



# ESCAN

Your FREE Community Newsletter



Eatons Community Association - Registered Charity No.1110148

December 2020 – April 2021

## Chairman's Spot

Christmas is approaching once again, but this year I am sure celebrations will be very muted; 2020 has been a terrible year in many ways. Obviously May Day, Open Gardens, opening the Cage and many of the other activities that we normally enjoy haven't happened because of social distancing, and news of Sue's passing was a huge shock to us. Many of the groups we support have gone into temporary hibernation and sadly some may never restart, either through loss of income or just the loss of momentum and members caused by a lengthy break. And there's growing needs around us, with jobs at risk, people furloughed or socially isolated at home, and services stretched. So we believe our purpose – to support our community and improve the quality of life for everyone in the Eatons as best we can – is just as important now as it has ever been, if not more so. We look towards 2021 with a determination to carry on fundraising, to carry on helping out, to carry on assisting voluntary groups, in whatever ways are possible. We may not be able to meet physically for a while but we are still available on line – if you would like to be more involved with us or find out more about what we do then please do get in touch.

**Julia Hayward, Acting Chair**



## Sue Jarrett

It is with tremendous sadness that we start this issue reporting the untimely death of our long-time Chair, Sue Jarrett. Sue has been the driving force behind ESCA for many years, indeed before

I arrived in the Eatons twenty years ago, and without her tireless efforts we would have far fewer of the things you see each issue. Whether it was planning and organising public events such as May Day, defibrillators being installed on public buildings (Sue on the right), benches (Sue seated in the centre), planting bulbs in public places each autumn, improving the planters near Bushmead School or clearing out Bunny Lane, Sue was invariably involved somehow. And yet she never set out to be the local heroine – almost every picture of her I have shows her surrounded by groups of smiling volunteers, all proud to be part of a thriving community association making life better for all its residents.



Sue's impact was much wider than ESCA, though; as a teacher she was well known in the Eatons; as a local historian she had an encyclopaedic knowledge of the area and a vast collection of material tracing the evolution of the community which she exhibited regularly - much of which you can see here - as well as leading guided tours of the Eatons. She was a long standing Trustee of the Eaton Socon Charities, and one of the original Trustees of the Pightle, where she would regularly hold activities to introduce primary school children to their natural surroundings.

Sue had a remarkable ability to get everyone to pull together for the common good, including local councillors of all persuasions, and ESCA under her leadership took on the challenge of assisting people and community groups who fell under the radar of officialdom. Money raised from May Day, Open Gardens and other events would always head back into community projects to make a real difference to people's quality of life. Sue's contribution to life in the Eatons really is incalculable. We believe that keeping ESCA healthy and achieving as much as we can in the same spirit is the least we can do to honour her memory.

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**Lots more news inside.**

**Deadlines for all contributions  
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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>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	<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

<b>Chairman</b>	Julia Hayward	<b>01480 210097</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	Dave Jarrett	<b>01480 216065</b>
<b>May Day Administrator</b>	Julia Hayward	<b>01480 210097</b>
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<b>Fund Raising Co-ordinator</b>	Lynne Patrick-Gough	<b>01480 212426</b>
<b>Volunteer Co-ordinator</b>	Owen Gough	<b>01480 212426</b>
<b>Open Gardens Co-ordinator</b>	Tina Summerfield	

## Dates for your diary

### Christmas @ St Mary's Eaton Socon An Invitation for you!

You're invited to join us this Christmas...

- On Facebook or Youtube (search for St Mary's Eaton Socon)
- Limited Tickets to attend Christmas Services available (subject to Government regulations) from [www.eatonsocon.org/events/](http://www.eatonsocon.org/events/)

Sunday 20th December 10am – **Nativity Service**

Sunday 20th December 6pm – **Carol Service**

Thursday 24th December 4pm – **Christmas Eve**

**Family Carol Service**

Friday 25th December 10am – **Christmas Day**

**Family Service**

Sunday 27th December 10am – **Sunday Service**

**Christmas is over, now what?**

Want to know more?

Please contact the Church Office (01480) 352154  
or visit the Church's Website: [www.eatonsocon.org](http://www.eatonsocon.org)

## 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)

# amazon smile

### Support ESCA while you shop online

We are now registered with Amazon Smile! You can nominate your favourite charity at [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk) and after that, every time you shop through Amazon via that link, a proportion of what you spend will be donated to that charity. Of course we hope you'll choose us, as everything we raise supports local projects in the Eatons! But even if you have another favourite it's a great way to make your online shopping do a bit more good. You can find a link on our website [www.escan.org.uk](http://www.escan.org.uk)

**Copy date for the next edition of ESCAN for news, adverts and information – 19th February 2021**

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

Sandra Giles – 07530 125720  
Gordon Thorpe – 07956 878780  
Nicola Presland

### EATON SOCON

Barry Banks – 07710 209950  
Derek Eyre – 07779 296801  
Colin Maslen – 07810 4819

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

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEARING HELP

### Hearing Aid Users

Run by Cambs Hearing Help group this friendly group is for those people with hearing loss, their family and friends. It meets on the 3rd Wednesday of June, September and December at the Cloisters in the Priory Centre 11am-1pm. Speakers are invited and the group aim to help each other to manage hearing loss.

For more information contact Norman on **07514 914664** or email – [norman@normanaldridge.plus.com](mailto:norman@normanaldridge.plus.com).

For more information on the charity

Cambs Hearing Help see website –

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



## 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)



## 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 0195433330.



## 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.

## Textile Bank

Great news – we already have over £1212 this 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.



## 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, please contact ESCA at 3 Collingwood Road, Eaton Socon – Tel 216065 or Carole Robson on 218755



## Cambs Backgammon Club

Come and play the world's oldest board game! Normally we meet at the River Mill on alternate Monday evenings from 7.15, though we're temporarily getting together online instead. 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 (from 3rd Sep)  
Eaton Socon Church Hall  
Why not pop in and have a chat,  
a cuppa and cake





## 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.



## Sudbury Meadow

If you haven't found it yet, Sudbury Meadow is on Crosshall Road, Eaton Ford, sandwiched between Cavendish Court and Regatta Meadow. In common with all the local green spaces, it has become more popular this year as people look for places to enjoy outside. With seats spread around the site and a mixture of meadow, orchard and gardens, it is a small haven for wildlife and people.

Although the site is owned by Huntingdonshire District Council, it is managed by Friends of Sudbury Meadow and a small, but enthusiastic team of volunteers. The latter have been challenged this year, as has everyone in conservation, with trying to keep the site useable and keeping themselves safe. We have been incredibly lucky that several married couples and individuals were able to work on site on their own and kept gardens, hedges and grass tidy during the first lockdown. Work parties started again in July with social distancing and the understanding that if someone gets Covid-19, we all have to self-isolate for 14 days. So far we have been lucky.

So if you go to Sudbury Meadow this winter what can you expect to see? Well plenty of birds in the hedgerows to start with. Goldfinches, blue tits, great tits, a few greenfinches, robins and wrens to name but a few. You may be lucky to see a Muntjac deer too. There are also small rodents around although they are not easy to spot. Grey squirrels are easier to see and will be looking for their stashed nuts and seeds. We have had to coppice quite a few of the hazel shrubs, but keep your eyes open for early catkins from January.

We are really keen to enlist the help of more able-bodied and preferably knowledgeable volunteers, particularly if they are under 60. So if you enjoy working outside and are used to handling gardening tools, do get in touch to see if you can help us. There is always the option to join Friends of Sudbury Meadow too, which will help to support the site for the future. More details on our website [www.sudburymeadow.org.uk](http://www.sudburymeadow.org.uk) or call 01480 472624. We look forward to meeting you, Covid-19 permitting!

**Alison Pearson**, Chair, Friends of Sudbury Meadow



## 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

## 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 !!



## St. Neots Gardening Club

Our club was looking forward to an exciting 2020 with several interesting events and outings planned; one of these was the annual visit to the ESCA May Day celebration. Each year we set up a stall in the church yard where we sell plants and advertise the club and its activities. Over the years we have raised valuable funds to support the club and have enrolled several members.

Like everyone, and other societies we were knocked sideways by the Coronavirus pandemic, in March we decided to suspend all club activities including ESCA May Day and our Annual Show held in the Eaton Community Centre in August. By phone and via the club website we tried to contact all members and explain the situation. At first, we thought we might be able to resume activities in September with the Annual General Meeting, this was not possible and we now plan to hold an Extra Ordinary A G M as soon as possible, perhaps early in 2021. Let's hope we can enjoy a traditional May day at Eaton Socon in 2021.

We will update the web site when there is any change in the situation. Contact details of the club's officers are also on the web site at [www.stneotsgardeningclub.org.uk](http://www.stneotsgardeningclub.org.uk)

**Peter Walker** Chairman 3/11/2020

## Little Paxton Gardening Club

Little Paxton Gardening Club is an established friendly village club for people who share an interest in all types of gardening and related subjects. We have been unable this year to hold regular meetings with talks from visiting speakers, organised visits, practical demonstrations, plant sales and social events owing to Covid-19 guidelines. To keep in touch with as many members as possible we have held virtual competitions relating to our own gardens with small prizes for the winners. Email has helped to keep interest alive. We hope to hold either a Zoom talk or possible meeting in February but like all clubs we will have to wait on guidance from the Government.

If you would like more information about the club please contact:

**CHAIR:** JANE HILL, Tel. 01480 218805

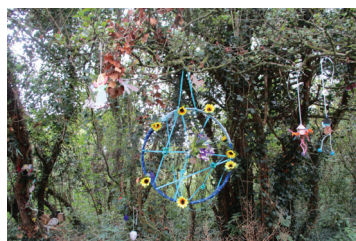
**SECRETARY:** MARGARET ROWLAND, Tel. 01480 383989

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





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



If you went down to the Pightle's woods recently, you might have had a big surprise – but not from teddy bears! The area down near the river was temporarily transformed into the Enchanted Forest, with fairies, elves and many other mystical creatures created by local children inhabiting the sheltered paths, and a Wishing Tree for anyone to hang their wishes to come true. And as the nights drew in and Halloween approached, rather more scary-looking creatures emerged as it turned into the Spooky Forest. All have now returned to whence they came and the quiet is restored! We're delighted so many children took part both in creating the Forests and visiting them again. With lockdown restricting so many activities, we hope that everyone enjoyed the extra incentive to venture out and explore!

Winter has now set in and the weather has noticeably turned for the worse. The Pightle is open to all, all year around, and while we're allowed to exercise outside we hope you'll use the opportunity to enjoy our tranquil open space. However, please do remember that paths may be more muddy than usual, and there is precious little shelter if the heavens open! The last of this year's wild flowers will be disappearing soon, but we expect the first of 2021 won't be too far away – our winter aconites are the first to appear in February, even January if winter is mild, and the whole gamut of spring bulbs will be with us by the time the next ESCAN reaches you. We're hoping that a wonderful display of colour comes coupled with increasing opportunity to socialise outside and a happy and healthy new year for you all.

*Julia Hayward*

Trustee – The Pightle Millennium Green Trust  
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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!



## 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 ESCA, 3 Collingwood Road, Eaton Socon, St Neots, PE19 8JQ

Dear Trustee Peter,

I would like to become a "Pal Of The Pightle"

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

Name.....(surname and initials)

Date.....

Address and Postcode.....

Email.....

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

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

Signed.....



## Community Car Service



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

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

## 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)

## 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.

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Cambridgeshire Libraries can now accept new referrals to the Revised Library@Home Service. This is open to Cambridgeshire Residents who fit a set criteria:

**The service is for anyone who usually relies heavily on reading books or listening to audiobooks AND who is either housebound or shielding/isolating due to age or health conditions under the current COVID-19 Government guidelines.**

People accepted for this service will be contacted by a member of the Library@Home Team who will arrange a doorstep delivery of specially chosen books/audiobooks. Deliveries will be monthly (by prior arrangement) and previously loaned books/audiobooks will be picked up when new ones are delivered.

To enquire about the Revised Library@Home Service you can contact us:

By email: [volunteers@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:volunteers@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

By phone: 07342 700308 or

07789 273903

A member of Library@Home Team will respond to the referral.



## St Neots TIME BANK

Share your knowledge and skills – volunteer for 1 hour and get 1 hour credit. Save your credits for those jobs you can't manage or don't have the skills or time for. Age and ability no obstacle. No money is needed other than for materials. No job too small. The time bank offers full insurance security, access to training and the opportunity to become involved in helping others.

If you wish to be involved:

email: [time.volunteers@outlook.com](mailto:time.volunteers@outlook.com)

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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.

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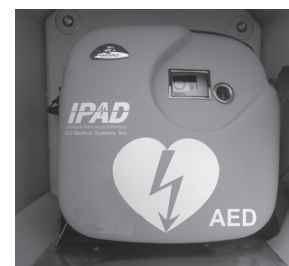
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## Defibs in the town

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

January 18th	<b>New Year Meal for Members The Guinea Moggerhanger</b> 6.30 for 7.00pm
February 7th	<b>Shackleton's Forgotten Men</b> by Debby Horseman
March 7th	<b>Electronic Family History</b> by Robert Parker
April 4th	<b>Wallis Simpson &amp; the 1936 Abdication Crisis</b> by Roy Smart
May 2nd	<b>Hobby Bobbies (History of Special Constabulary in Bedfordshire)</b> by Keith Jackson
June 6th	<b>Bringing Dead Street to Life (The British Schools in Hitchin)</b> by Andy Gibbs
July 4th	<b>Outing</b> t.b.a.
August 1st	<b>Mapping Old Villages</b> by Maurice Nicolson
September 5th	<b>Wallis Simpson &amp; the 1936 Abdication Crisis</b> by Roy Smart
October 3rd	<b>Bedford Hidden History</b> by David Fowler
November 7th	<b>Tempsford Tales (Not just a Bedfordshire Village)</b> by Steve Cooley
December 5th	<b>A.G.M.</b> Followed by seasonal refreshments. Volunteer members to help

## Eaton Belles WI

We haven't met formally since March but we still have several sub groups going And did have a couple of socially distanced Riverside Park meets when the weather was better.

### However:

Our walkers meet on Mondays. Our Crafty Belles meet and are currently making Christmas gifts for all members.

We have Zoom meetings. We have kept in touch via letters and social Media. So yes we are still very active, albeit in a different way at present.

For more information please contact Jo Shirreffs.  
email [joshirreffs@gmail.com](mailto:joshirreffs@gmail.com)

## Groups in the Eatons

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

**Eaton Belles WI** – Tel Gillian on 07802 545814

**Eaton Socon Trefoil Guild** – Tel 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 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

If you would like your group mentioned please email [escasca@gmail.com](mailto:escasca@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

**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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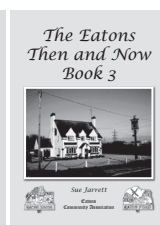
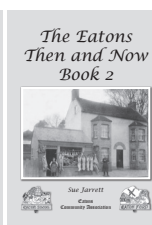
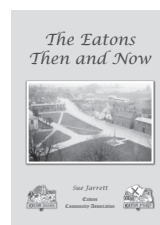
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Eaton Socon Censuses and Electoral Registers are available on request  
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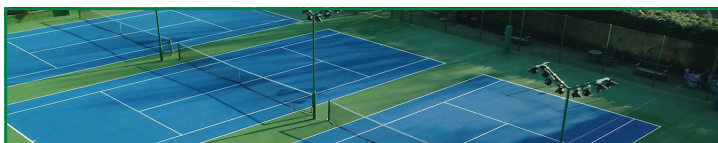
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