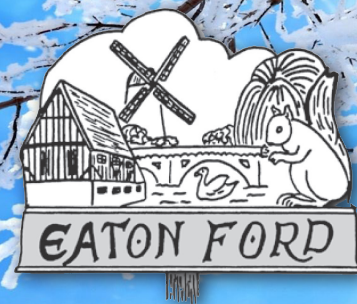




ESCAN

Your FREE Community Newsletter



Eatons Community Association - Registered Charity No.1110148

December 2018 – April 2019

ESCA helps local groups (Photo by Tony Summerlin)

May Queen Ella Webb and princesses Phillippa Laundon and Sophie Hills came along to the popular Eatons Community Association AGM and handed out cheques, totalling over £4,000 which included £1,400 given by the Town Council to ESCA to distribute to local Eatons organisations. Donations were given to various groups to help towards the cost of Xmas meals for our older residents, family and children's sessions in the Eatons, Hanover Close residents for planting up pots in their garden, Eatons baby and toddler groups, adult groups including the Wednesday Club at Hanover, the Eaton Belles WI, a ladies craft group at St Mary's, Little Miracles, Lose the Label, Eatons Pre-School, Encore Music group, Eaton Socon Scouts, Eaton Socon Trefoil Guild, the Riverside Railway, St Neots Woodcraft Group and Angling Groups for developing activities within the Eatons, Eaton Socon Bellringers and finally to all the entertainers who make May Day such a memorable event with their enthusiastic performances.



Plough Monday in Eaton Socon

Don't forget to join us for the annual Plough Monday celebrations on Monday 7th January 2019, beginning at Eaton Socon Church at 7.30pm with the Blessing of the Plough, followed by Molly dancing and singing. Dancing and drinking continues during the evening at nearby hostleries. Everyone is encouraged to take part so why not come along and join in this annual event when the plough is blessed for a good harvest. For further information please contact Roger & Patti Pitt on 01234 376278.



Carol Singing around the Christmas Tree

on Eaton Socon Green on Friday 14th December 6-6.30pm

Join with us in singing carols around our Christmas Tree on Eaton Socon Village Green. Wrap up warmly, bring a torch and enjoy a warm mince pie after the carols. Children are very welcome.



NEAT STREET 2018



Well done Crecy Court, this year's winners of the Neat Street Award. The judges felt the residents had made an excellent effort along this street providing a great example of what a neat street should be.

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Lots more news inside.

Deadlines for all contributions
23rd February 2019 for inclusion
in the next issue.

We look forward to hearing from you.
Follow us on Twitter: @EatonsCA
ESCA wishes everyone a Happy Christmas
and Best Wishes for the New Year



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Useful Telephone Numbers

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report the number on the lamp-post, the street name and town.	
St Neots Town Council	01480 388911
Police	01480 456111
Gas Emergency	0800 111 999
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

Chairman	Sue Jarrett	01480 216065
Treasurer	Dave Jarrett	01480 216065
May Day Administrator	Julia Hayward	01480 210097
Open Gardens co-ordinators	Steve & Sue Georgiou	07863 763056
History Co-ordinator	Sue Jarrett	01480 216065
ESCAN Co-ordinator	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. Neots Choral Society and Sinfonia

Dec 1st 7.30pm – **Brahms - A German Requiem**, at St. Mary's Church, Eaton Socon
Dec 22nd at 6pm – **Joint Carol Concert** at St. Mary's Church, Eaton Socon (*buy tickets early*)
2019
Mar 9th 2019 at 7.30 pm – **Borodin - in the Steppes of Central Asia, Shostakovich - Suite "The Gadfly" and Mendelssohn - Symphony No 5** at St. Mary's Church Eaton Socon
Apr 6th at 7.30pm - **Handel - Dettingen Te Deum and Dvorak - Mass in D** at St. Mary's Church, Eaton Socon

St Mary's Church Eaton Socon

Dec 9th 4pm – **Christingle Family Event**
Dec 13th 12.30pm – **Christmas Lunch** (ticket only)
Dec 16th 12.30am – **Instant Nativity play**
Dec 16th 6pm – **Carol Service**
Dec 20th 2pm – **Afternoon Carol concert**
Dec 23rd 10am – **Combined Family Communion**
Christmas Eve 3pm and 5pm – **Family Carol services**
Christmas Eve 11.30pm – **Midnight Communion**
Christmas Day 10am – **Christmas Day Family Service**
2019
Mar 6th 7.30pm – **Ash Wednesday**
Mar 10th 10am – **World Mission Combined Service**
Apr 18th 7.30 – **Maundy Thursday Service**
Apr 19th 10am – **Good Friday Family Service**
2pm – **Reflections on Good Friday**
Apr 20th tbc – **Easter Eggstravaganza**
Apr 21st 9am & 10.30am – **Easter Sunday Services**

River Church

at The Eatons Centre, St Neots, PE19 8ES.

Sun 23rd Dec – **Christmas Carols Service** 5pm to 6.30pm
all welcome to this family event with carols and refreshments

Community Christmas Day Lunch - River Church in partnership with Chef's Table Solutions host a Community Christmas Day Lunch for those who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day. It will be from 12.30pm to 2.30pm on Christmas Day at The Eatons Centre, St Neots, PE19 8ES. This is a free event, but registration is essential. Help with transport is available if requested at registration. **Please contact 07904 101720 to book your place.**

Mar 30th 6pm – **Good Friday Bring and Share meal** with family quiz and games. Please contact Jim Fitzgerald 07545175837 to book your place.
1st April - Easter Sunday 10.30-12.30 – **Easter Service**

Methodist Church, Eaton Ford

Fri 14th Dec – **Merry Makers Concert** 6.30pm, – most enjoyable, including refreshments, retiring collection. Do come along and bring a friend – All welcome

Sun 16th Dec – **Traditional Carol Service** 10.30am – followed by traditional refreshments – All welcome.

Little Barford Church Service

Sun 9th Dec 3pm – **Carols by Candlelight**
a unique friendly service in a small unheated church so please wrap up warmly. Directions to the car park will be signposted on the day from Little Barford village – A lovely little church and well worth a visit !



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 – 23rd February 2019

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

● Chairman's Spot ●

Once again we have had a very busy and exciting year with our May Day, Open Gardens and the Neat Street Award. More tree faces have been put up around the Eatons providing an amusing addition to our population, and bollards have been painted by Bushmead School pupils outside the shop in Nelson Road. ESCA has bought hundreds of bulbs for Bushmead School pupils to plant near their school so we can look forward to a brighter more colourful Eatons next Spring. At the end of November the colourful Bedfordshire flags were once again flown so that we could link up with other villages in our historical county and in December we shall be once again be singing around our Christmas tree on Eaton Socon village green. ESCA is now planning for our 40th birthday celebrations in 2019.

On behalf of the ESCA committee may I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Sue Jarrett, ESCA Chairman

Christmas Tree Festival

The United Reformed Church,
High Street, St Neots

Free Entry, Everyone Welcome

40 Trees decorated by local charities,
clubs and organisations

Fri 7th Dec 11am-4pm

Sat 8th Dec 10am-4pm

Sun 9th Dec 12.30-3pm

(11am Worship Service
among the trees)

For more information:

www.stneotsurc.co.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

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.

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.

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.

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



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

Walking Football

Every Monday evening 6-7 pm at St. Neots Leisure Centre.

Recommended age is 35+ but all ages can take part, especially good for those recovering from injury. There is also a very lively social side, where people meet for various meals or drinks etc.

For more information please go onto their facebook page, **Huntingdonshire Walking Football Group**.



Postage Stamps

Do not forget to collect your stamps and either take them into the Cat Protection Shop in Cross Keys Mall or post them to ESCA, 3 Collingwood Rd, Eaton Socon, Cambs, PE19 8JQ

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 - 07530 125720

Charles Rogers - 07813 897949

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

ESCAN Deliveries

More volunteers needed - especially in the Orchard Close, Masefield Avenue and Muntjac Close areas. We deliver to over 6,000 homes, three times a year, and this will increase as new houses are built. 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.

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

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Elliott Grave

Have you spotted our new railings around the Elliott grave in Eaton Socon Churchyard? Designed and made by Bripat, a local firm, the railings have been placed around this former Eaton Socon Academy headmaster's grave. ESCA is proud and thankful of our volunteers who have made such a remarkable difference to this once overgrown grave, see above right. There is still a little to do but the grave is almost complete and a board will soon be added to explain what we have done.



Bedfordshire Day 28th November

Did you spot the brightly coloured county flag flying around the Eatons at the end of November? We are proud to fly this flag as it links us with our historic county when the Eatons were part of Bedfordshire before the A1 bypass was built.



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

Bushmead Secondary School Reunion July 20th 2019 12 noon – 6pm

Did you ever go to Bushmead Secondary School, built when Eaton Socon was in Bedfordshire and took children from Eaton Socon, Wyboston, Roxton, Chawston, Colmworth and Great Barford? Two bus routes collected the children from the villages.

Next year, in 2019, it is 50 years since the children were transferred to Longsands School in St Neots, after part of Eaton Socon Parish became Huntingdonshire. The building was then adapted and used for primary school children who moved here from the school in School Lane.

Photographs are beginning to appear of pupils and teachers and information is being checked, but we would like more. Can you help us with more photographs and names?

A school reunion is planned for July 20th 2019 – so pass the message around and put the date in your diary. Tickets available at May Day.



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Do you have a pothole or blocked drain in the road near you – if so then take a photo of the fault, download the photo onto your computer then.....

- 1) go to website - www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk
- 2) click on **Report** on the right
- 3) click on **Roadworks and Faults**
- 4) scroll down to find the heading – **Report a pothole or other highways fault** then click on the heading
- 5) Read the box that appears and click **Continue** at the bottom left corner
- 6) A map will appear – **zoom in using the + button** in the bottom right corner
- 7) When you see large red coloured blobs – **then click on the location of the fault** and a red dot will appear on the map and a form on the left.
- 8) **Fill in the form** giving as much detail as possible – for drains the 'Problem Type' will be 'Flooding'
- 9) Finally **upload a photo**.
- 10) **An email** will be sent to you when you report the fault and when any action is undertaken.
- 11) **Wait and watch** for any action. It appears that you cannot report more than 10 faults so ask your neighbours to report some.



The Pightle

Sloe gin and blackberry and apple pie are among this year's products from The Pightle. I am pleased to report that the sloe gin is extremely tasty as indeed were the apple and blackberry pies! I would be delighted to hear of any other recipes from harvesting the Pightle!

These are just a couple of the benefits of being involved in The Pightle which, some say, is the 'hidden jewel' in Eatons crown. If you haven't discovered the Pightle yet, take a walk down the back footpath from the church yard and just past the cricket field is The Pightle (a Millennium Green).

For those that are not aware this is NOT a council run project but it is run by us local volunteers for us local folk and visitors alike. Financially, we rely on the many regular contributions from local people who have become "Pals of the Pightle", (see form on this page.) We also rely on a small but active band of volunteers who maintain the Pightle for the enjoyment of everybody. If you would like to volunteer and spend a couple of hours a week or month assisting with mowing in the summer, path maintenance in the winter and generally 'making it a nice place to be' helping us, as well as getting a regular dose of fresh air and the satisfaction of getting something done in our community, please contact our volunteer co-ordinator Barry Banks on 01480 351908. There are several jobs that need doing be it, Ivy cutting around some trees to bulb planting to general pruning of our many and varies trees. Call Barry today to see how you can become involved.

Who knows we MIGHT just be able to let you taste the Sloe Gin!!

We are pleased to report that despite the very dry summer the newly planted 'cider apple orchard' appears to be growing. BUT shame on you Mr. Robber! Because we are saddened to report the theft of one of the cider apple trees. All we hope is that the mean thief who stole it, will re-plant it somewhere where it can grow properly. There really is no need to nick trees – we can help supply them, all you have to do is ask!

Derek Giles

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



Saving our Prickly Friends

Have you spotted a hedgehog recently? Hedgehogs are in decline and need our help. If you spot one out and about in daylight it may be ill or hungry. They should hibernate during the winter but if they are under 450grams they will not wake up from their hibernation.

You can help by:

- leaving gaps (20-30cms) in your garden fence to allow the hedgehogs to wander between gardens
- leave water and food like cat biscuits outside
- take care when driving

At Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital the little hogs are fed on cat biscuits or tinned meaty cat or dog food in a jelly base and when they are strong enough they are placed back in the wild.

Useful telephone numbers:

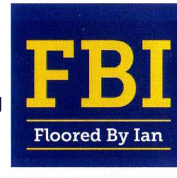
Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital 07505 651986, British Hedgehog Preservation Soc – 01584 262226

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- Jan 24th - **Drought Tolerant Plants** talk by Barry Gayton
- Feb 28th - **Ernest Wilson, Plant Hunter performed in period costume** talk by Geoff Hales
- Mar 28th - **Climbing and Wall Plants** talk by Peter Jackson
- Apr 25th - still to be arranged

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 send me your bank details so I can set up a standing order)

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



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.



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.

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Tel: 01480 212426



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Tues 7.15pm and Thurs 7.30pm
All low impact routines

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Library at Home

Have you heard of the Library at Home Service?

If you are struggling to get out and about* we can provide you with:

- Monthly visits by a friendly volunteer
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- Useful health information
- Time to have a chat
- A free service—donations welcome

To find out more about the service or to offer help as a volunteer please contact:

volunteers@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

or Telephone: 01223 706803

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

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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.



Free bag of mulch

ESCA would like to remind you of the free bags of mulch that are available at this time of year. If you wish a free bag then just pop outside and find a tree that is dropping leaves. Rake up the leaves into a bag and let the leaves rot down into a super nutritious mulch that you can spread on your garden. The more leaves you rake up, the more mulch you can get.

Nails by Claire Pateman

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Monthly New friends group 3rd Friday 11am at the Priory Centre

Monthly Coffee mornings 1st Saturday 11am at St Mary's, St Neots.

If you wish to be involved, then email: time.volunteers@outlook.com

or Tel: 07590909057.

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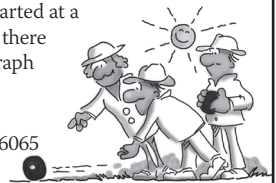


Eaton Socon Outdoor Bowls Club

This club will be celebrating their centenary birthday in 2019 and they are looking for information, photographs and memories, especially of the club before it moved to its present site. The club first started at a site in Wilkinson Close near Stilton House, where there were four bowling greens - do you have a photograph or memories?

If you can help please contact Stuart on

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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

- Dec 7th **Traditional Christmas Songs and Humorous Readings** - St Neots Folk Club
Jan 4th **St Neots & District in Old Photos (Part 2)**, by Rodney Todman
Feb 1st **Victorian St Neots**, by Liz Davies
Mar 1st **Genealogy: The Lopsided Barge**, by Robert Parker
Apr 5th **Sex, Sin and Scandal (the history of the Reynolds family of Paxton Hall)**, by Canon Annette Reed

Colmworth & Neighbours History Society

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

- Jan 18th **Another Icarus: the rise and fall of Percy Pilcher**, by Roy Smart
Feb 15th **Concorde: A Magnificent Aircraft**, by Les Evans
Mar 15th **Romano-British Curse Tablets**, by Paddy Lambert
Apr 12th **The 1830 Swing Riots**, by Nora Butler

Roxton & District Local History Group

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

- Jan 3rd **Christmas Meal**
Feb 7th **Shackleton's forgotten men**, by Ebby Horsman
Mar 7th **Electronic Family History**, by Robert Parker
Apr 4th **Wallis Simpson and the Abdication crisis of 1936**, by Roy Smart

Eaton Belles Women's Institute (WI) for the Eatons and surrounding areas.

Re-formed in January 2017 following a hiatus of many years, the group is thriving. There are now over 40 members of all ages, who meet monthly to enjoy a guest speaker and refreshments.

We have an active lunch club and a craft group, which run alongside the main monthly meeting and have been able to organise several extra days out. These have included the Countryfile show at Blenheim Palace and a visit to The Houses of Parliament, to celebrate a hundred years of Women's Suffrage. We are also proud to have been able to support May Day Celebrations in Eaton Socon and the Open Gardens event in the Summer.

We meet on the second Tuesday of every month 7-9pm in the day room of the Hanover Housing Complex, Hanover Close, off Mill Hill Road, Eaton Ford.

We are always welcoming new members, so if you want to join us for some fun, companionship and 12 lovely evenings a year, plus extras, then please come along or contact our secretary Gillian Tel: 07802 545814



Eaton Socon Trefoil Guild



What an amazing summer we have had, the weather has been fantastic and we have made the most of it by walking, visiting and celebrating 75 years of the Trefoil Guild each month with members from other Guilds.

As the weather was so hot in August we had a successful picnic on Riverside Park. In September we enjoyed a talk from a member of the Guides Senior Section who had visited Fiji; a project which we had helped to fund. It was lovely to hear about how they fixed up a school and taught songs to the children - a reminder that Guiding is a truly international organisation. Our RNLI fish supper in October raised over £120 and the talk from Sid, a member of the Thames Crew, was fascinating as he told us how the operations differ from the more widely known coastal crews. He had even seen the whale!

The 75 year celebrations recently took us to a Garden Party in Toft and culminated in a Hog Roast at Alconbury where we were entertained by hand bell ringers and a ukelele band! Seven of us recently had a smashing weekend in Suffolk, staying at Darsham Country Centre – with a sunny day out in Southwold, including fish and chips on the front, and then a day at Framlingham Castle where we were lucky enough to catch a falconry display. Next year we may go afloat!

Coming up, we are decorating cakes and having our Christmas meal, then planning for 2019. If you would like to join us, Trefoil Guild is open to men and women and you do not have to have any Guiding or Scouting background. We are a friendly bunch and would love to meet you so do get in touch via eatonsocontrefoilguild@gmail.com or phone Allison on 07505129518

ESCA Local History Books and Information

As winter has arrived, what better way to spend an evening in a nice warm room and comfy armchair reading one or more of ESCA's local 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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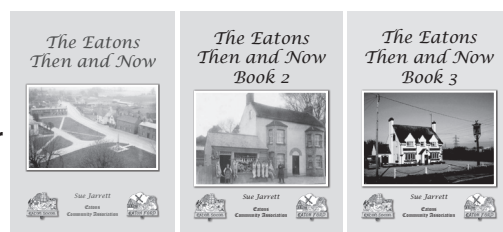
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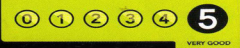
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