01480 475980</b>
<b>Crosshall Junior School</b>	<b>01480 475972</b>
<b>Community Car Scheme</b>	<b>01480 476047</b>
<b>Foodbank</b>	<b>01480 475426</b>



## Useful Websites

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



## Who's Who at ESCA

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<i>Editor</i>	Sara Foyle	

## Dates for your diary

### May Day

Monday 2nd May 2022, on Eaton Socon Green, 12:00 - 4:00pm

### Open Gardens

Sunday 12th June, 1:30 - 5:30pm

### The Cage

Sundays 29th May, 26th June, and 31st July between 2pm and 4pm

### St Mary's Eaton Socon

**Weekly Sunday Services at 9.00am and 10.30am**

**14th May** – 8.30am Men's Breakfast, with guest speaker.

**14th May** – 6pm. A time for welcome, worship, word and witness, starting with food.

**22nd May** – 2.00-3.30pm 'Hive'. Aimed at children of any age who have additional needs or disabilities. Booking essential. See website.

**5th June** – 10.00am Queen's Jubilee Celebration Service. Finishes with special refreshments.

**12th June** – 6pm. A time for welcome, worship, word and witness, starting with food.

**19th June** – 2.00-3.30pm 'Hive'. Aimed at children of any age who have additional needs or disabilities. Booking essential. See website.

**3rd July** – 10.00am Celebration Service welcoming new Curate.

**9th July** – 8.30am Men's Breakfast, with guest speaker.

**25-27th July** – 9.00am to 12.00noon. Backpacker's Holiday Club. Open to all children currently in primary education R-Yr6. Booking opens soon. See website.

**10th Sept** – 8.30am Men's Breakfast, with guest speaker.

For further details please contact St Mary's Eaton Socon at [www.eatonsocon.org/events](http://www.eatonsocon.org/events)

### Update on River Church – St Neots

As a result of The Eatons Centre being used as the Mass Vaccine Centre we are not holding our Sunday Meetings as normal.

We look forward to returning to The Eatons Centre when possible.

Until then we are meeting in-person at various venues and are hosting online services. Please visit [www.riverchurchstneots.co.uk](http://www.riverchurchstneots.co.uk) for more information on where and when we are meeting.

The best is yet to come! Rob McFarlane

[www.riverchurchstneots.co.uk](http://www.riverchurchstneots.co.uk)

### Eaton Socon Methodist Church

**Soup lunches:** Join us at 12:30pm every second Thursday each month. All are welcome!

### Little Barford Church

Ascension Day service, Thursday 26th May at 7.00 pm. This is a lovely little Church which only opens a couple of times a year for special services. It's worth a visit. There is no electricity or heating so if it's a bit chilly you'll need to wear something warm. There are signs to the Church in the village.

### Choral society and Sinfonia concert

Help us celebrate the Choral Society's 50th year!

**St Neots Choral Society spring concert:** Gounod's St Cecilia Mass and other works, **7.30pm, Saturday 2nd April** at St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon

**St Neots Sinfonia and Choral Society joint summer concert:** Last Night of the Proms, **7.30pm, Saturday 2nd July** at St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon

**Copy date for the next edition of ESCAN for news, adverts and information – 22nd August 2022**

Please send ESCAN letters & Adverts to ESCA, 3 Collingwood Rd, Eaton Socon, St Neots, PE19 8JQ Email – [eatonsca@gmail.com](mailto:eatonsca@gmail.com)

## 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

Gordon Thorpe – 07956 878780  
Nicola Presland

### EATON SOCON

Barry Banks – 07710 209950  
Colin Maslen – 07810 481941

Please note that this information is only correct until the local elections in May. Changes will be in the next issue, meanwhile go to the town council website <https://www.stneots-tc.gov.uk> to find out who your councillor is.

Councillors' surgeries: Cloisters, Priory Centre  
see Town Council website: [www.stneots-tc.gov.uk](http://www.stneots-tc.gov.uk)

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEARING HELP

### NHS Hearing Aid Maintenance Centre

We clean, re-tube and supply batteries for NHS hearing aids. We do not provide hearing aids or hearing tests.

Meeting on the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Library, Priory Lane, St Neots PE19 2BH. From 10 am to 12 noon.

This is a drop-off and wait service, by appointment only.

To book an appointment please use our online service at:

[www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk](http://www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk)

or phone the office: 01223 4166141

or text: 07852 699196



## Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

Adviceline: 0808 278 7807

Monday to Friday 09:30 to 15:30

Universal Credit Help to Claim line: 0800 1448444, for anyone seeking to make a new claim for Universal Credit

Webchat or Email via:

[www.citizensadvice.rural.cambs.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.rural.cambs.org.uk)

Information also available on our website at

[www.citizensadvice.rural.cambs.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.rural.cambs.org.uk)

or at [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)



Appointments, including face-to-face, where required for advice at either our main centres or outreach sessions are made after a telephone assessment.

## Get your streets sorted out!

You may have noticed signs that the street repair teams have been out and about recently, cutting back overgrown traffic islands, repairing bollards and other small jobs. If you see a minor problem that needs fixing, it's now even easier to send a report in online; just go to the County Council website [cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://cambridgeshire.gov.uk) and search for "Highways Faults" – you can then pick out the precise location on a map of the Eatons, as well as seeing what else has been reported recently! Do let us and your councillors know if we can help, either with making reports or following up if nothing happens in a few weeks. You can also report trouble with street lighting by ringing 0800 783 8247.



## 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 10:00am – 12.30pm.

## Textile Bank

We already have £318 so far this year to give out to local groups in the Eatons at our AGM, so when you are turning out your clothes please remember to use your local textile bank (situated at Tesco express opposite St Mary's Church). You can donate clothing, shoes, bedding and towels. All money received comes to ESCA and will be shared by local groups in the Eatons.



## ESCAN Deliveries

Thank you if you have offered to deliver our newsletters. It would be wonderful to have one or two more volunteers – especially in the Dukes Road/Kings Road and parts of Wyboston. 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 (we are short of deliverers in Eaton Ford) please contact Julia Hayward on (01480) 210097 or Carole Robson on (01480) 218755



## Cambs Backgammon Club

Come and play the world's oldest board game! Normally we meet at the White Horse on alternate Monday evenings from 7.15pm. Everyone from beginner to Grandmaster is welcome. Drop us a line at [julia@juliahayward.com](mailto:julia@juliahayward.com) to find out more.

## Café on the Green

10am-noon every Monday

Eaton Socon Church Hall

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





## Little Paxton Gardening Club

*"Where gardening and friendships blossom"*

Our 2022 programme continues with all meetings held at Little Paxton Village Hall at 8pm, unless stated.

**6th April** – "Moving Heaven and Earth – Capability Brown and the Gift of the landscape", by Steffie Shields

**4th May** – "Getting to grips with pruning", by Nigel Start

**18th May** – Practical Evening – Workshop 6.30pm at a local nursery, *members only*

**June to August** – A summer season of garden visits and outings, *Members and invited guests*

### Visitors welcome but booking essential

Membership is open to all – you do not need to be a knowledgeable gardener but enthusiasm helps.

For more information or to book please contact:

Chair: Jane Hill – **01480 218805**

Secretary: Margaret Rowland – **01480 383989**

Club email [Lpgardeningclub@hotmail.com](mailto:Lpgardeningclub@hotmail.com)



## Bikes, lights and bells

Although the nights are getting lighter, please remember that you will still need your lights, and use your bell when passing pedestrians – it is very scary and dangerous to suddenly find a bike passing while walking along and cars cannot see you on your unlit bike. Mark of Broken Spokes Cycles in New Street, St Neots is happy to sell you lights and bells and to service your bike ready for the wintry weather. So add lights, wear bright clothing, use a bell and stay safe !!



## Guiding in the Eatons

*Looking forward to Spring*



Our **Brownie** unit has been busy with crafts, dressing up, science experiments and a pancake race! The Pack holiday is only a few weeks away now! Everyone is getting excited.



**Rainbows** have settled in and are having fun each week with games, colouring in and lots of chatting! We even had our own winter Olympics. We're looking forward to our Zoo trip in May!



**Guides and Rangers** have been planning fundraising and campaigning, making bird feeders and cooking Welsh Cakes! (They were yummy!) Rangers had their own day at Yaxley with the Royal Navy *and* our Festival is booked!

After Easter, we will be looking forward to the lighter evenings and doing more outside activities. We have a stall at the May Day Celebrations, please come and say hello!



We have had a few new volunteers join in which is great but we'd really like enough to get another Brownie Unit open as we lost one over lockdown. If you would like to get more involved in a local group and do something amazing, maybe **Guiding** is for you.

**Why not come along and see what we do? See you at May Day!**

## Library@Home Service

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Telephone: **01223 706803, 07425 615685** or **07342 700308**

If you could spare some time to volunteer and visit a reader, please contact us (above).

\* e.g. physical/mental ill health, caring responsibilities.



## St Neots & District Gardening Club

Meeting at St Mary's Church Hall, Brook St, St Neots. **All meetings start at 7.30pm**, members £2.00, Non members welcome £2.50.

**Thursday 26th May** – Cacti and Succulents by Barry Gayton

**Thursday 23rd June** – Hostas by Melanie Collins

**Thursday 28th July** – Dahlias in the Garden by George Lockwood

**Thursday 22nd Sept** – AGM Planning for 2023

[www.stneotsgardenclub.org.uk](http://www.stneotsgardenclub.org.uk) for more information and latest news.

**Would you like to try a new hobby or activity? Perhaps you would like to hone your current skills, or just get out and meet people?**



Then you should join the St Neots and District u3a. It is a thriving organisation with over 50 different interest groups. For example there are two types of "Dance Groups", Line Dancing and Modern Jive.

There are many other "active" groups such as, Tai Chi, Walking Football, Golf, Walking/Striders, Walking/Hikers and Walking to spot Wildlife!

There are several intellectual groups such as Current Affairs, Egyptology, Heritage and Culture, Music Appreciation and many more.



*Line dancers*

If you are struggling with modern technology there is an IT help group. In fact there are so many groups and topics covered that the list seems endless. Of course if there is something you are interested in, there is always the possibility of starting up a group covering that topic.

In addition to these groups, that generally meet once a week, there is also the Monthly Meeting (2.00pm at the Priory Centre, St Neots, on the 3rd Tuesday of the month), where there is a guest speaker. About 150 people attend these meetings, they offer a great opportunity to meet and greet other like minded people, have a chat, a cuppa and a biscuit.

Everyone is welcome to join the **u3a**, we only have one stipulation, you should not be in full time employment, we charge a modest annual fee (circa £20) and there is a fee for every meeting (circa £1). Lots more information can be found on our website

<https://u3asites.org.uk/st-neots/home>

**We will be attending the Eatons May Day event and look forward to meeting you then, come along for a chat and enjoy the villages activities as well.**



*Tai Chi group*



## News from the Pightle (pronounced:- Pie . t. hul )

By the time you read this the weather should be warming up, but it's certainly been a cold, wet and stormy start to the year! The Pightle feels the effects of the storms like the rest of us, but the work by our volunteers has meant it can stand up to the weather well. Ivy in particular can weaken trees and a lot has been removed, and brambles likewise – as well as making the paths less welcoming by dangling around head height... There are always little jobs that need doing to keep the Pightle in good condition, sadly including clearing up after one or two visitors. We do love it that so many people enjoy and use the Pightle regularly, and are grateful to everyone who takes a moment to keep it tidy and healthy. If you're interested in doing more, we would love to hear from you – there's a very sociable working group that goes out regularly, but even if you can only help once in a while it is all very much appreciated.

Of course the beginnings of the warmer weather means that the spring bulbs will be appearing en masse. Years of organised plantings in the wintertime mean that there's now colourful patches all over, and I myself love seeing the carpets of daffodils and snowdrops as they flower and spread from their initial patches. We are always careful to make sure only native species are planted, and while it's always possible for competitors to escape from nearby

gardens, we do try to keep them out! Meanwhile, a number of our trees and shrubs like the sloe (pictured) will be in full blossom for a while, transforming the pathways from green to brilliant white. It also won't



be long before our resident rabbits become a more common sight again – as long as you stay quiet, as they are somewhat wary of humans and dogs! There's also more evidence of the birds who make the Pightle their home, and perhaps some larger animals. We're always keen to hear from you if you have pictures of them – many are hard to spot and even harder to capture on film!

*Julia Hayward*

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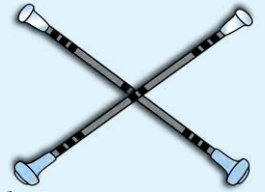
## Dog Walkers

It is great to get some exercise and walk dogs in and around the Eatons but please remember to pick up your dog's mess and don't let others suffer with mucky smelly shoes and clothes. It really is not pleasant and has been proved to be a health hazard – **so please don't forget to clean up after your dog!**



## Sentinels Majorettes

Supported by NHS Audiology and Cambridgeshire County Council Sentinels Majorettes are rehearsing again and looking for new recruits! For more details contact Ann Steel on **07956 311828**, or email: [steel21september1063celtic@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:steel21september1063celtic@hotmail.co.uk)



## Pal of the Pightle

<http://www.eatonsoconpightle.org.uk>

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. To become a Pal, please download the 'Pal of the Pightle' form from our website [eatonsoconpightle.org.uk/Pals.aspx](http://www.eatonsoconpightle.org.uk/Pals.aspx) then send this, or your donation, to ESCA, 3 Collingwood Road, Eaton Socon, St Neots, PE19 8JQ

## Cambridgeshire Neighbourhood Watch

### What is our purpose?

Cambridgeshire Neighbourhood Watch Association (CNWA) works as a team, where everyone comes together to make their communities safer and improve the wellbeing of our residents. We work with the Police, Local Authorities and many other voluntary and professional organisations, but most importantly we work with residents. The Association is a not for profit organisation, non-party in politics, non-sectarian in religion, and we operate equal opportunities and non-discriminatory policies embracing the diversity in our communities.

### What we do

We aim to help prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime. We do this by developing a greater understanding of how to prevent crime, and by improving community vigilance and reporting suspicious incidents. We also aim to improve well-being in the community by encouraging activities aimed at improving neighbourliness, reducing loneliness and by fostering a community spirit.



### What can you do?

We are always looking for unpaid volunteers to join us, at all levels of the organisation, particularly at local level. To join us visit our website <https://cambsnw.org.uk> and become a registered member. Once you are a member, you also then have the option to join a scheme in your specific area.

**Find out more at <https://cambsnw.org.uk>**

## 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.

## Eaton Socon Trefoil Guild

You do not have to have been a member of Girlguiding to join Trefoil Guild; anyone over 18 is welcome to join so please get in touch and come along to visit one of our meetings. We are a small friendly group with average of nine members attending.



We usually hold our monthly evening meetings on the first Tuesday of each month from 7.30pm; venue varies depending what we are doing that month.

May – RSPB Sandy visit

June – Mystery walk round Gamlingay

July – Boat trip on a Saturday

August – Picnic

September – TBC: evening at St Neots Museum / Guided Walk.

Please email [eatonsocontrefoilguild@gmail.com](mailto:eatonsocontrefoilguild@gmail.com) for more information.

## Events at St Neots Library

There's something for everyone at St Neots Library! We have a wide selection of adult fiction and non-fiction including Local History books, as well as children's books, board books, picture books, early readers and information books. We also have a range of large print, audio books and DVDs for all ages. And with a library card, you can access all our online services free too! There are computers available to book, as well as plenty of study space, and if you need help with your digital skills we can help you, or there are free courses you can take. We can also help you apply for or renew your concessionary bus pass.

Find out more and check opening times on:

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/libraries)

Or ring **0345 045 5225**, or find us on social media.



## St Neots Woodcraft Group

Calling all young people age 5-16! St Neots Woodcraft Folk groups meet up every Thursday evening during school term time at Paxton Pits to take part in activities around cooperation, international understanding, the environment and peace.

At our groups our young members develop self confidence, make lifelong friends and explore the social and natural world around us through games, crafts, bushcraft activities, drama, debates and outdoor activities. Our groups are split by age, Elfins age 5-9, Pioneers age 10-12 and Venturers age 13-16. Woodcraft Folk is a national educational movement for children and young people and being involved means making friends near and far both at group night and taking part in exciting camping trips and days out throughout the year.

Get in touch to find out more [lauren@woodcraft.org.uk](mailto:lauren@woodcraft.org.uk) or look us up on Facebook/Twitter.

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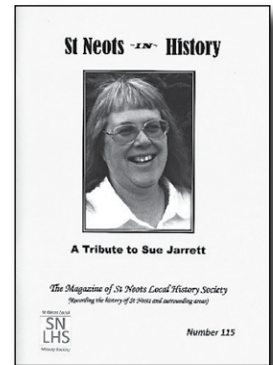


## A Tribute to Sue

St Neots Local History Society has produced a special edition of their magazine in remembrance of long-standing member Sue Jarrett, who passed away in September 2020, and who many of you would have known as Chair of ESCA, a trustee of the Pightle, and with many other hats besides.

With a selection of articles by Sue taken from past editions of the magazine, and various tributes submitted by members and others, this would be a lovely memento of Sue and her contribution to the life and history of St Neots.

To purchase a copy (just £5), visit [www.stneotslhs.org.uk](http://www.stneotslhs.org.uk), or contact ESCA (see ESCA Local History Books and Information).



## Computer Ink Cartridges

First I would like to thank you for your continued support for our collections of cartridges and phones. So far the bowlers at SNIBC together with others members of the community have raised in excess of £2,500.00 which we have donated to the St Neots food bank.



Please don't throw your computer ink cartridges away – just pop them in a bag and take them to St Neots & District Indoor Bowls Club in River Road, Eaton Socon. Money is being raised by one of their members for local good causes. Donations can also be left at 30 Beatty Road, PE19 8PT and left in the blue box outside the front door.

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# Dates for History Groups

## St Neots Local History Society

Meetings held at Eynesbury CofE Primary School at 7.30pm  
For further details visit [stneotslhs.org.uk](http://stneotslhs.org.uk)

- 6th May** – The Facts and Folklore of the Littleport Riots 1816, by Dr Maureen James
- 10th June** – The Complete and Utter History of Peterborough in 50 Minutes, by Stuart Orme
- 1st July** – Guided Walk - Great Paxton, by Paul Ward (pre-booking required)
- 5th August** – Guided Walk - Merrie Old Eynesbury, by Chris Jones (pre-booking required)
- 2nd September** – All That Glisters: Anglo Saxons, Beds and Gold, by Alison Dickens

## Roxton & District Local History Group

Meetings held at Roxton Village Hall (in the High Street) 7.30pm

- 7th April** – Wallis Simpson and the Abdication crisis of 1936: The year of three kings, by Roy Smart
- 5th May** – “The history of National Service. Did it make you or break you.” By Ken Lewis
- 2nd June** – Knights and Ladies, Peasants and Priests, by Kathryn Faulkner
- 7th July** – ABMC American Battle Monuments Commission, by Suzie Harrison
- 4th August** – possible outside visit
- 1st September** – The Sound of the Anvil, The changing scene around five generations of the Ibbett Agricultural Engineering family at South Street in St Neots, by Peter Ibbett

## Colmworth & Neighbours History Society

Meets on 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30pm at Colmworth Village Hall, for details see our website [www.colmworthhistory.org.uk](http://www.colmworthhistory.org.uk)

- 22nd April** – Artists Thomas Fisher and George Shepherd, by David Turner
- 20th May** – David Parr House in Cambridge, by Tamsin Wimhurst
- 17th June** – Abelard and Heloise, by Mark Steinhart

## 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 Judith on 07704 575311
- Café on the Green** – Mon 10-12am at Eaton Socon Church
- Lunch at the Methodist Church** – 2nd Tues in the month, 12.30
- Wednesday Morning group** – Wed 10am at Hanover Close.  
Tel: 01480 350063
- Wednesday Welcome** – Wed 3pm at Eaton Socon Church
- Evergreen Club** – Tues 1.30pm Ex-Services Club, School Lane.  
Tel: 01480 215499 or 476216
- If you would like your group mentioned please email ESCA:  
[eatonsca@gmail.com](mailto:eatonsca@gmail.com)

## Groups in Eaton Socon Parish Church

You may be surprised to know that there are many active groups within Eaton Socon church for all ages – art and craft groups, bellringers, men’s groups, prayer meetings, life groups, toddlers, children’s and youth groups. There is also a ‘Café on the Green’ every Monday morning and a social group for older people on a Wednesday afternoon (Wednesday Welcome).

To find out more about all these groups please see the church website [www.eatonsocon.org](http://www.eatonsocon.org)

## ESCA Local History Books and Information

**Now that the nights are light for longer what could be better than sitting outside on a warm evening with a glass of something or a cup of tea/coffee reading one of ESCA’s fascinating history books.**

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.

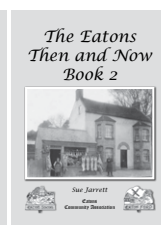
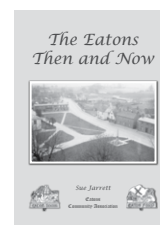
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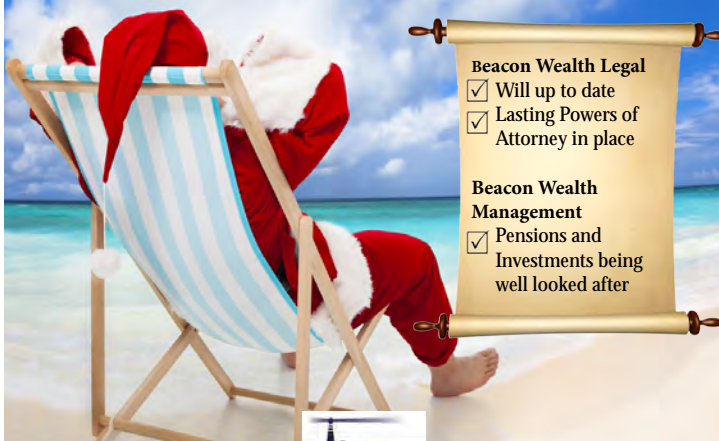
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Eaton Socon Censuses and Electoral Registers are available on request (Postage and Packing free to Eatons and St Neots residents)

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