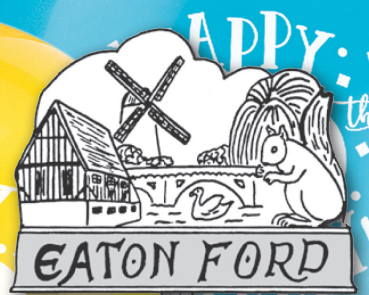




# HAPPY 40th ESCAN 40th

Your FREE Community Newsletter



Eatons Community Association - Registered Charity No.1110148

December 2019 – April 2020

## ESCA helps local groups

May Queen Chloe Veneear and Princess Erin McElhone came along to the popular Eatons Community Association AGM and handed out cheques, totalling nearly £5,000 which included £1,400 given by the Town Council to ESCA to distribute to local Eatons organisations. Donations were given to 25 groups to help towards the cost of Xmas meals for our older residents, Hanover Close residents for enhancing 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, Encore Music group, Eaton Socon Guides and brownies, Crosshall School (for beebots), Eaton Socon Trefoil Guild, St Neots Woodcraft Group 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. ESCA is delighted to be able to give out such a large amount of money to local groups.



## Plough Monday in Eaton Socon

Don't forget to join us for the annual Plough Monday celebrations on Monday 13th January 2020, 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 hosteleries. 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 13th 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 2019



Well done Bushmead Gardens, 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 2020 for inclusion  
in the next issue.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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ESCA wishes everyone a Happy Christmas  
and Best Wishes for the New Year



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<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>01480 215913</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	<a href="http://www.escan.org.uk">www.escan.org.uk</a>
St Neots Town Council	<a href="http://www.stneots-tc.gov.uk">www.stneots-tc.gov.uk</a>
Eaton Socon Health Centre	<a href="http://www.eatonsoconhealthcentre.co.uk">www.eatonsoconhealthcentre.co.uk</a>
Cedar House Surgery	<a href="http://www.cedarhousesurgery.net">www.cedarhousesurgery.net</a>
St Neots Archives Group	<a href="http://www.st-neots.ccan.co.uk">www.st-neots.ccan.co.uk</a>
Paxton Pits	<a href="http://www.paxton-pits.org.uk">www.paxton-pits.org.uk</a>
Sudbury Meadow	<a href="http://www.sudburymeadow.org.uk">www.sudburymeadow.org.uk</a>
St Marys Church	<a href="http://www.eatonsocon.org">www.eatonsocon.org</a>
Pightle	<a href="http://www.eatonsoconpightle.org.uk">www.eatonsoconpightle.org.uk</a>
Bushmead School	<a href="http://www.bushmeadprimaryschool.org.uk">www.bushmeadprimaryschool.org.uk</a>
Duloe, Staploe and Honeydon	<a href="http://www.staploeduloeandhoneydonparishcouncil.bedsparishes.gov.uk">www.staploeduloeandhoneydonparishcouncil.bedsparishes.gov.uk</a>
St Neots Time Bank	<a href="http://www.stneotstimebank.org.uk">www.stneotstimebank.org.uk</a>
River Church	<a href="http://www.riverchurchstneots.co.uk">www.riverchurchstneots.co.uk</a>
St. Neots Children's Centres	<a href="http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/childrenscentres">www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/childrenscentres</a>



## Who's Who at ESCA

<i>Chairman</i>	Sue Jarrett	<b>01480 216065</b>
<i>Treasurer</i>	Dave Jarrett	<b>01480 216065</b>
<i>May Day Administrator</i>	Julia Hayward	<b>01480 210097</b>
<i>Open Gardens co-ordinators</i>	Steve & Sue Georgiou	<b>07863 763056</b>
<i>History Co-ordinator</i>	Sue Jarrett	<b>01480 216065</b>
<i>ESCAN Co-ordinator</i>	Carole Robson	<b>01480 218755</b>
<i>Fund Raising Co-ordinator</i>	Lynne Patrick-Gough	<b>01480 212426</b>
<i>Volunteer Co-ordinator</i>	Owen Gough	<b>01480 212426</b>

## 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 21st 6.00pm – **Joint concert with St. Neots Choral Society**  
Well-known carols, Christmas-themed works and readings. Children are welcome to join the percussion section for a special work!  
at St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon

2020

Mar 7th 7.30 pm – **Mendelssohn - 'Midsummer Night's Dream', Delibes - Suite 'Coppelia'; Greg May - to be announced, Schumann - Symphony no. 1** at St. Mary's Church Eaton Socon

Mar 28th at 7.30pm - **Mozart Requiem, Haydn Spring from The Seasons** at St. Mary's Church, Eaton Socon

### St Mary's Church Eaton Socon

Dec 8th 4pm – **Christingle Family Event** (Free event – sign up via website)  
Dec 12th 12.30pm – **Christmas Lunch** (ticket only – contact St Marys)

Dec 14th 1pm – **Women's Christmas Table Decoration Workshop**  
(ticket only – sign up via website)

Dec 15th 6pm – **Carol Service**

Dec 19th 2pm – **Afternoon Carol concert**

Dec 22nd 10.30am – **Instant Nativity play**

Dec 24th Christmas Eve 3pm and 5pm – **Family Carol services**

Christmas Eve 11.30pm – **Midnight Communion**

Dec 25th Christmas Day 10am – **Christmas Day Family Communion**

Dec 29th 10am – **Combined Family Service**

2020

Feb 26th 8pm – **Ash Wednesday Service**

Mar 6th 11am – **Women's World Day of Prayer Service**

Apr 4th 2pm – **Easter Family Extravaganza**

Apr 9th 7.30 – **Maundy Thursday Service**

Apr 10th 10am – **Good Friday All Age Service with Hot Cross Buns**

2pm – **Meditations around the Cross**

Apr 12th – **Easter Sunday Celebration (9am)**

**Family Celebration (10.30am)**

All enquiries, contact the Church Office (01480) 352154

or visit the website: [www.eatonsocon.org](http://www.eatonsocon.org)

### River Church

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

Tues 24th Dec – **Christmas Carols evening** 6pm to 7.30pm all welcome to this family event with carols and refreshments

**Community Christmas Day Lunch** – River Church are hosting a lunch on Christmas Day, in partnership with Chef's Table Solutions, for those in our community who would otherwise be on their own or are facing financial hardship. It will be from 12:30pm to 2:30pm on Christmas Day (Wednesday 25th December 2019) 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. To sign up please contact Jim Fitzgerald on 07545 175837.

12th April 10.30-12.30 – **Easter Sunday Family Service** - everyone welcome

### Town events

Dec 14th 6pm – **Mayors Carol Service**, Eaton Socon Church  
2020

Apr 12th – **Passion Play** on Easter Sunday afternoon – based in various places in and around the Market Square starting at 2.30pm.

### Eaton Ford Chapel

Dec 15th 10.30am – **Carol service**

Christmas Day 10.30am – **Service at Berkley Street Methodist Church**

### Little Barford Church Service

Sun 8th 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 (from 3rd Sep)  
**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 2020**

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



# Chairman's Spot

As we head towards Christmas ESCA is delighted that in our 40th birthday year we have had a variety of new events and more groups have been helped with our fund raising. More projects are planned in our efforts to help brighten up the area, work with local schools and groups and continue to answer residents concerns. 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 activities in 2020, and if you would like to be involved in any way please let us know. On behalf of the ESCA committee may I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

**Sue Jarrett, ESCA Chairman**

## 40th birthday quiz

Well done if you bought one of our 40th birthday quizzes and searched for the answers around the Eatons. There was one clear winner from Peppercorn Lane and several runners up. The deciding answer was how many legs on the pub signs and there were a few different answers. The winning entries were announced at the ESCA AGM.

## Textile Bank

Great news – we already have over £600 in this new ESCA financial year ready to give out at our next 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



## 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](http://www.stneots.foodbank.org.uk)



## ESCAN Deliveries

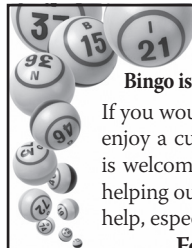
More volunteers needed – especially in the Dukes Road/Kings Road, the Ackerman Street and Castle Hill Close area, Drake Road and parts of Wyboston. We deliver to over 6,000 homes, three times a year. We have a staunch band of volunteers but it is becoming more difficult for some of them to take on any 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, please contact ESCA at 3 Collingwood Road, Eaton Socon – Tel 216065 or Carole Robson on 218755.

## 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.

**For more information please contact the Estate Manager, Tel 01480 406 438**



## VE Day

With the focus now moving from the Great War to WW2 it would be wonderful to collect stories from that period. In 2020 the government has moved the early May Bank Holiday to coincide with VE Celebrations – so if you have any memories or photographs of that special day please let ESCA know – email [suejarrett@talk21.com](mailto:suejarrett@talk21.com) or phone Sue on 01480 216065.

## Wednesday Morning Club

Ladies, if you do not enjoy going out at night, but would like to belong to a group, why not try ours?

We meet every Wednesday morning from 10-12 during term time in the Community Room at Hanover Housing, Eaton Ford. We have regular speakers, entertainers, beetle drives, quizzes, and only pay £7.00 per term of approximately 10 weeks. Come and see if you would like our friendly over 60s group that has been going for over 35 years and always welcomes new members.

Contact chair - Carol Large on 01480 351693.

## 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](http://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 10-12 noon. 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](http://www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk)



## Eaton Ford Methodist Church

**Homemade Soup and Roll**

Every 2nd Tuesday in the month  
12.30pm-1.30pm – All Welcome

## Hall/Function room for Hire

Eaton Socon Sports Association at River Road has a clubhouse which can be used for functions such as birthday parties, meetings etc. Very reasonable rates. One-off hire or regular bookings considered.

For further details please contact Stuart Ross on 07917017048 or email - [stuart.ross3@ntlworld.com](mailto:stuart.ross3@ntlworld.com)

## 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.

**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  
Gordon Thorpe – 07956 878780  
Nicola Presland

**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](http://www.stneots-tc.gov.uk)

# The Eatons Community Centre



The Maltings, Eaton Socon, PE19 8ES  
[priory.centre@stneots-tc.gov.uk](mailto:priory.centre@stneots-tc.gov.uk)

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## 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.

## 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.



## Bikes, lights and bells

As winter approaches please remember to put on 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 !!



## Eaton Socon Trefoil Guild

In 2019 we have tried Salsa Dancing; ate freshly made pancakes, had an indoor games evening; a guided walk round Paxton Pits; walked part of St Neots Commonwealth War Graves Poppy Trail; visited The Manor House at Hemingford (known as Green Knowe); hosted a bring and share picnic at Priory Park with other Trefoil Guilds, held a Fish & Chip supper with quiz to raise funds for RNLI; found out about 'Befriend a Hedgehog' and had fun making edible bonfires. We are joining with the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides for a Carol Service and then finishing the year with a Christmas Meal.

Some of our members have stayed at the World Centre, Sangam, in India, some have camped in Newmarket and stayed indoors at Darsham Country Centre. During 2020 we plan to have a weekend away, possibly going on a narrowboat and walking in Derbyshire.

Meetings are usually on the first Tuesday of each month 7.30pm with the venue dependent on the activity. January is our planning meeting for the year. Anyone over 18, both ladies and gentlemen, are welcome to come along so if you are interested in joining us for any of our meetings please email: [eatonsocontrefoilguild@gmail.com](mailto:eatonsocontrefoilguild@gmail.com). We look forward to meeting you!

Judith Follon Chairman Eaton Socon Trefoil Guild



## Eaton Socon Birthday Bench

Have you spotted our first Birthday Bench? Placed on Eaton Socon Green the plaque records the efforts of two former residents who began the Community Association 40 years ago. Why not wander down and find out more?



## Crosshall Infants Mud Kitchen

This year most of our Open Gardens proceeds were used to buy a mud kitchen for the infants at Crosshall School. The children will not be cooking in the kitchen but they will be exploring the environment including looking closely at soil samples and playing in the mud in their new Secret Garden. ESCA is delighted to be able to help children explore their natural environment and are continuing with more projects with other Eatons school children.

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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!



# News from the Pightle

(pronounced:- Pie . t. hul )

Once more autumn has come and activity in the Pightle is visibly settling down ready for the cold months ahead. It's been a poor year for blackberries, but our various fruit trees seem to be in good health and each year we find a steady crop of apples, not just in the Pightle but on Eaton Socon Green too. One of the saddest autumn sights is a fruit tree with its produce lying on the ground rotting away; please remember you're more than welcome to help yourselves to ours! We'd also be interested to hear what becomes of all that fruit – some has fed my family with crumbles and jams, have you any more adventurous recipes, we wonder?



Autumn is the time for getting many of the more mundane jobs done, and we've had volunteers involved in carrying out repairs, removing ivy from the trees, cutting back overhanging growth and generally improving the Pightle all round. We regularly check the trees to make sure they're secure and if you see any that you're concerned about, do let us know. Sadly there is also work to do putting right the effects of theft and vandalism, which seems to have increased quite a bit this year. Please do let us know if you see people acting suspiciously, damaging anything or making camps in the Pightle – we'd far rather have the occasional false alarm than not hear when something serious is taking place.

The colourful show in the Pightle should start in January, assuming a relatively mild winter – or when the snow clears, if not - with winter aconites that we've been steadily planting over the years. Look carefully around the wooded areas for these little yellow beauties as they like the shelter, and get their flowering done before the leaves above them grow and take away their sunlight. They are the first sign that we're in for a treat of colour in the year ahead.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a colourful new year!

*Julia Hayward*

Trustee – The Pightle Millennium Green Trust  
Website: <http://www.eatonsoconpightle.org.uk>

## REAL Women (Relationship, Encouragement, Authentic, Laughter)

This new group meets about 6 times a year in Eaton Socon church hall to share a meal. The aim is to bring ladies together for fun and fellowship - they do not have to be members of the church to come, it is open to all ladies.

Outside speakers are planned and each lady is given a little gift to take away as a reminder of their time e.g. key rings with favourite bible quotes and a home made fridge magnet. We value our times together and all who come are uplifted and go home with smiles on their faces. We also offer a listening ear to anyone who may need it. One of the comments made was it is so lovely to come and have time to chat and get to know people better. The next meeting is on Feb 22nd at 9am – if you wish to find out more or wish to come along please sign up using the church website – [www.eatonsocon.org](http://www.eatonsocon.org).

## Dragonboat Championships



Earlier this year ESCA were asked to help two young Eatons residents who were going to represent Great Britain in the World Dragon Boat Championships in Thailand in August. ESCA offered to pay for their England kit and we are delighted that the team won Bronze medals (see photo).

Two of the team members came to the ESCA AGM and were able to show us their medals and some of their kit. A very big well done to Lewis Newark and Ellie Mobbs from the Eatons.

## Little Paxton Gardening Club

at Little Paxton Village Hall PE19 6EY at 8pm (Plants for sale at meetings)

- Feb 5th **Funny Garden Features**, by Andrew Sankey, garden designer and lecturer based in Cambridge
- Mar 4th **A History of Gardening in a 100 objects**, Michael Brown, historian, researcher and horticulturist
- Apr 1st **Paeonies**, by Caron Saunders from RHS Gold Medal Winning Specialist Nursery, Primrose Hall in Bedfordshire

Members £1 non members £2. Refreshments provided.

For more information please contact: Jane Hill, Tel. 01480 218805 or

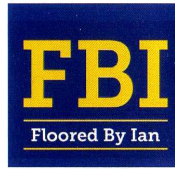
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## St. Neots Gardening Club

Meetings on Thursdays at  
St. Mary's Church Hall,  
Brook Street, St. Neots at 8pm

Visitors - £2.50 which includes refreshments

- Jan 23rd - **The History of Peter's Garden**, talk by Peter Walker
- Feb 27th - **Beautiful Bulbs**, talk by Simon White
- Mar 26th - **Hosta's**, talk by Joe Sharman of Monksilver Nurseries
- Apr 23rd - **Herbaceous Perennials**, talk by Joe Sharman of Monksilver Nurseries

## 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)

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## Computer Ink Cartridges

Please don't throw them away - just pop them in a bag and take to the St Neots & District Indoor Bowls Club in River Road, Eaton Socon. Money is being raised by one of their members for local good causes. You can drop them into the club, there is a box just inside the door, leave them outside or better still go in and see what the club has to offer.

Perhaps, try one of the open days at the Club. They are always looking for new members and you might discover a new and very enjoyable pastime in a club with a very friendly atmosphere. The Indoor Bowling Club can be found at River Road, Eaton Socon. Phone 01480 218119 or visit the web site at [www.snibc.co.uk](http://www.snibc.co.uk)



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## Events at St Neots Library

Not just books, computers and friendly help and advice but St Neots Library also holds Toddler Rhymetime, Baby Rhymetime, Coffee mornings, Talks, a Lego Club, theatres and workshops. Many of these events are run by volunteers and the Adult Volunteer Coordinator Magda holds regular sessions about volunteering in the Library, so if you would like more information about any of these events or in becoming a volunteer why not pop in and ask at the desk.

## 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 at the Green** - Mon 10-12am at Eaton Socon Church

**Lunch at the Methodist Church** - 2nd Tues in the month - 12.30

**Wednesday Welcome** - Wed 3pm at Eaton Socon Church

**Evergreen Club** - Ex-Service Club, School Lane Tel 01480 356870

**Wed Morning Club, Hanover Close** - 10am Tel Carol on 01480 351693

**REAL Women, Eaton Socon Church** - see article on page 4

If you would like your group mentioned please email [esca](mailto:esca@eatonsca@gmail.com) -  
[eatonsca@gmail.com](mailto:eatonsca@gmail.com)

## Defibs in the town

There are more than 10 defibs in the town and some are more accessible than others as some are in shops or other buildings which may be closed. If you think you need to use a defib then phone 999 and they will tell you where the nearest one is that is accessible and the code to open the cabinet to get the defib. If one is not available then this is recorded on their system and they should not send you to that location.



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# Dates for History Groups

## Roxton & District Local History Group

Monthly meetings are at Roxton Village Hall (in the High Street) 7.30pm

- Dec 5th **AGM**
- 2020**
- Feb 6th **Update on the Roxton Gravel Extract dig and other Further Finds**, by Adam Lodoen
- Mar 5th tba
- Apr 2nd **Wallis Simpson and the Abdication crisis of 1936 – The year of three kings**, by Roy Smart

## Colmworth History Group

All meetings held in Colmworth Village Hall, Fridays from 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Chairperson – Chris Walker 01234 771536

- Jan 17th **Romano-British curse tablets**, by Paddy Lambert
- Feb 21st **Cardington airships**, by David Fowler
- Mar 20th **Wallis Simpson and the Abdication crisis of 1936**, by Roy Smart
- Apr 17th **Bedfordshire Brickworks**, by Richard Manning

## 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

- Jan 3rd **St Neots 1949: A snapshot in time Part 2**, by Rodney Todman
- Feb 7th **St Neots: Famous for who and what**, by Sue Jarrett
- Mar 6th **Love and Toil**, by Grace Richards
- Apr 3rd **Huntingdonshire Cyclist Battalions**, by Martyn Smith

## Eaton Belles WI

Eaton Belles is The Women's Institute (WI) for the Eatons and surrounding areas. Now over 2 years old this group is very active with social meetings, a very active craft group "The Crafty Belles", a walking group, a swimming group, lunch and dinner clubs 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. Monthly 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

## 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.

## 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). A new ladies group has been set up – see article on page 4. 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

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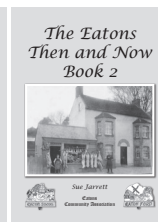
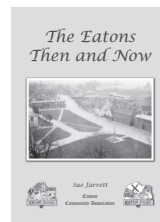
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Eaton Socon Censuses and Electoral Registers are available on request (Postage and Packing free to Eatons and St Neots residents)

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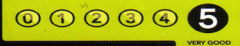


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