



# ESCAN

Your FREE Community Newsletter



Eatons Community Association - Registered Charity No.1110148

September - November 2015

## Eaton's May Day Celebrations

Fantastic weather, fantastic day – people flocked to the annual May Day Celebrations on Eaton Socon Village Green organised by the Eatons Community Association. On Monday 4th May hundreds of people enjoyed traditional 'May Pole Dancing' and 'Sweeps and Milkmaids Dances' by Heartsease Folk dancers, twirling by the Sentinels Majorettes, dancing by West Street Studio, SJ School of Dance, AJ dancers and Riverside Theatre, singing by Vox Forty and live music by the local band - 'Rumour has it' who sang and played many well known songs. Also on the village green were a BBQ, raffles and stalls, small fairground rides and live reptiles to handle. Inside Eaton Socon Church were history exhibitions, refreshments and children's activities.

At 2pm the Heartsease dancers led the May Court procession to the arena and the retiring May Queen, Caitlin Goudie, then presented the crown and sash to the new May Queen Rhian Bailey who was escorted by the two princesses Hazel Allison and



Georgia Godfrey. Rhian then presented the retiring May Queen with a necklace donated by Johnsons Jewellers of St Neots.

The Eatons Community Cup was presented by last year's winner Brian Elliott to Sylvia Stonham who gives a great deal of her time to run groups and activities within Eaton Socon church, to help others where she lives and is always a very reliable, friendly helpful member of the community.



**AGM** ESCA AGM and Cheese and Wine  
October 19th 7.30pm Eaton Socon Church  
Everyone welcome

## Open Gardens

Once again it was a wonderful day with sunshine and lots of visitors exploring our gardens. Visitors from miles around came to visit our selection of beautiful gardens and everyone did us proud. If you opened your garden we thank you very much for all your efforts. Every garden was different and with cups of tea, wine, home made cake and other refreshments the afternoon passed very quickly and lots of money was raised. A big thank you to all the gardeners and all the visitors. All the money raised this year from the Open Gardens will be used for Eatons local groups and towards another defibrillator.



## Neat Street Award 2015

Well done Osier Court – the winners of this year's **Neat Street Award**. This year we had two new judges who had never been involved before and they looked very carefully at our streets. Once again there was very little litter and many people had tried hard to keep cars off the pavements and their gardens maintained. Well done if you made an effort with your street – and a very big well done if you are keeping your street weed free along the kerbs, which are very difficult to keep clean.



Thank you to all the streets who entered and who made a difference to their area. And a big thank you to anyone who picks up the odd bit of litter on our streets. It makes the Eatons a better place to live.

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## Lots more news and views inside.

If you have any news or views please send to  
the Chairman no later than 20th October 2015  
for inclusion in the next issue.

**We look forward to hearing from you.**

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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>Jubilee Hall</b>	<b>01480 392733</b>
<b>Duloe Village Hall</b>	<b>07768 303373</b>
<b>St Marys Church Hall Eaton Socon</b>	<b>01480 352154</b>
<b>Eatons Community Centre</b>	<b>01480 388911</b>
<b>Doctors Surgeries</b>	
Eaton Socon Health Centre	<b>01480 478260 / 08444 771802</b>
Cedar House Surgery	<b>01480 406677</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>



## 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	<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>
Everyclick	<a href="http://www.everyclick.com">www.everyclick.com</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>
About my Area	<a href="http://www.aboutmyarea.co.uk/pe19">www.aboutmyarea.co.uk/pe19</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.riverchurch.eu">www.riverchurch.eu</a>
Battle the Boredom	<a href="http://www.battletheboredom.com">www.battletheboredom.com</a>



## Who's Who at ESCA

<i>Chairman</i>	Sue Jarrett	<b>01480 216065</b>
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<i>Open Gardens</i>	Collette Barnes	<b>01480 403343</b>
<i>History Co-ordinator</i>	Sue Jarrett	<b>01480 216065</b>
<i>ESCAN Co-ordinators</i>	Carole Robson	<b>01480 218755</b>

## Hanover Knitters

Meets on the first Tuesday of the month at Hanover Close in Eaton Ford. Evening meeting, all ages welcome. For details please call Angela on 01480 534680

## Dates for your diary

### ESCA events

Oct 10th Men of Dover get together, 2-4pm Eaton Socon Church Hall  
 Oct 19th ESCA AGM and Cheese and Wine, 7.30pm Eaton Socon Church – everyone welcome  
 Oct 25th Bulb Planting etc – contact ESCA for more details

### St. Mary's Church, Eaton Socon

Sep 20th – Harvest Festival Service & Lunch – 10.30am  
 Oct 31st – (Sat) Light Night an alternative to Halloween (TBC)  
 Nov 1st – Service of Memories – 6pm  
 Nov 8th - Remembrance Day Service - 3pm  
 Nov 14th Christmas Fayre – 10am – 2pm  
 Dec 10th – Christmas Lunch (tickets in advance)

### St Neots Choral Society and Sinfonia

Nov 7th To include Beethoven's 7th Symphony – 7.30pm at St. Mary's Church Eaton Socon  
 Nov 28th Mendelssohn's Elijah, 7.30pm at the Priory Centre  
 Dec 19th joint carol concert – 6pm at St. Mary's Church Eaton Socon (book tickets early)

### Town Events

(see Town Council website for more details)

Sep 6th – Royston Town Band in Riverside Park  
 Sep 13th – Civic Sunday Service  
 Nov 8th – Polish Service and Tea  
 Nov 29th – St. Neots Christmas Lights switch on  
 Dec 5th – Carol Concert/Independent Market

**MEET 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**

Bob Farrer – 01480 404014  
 Derek Giles – 01480 731321  
 Bill Hodges – 01480 394109  
 Keith Prentice – 01480 214838  
 Graham Welton – 07732 131563

**EATON SOCON**

Barry Banks – 07710 209950  
 Roger Harrison – 07717 666238  
 Colin Maslen – 07810 481941  
 Philip Rourke – 07811 200100



## Defibs Update

Have you seen the new defib on the Giggs building on Eaton Socon Village Green – all paid for by Eatons residents so a big **Thank You** to everyone. If you need access in an emergency just dial 999 and help will be given. We have now bought a third Eatons defib to be placed at Queens Gardens, so thanks to everyone for their generous donations.

## Textile Bank Money

Have you spotted our new ESCA Textile Bank at Tesco Express in Eaton Socon. Having had problems getting the previous bank emptied we now have our own bank which will be regularly emptied.

Elsewhere in the town the money goes to HDC or to the supermarkets but our money comes back to us. We have received a small amount this year which will be shared out between local groups so if you would like a few pounds to help with a small project please contact ESCA saying how much you would like and what it will be used for. Deadline – September 30th. All requests will be considered and money given out at the ESCA AGM



**Copy date for the next edition of ESCAN for news, adverts and information – 20th October 2015.**

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

# ● Chairman's Spot ●

This summer has flown past and events in the town and in the Eatons have come thick and fast.

The St Georges Weekend Celebrations on Regatta Meadow in Eaton Ford were once again a success as well as the Armed Forces Day, the Regency Festival in the Market Square, the annual Regatta, the food and wine festival and other events. The Eatons have had their May Day celebrations, a successful history exhibition and new book, the Eatons Open Gardens, the Neat Street Competition and the village Lock up has been open on several occasions. In July we also joined in with the Regency Festival and the May Queen and princesses ran bagatelle games and a wonderful old fashioned skittle game, made by a local carpenter. Saturday was fine and sunny but Sunday was certainly challenging with rain for a great part of the day. But we survived, the games went well and we met some wonderful people.

I am sure that we have all enjoyed our summer sunshine, and are now looking forward to a quieter autumn.

Sue Jarrett, ESCA Chairman

## May Day Thanks

May Day cannot take part without a large amount of work behind the scenes from the committee and all those who help to make the event special. Thanks are due to Karen Morrizo of Endersby Awards for the engraving of the Community Cup, Steve Van de Kerkhove for compering, Johnsons Jewellers for the May Queen's necklace, St Mary's Church for the use of the church over the weekend, members of the St Neots Local History Society for their help, the First Aiders, H.E. Payne of Wyboston for the use of a lorry, St Neots Town Council and the Priory Centre for all their help, and the many volunteers who made the afternoon such a success. Thanks are also due to local shops and businesses who offered raffle prizes and tombola prizes.

## Help with your Computer



Are you able to use your computer, laptop or tablet to find information, read and send emails, buy from ebay or google for something but have not yet learnt how to make a file or folder to keep things in?

Your children and grandchildren may be fantastic at showing you how to access things but they do it so fast that you are left baffled by what is happening. If this is you then why not go down to the library for some free helpful advice. No booking is required and volunteers are always keen to help.

Free computer sessions – every Tuesday 10-12.30

## St. Neots Camera Club - Open Evening - Invitation

If you are interested in photography then why not join the St Neots Camera Club Open Evening on Tuesday 15th September, 7.30pm, at the St. Neots Bowling Club (near Waitrose and beside the Tennis courts). In addition to meeting and chatting to the members there will be a display of work. Everyone welcome - regardless of photographic experience or type of equipment you own. *Free for visitors.*

For more information see the website [www.stneots-camera-club.org.uk](http://www.stneots-camera-club.org.uk) or contact Roy Allin (membership secretary), Telephone 078606 29908

## Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

For free helpful, impartial advice on many matters please go along to the CAB portacabin in the Tan Yard car park, near Waitrose, PE19 1AN

Advice helpline – Mon to Fri 9:30am to 3:30pm  
Tel: 0344 245 1292

Website [www.ruralcambsab.org.uk](http://www.ruralcambsab.org.uk)

Drop in sessions Tues and Thurs 9.30 – 12.30

If follow up appointments are needed after a drop in session or telephone interview then these will be held on Tues and Thurs afternoons.

Money advice appointments Wednesdays.



## \* DONATIONS FROM ESCA \*

After such a wonderful May Day and the Open Gardens we have a certain amount of money to share with local groups so if you meet in the Eatons and would like a small donation please write to ESCA, 3 Collingwood Rd, Eaton Socon, St Neots, Cambs, PE19 8JQ or email [escan@gmail.com](mailto:escan@gmail.com) and let us know how much you would like and what it is for. Deadline for requests 30th September 2015.

## Eaton Socon Charities

Once again the Eaton Socon Charities are able to consider giving a small grant later this year. Formed from various church charities that once gave out coal and bread to people in the parish who might benefit, the charities now distribute funds in late autumn.

Grants are available to people living within Eaton Socon Parish which includes Eaton Ford, Cross Hall, Duloe, Staploe, Honeydon, Begwary, Tythe, Basmead, Bushmead, Goodwick and Wyboston.

If you would like to be considered for a small grant please ask at the Eaton Socon Post Office for a form or if you have any queries please telephone Joan Squire on 01234 378894.

Closing date for entries – 24th October 2015

## Embrace service – Luminus scheme



This new free service is designed to help people over the age of 65 years to remain independent. The team can help with complicated and confusing paperwork, can undertake small tasks around the home, will support people in times of need and help provide mobility aids to enable people to stay in their own homes. This scheme is available to everyone, not just Luminus tenants, so if you think the team can help – please call 01480 428562 or email [embrace@luminus.org.uk](mailto:embrace@luminus.org.uk)

## Help at Home



Care Network, Cambridgeshire offers free short term practical help for up to 3 weeks after a hospital stay or an illness at home for all adults over the age of 18 years. Visits are arranged by Care Network's Help at Home Co-ordinator, at a time to suit you and the volunteer. If you think you might need some help such as shopping, fetching prescriptions or help with small tasks why not Tel: 01354 694413 or email [hah.north@care-network.org.uk](mailto:hah.north@care-network.org.uk)

If you could help as a volunteer please contact the Care Network using the contacts above or email [admin@care-network.org.uk](mailto:admin@care-network.org.uk). The team are there to help you and can arrange full training.

## ESCAN Deliveries

Do you want to become one of our kind volunteers who like to have a walk and deliver a few newsletters? We have a growing team of volunteers who deliver and a small team who count and bag the ESCANS, so if you would like to help please let ESCA know.



If you are a dog owner please think of others and pick up your dog's mess and dispose of the bag either at home or in a dog bin. We have had complaints that some owners are being particularly unkind and leaving the bags in the bushes or in someone else's garden. Please keep the Eatons clean and tidy.

# The Eatons Community Centre



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## POST BOXES!

Hooray - finally all our post boxes are painted and don't they look good! ESCA got these post boxes painted so be proud and keep the Eatons looking great.

### Horses and Birds of Prey in the Pightle

Did you come along to our special Pightle Fun Day and see the horses and the birds of prey? On Sat 8th August visitors got the chance to see horses, listen and watch World War 1 re-enactors who gave some fantastic displays, and stroke birds of prey brought along for the day. Children and adults could also borrow large insect nets and catch butterflies, moths and other creatures which could then be observed closely using magnifying pots. An added feature was the opportunity to have guided tours around the Pightle to search for the faces in the trees. If you missed this unique event then watch for future events in this special wildlife area in Eaton Socon.



### ESCA AGM and Cheese and Wine Oct 19th 7.30pm Eaton Socon Church

If you would like to be involved with the Eatons Community Association or have some great ideas for the Eatons then why not come along to the AGM to find out more. Everyone welcome.



# The Pightle Millennium Green – Eaton Socon

Every year in the Pightle seems to be a colourful one. Last autumn we were very grateful to the British Legion, Scouts and Guides who all came down to help us plant a large area up with poppy seeds, to mark the centenary of World War 1. Sometimes plants take a while to get established, but not these - we've had the most glorious display this year of poppies, from deep reds through to subtle pinks. And of course they attract bees from all around; I could easily spend an afternoon watching our industrious friends making the most of a superb crop! The flowers are finishing just as I write, but they are strong seeders so watch out for them again next May.

Autumn will soon be upon us and that means plenty of fruit – particularly apples, blackberries, elderberries and sloes – which you are more than welcome to help yourselves to (though do make sure you know what is safe to eat). We'd love to hear from you if you make anything with our produce. I'm a great fan of making elderberry jam, something you don't see in the shops and which has a unique taste – it's supposed to be good for warding off colds. The apples are a little sour to eat raw, but they do cook well.

We always welcome helpers when there are jobs to be done –planting, mending fences, cutting back overgrowth and dead wood, all help to keep the Pightle pleasant and welcoming. We are now joining up with St Neots TimeBank to encourage more people to get involved; give us an hour of your time and earn an hour's credit to use with a range of other volunteers. We hope it'll be a good way to get more people involved with the Pightle and keep alive some traditional skills. See you on the 24th October for bulb planting, if not before!

*Julia Hayward*

Trustee – The Pightle Millennium Green Trust

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## St. Neots & District Gardening Club

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

Sep 25th A.G.M. and suggestions of topics for open meetings and places to visit for next year.

Oct 22nd Competition - One photo of your garden etc, taken in 2015 - 6x4"

Nov 27th Social Evening and Competition - A Christmas table decoration.

Members £2.00, Non-Members £2.50 which includes refreshments and a raffle ticket .

Contact – Chairman David Usher Tel 01480 476671

## Bus news - Are you confused by the buses – here are the changes from 26th July

- commuter service 63 changes from Stagecoach to Whippet, and is re-routed along the bypass to speed journeys up  
- daytime town service 63 (Stagecoach) no longer runs - the parallel service from Whippet continues, revamped to include connections across town.

- Stagecoach service 66 (St Neots - Brampton - hospital - Huntingdon) extends to run around the Eatons, hourly, but not including Nelson Road.



# 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 Mrs Julia Hayward (Trustee of The Pightle Trust) 11 Collingwood Rd, Eaton Socon PE19 8JQ

Dear Trustee Julia,

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 confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for the current tax year (6 April – 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCS) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for the current tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.

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## 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 The St Neots Volunteer Centre at 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 to give as much notice as possible (minimum 3 working days).

Volunteers use their own cars to provide transport and a small charge of 40 pence per mile is made for the journey, based upon mileage travelled by the driver. A minimum fee of £1.50 will apply for short journeys.

Volunteer drivers are always needed so if you would like to help please phone 01480 476047 for more details.



## A new Boxing Club in the Eatons!

Father and son Kev & Jordan Bullus are proud to announce that they will be opening an Amateur Boxing Club affiliated to England Boxing for the local community in September under the name **NEW SAINTS ABC.**

They have been overwhelmed by the interest and support shown in their project so far and financial pledges have already been made by several local businesses. This will be a non-profit organisation and start-up costs have (so far) been solely at the expense of the Bullus family.



A lease has been agreed in principle on a unit in Eaton Socon, subject to successful application for change of use. The application was submitted to HDC on 14th July and is expected to take up to 8 weeks to complete. Deposits have been paid to suppliers of essential equipment. Affiliation to the sports' governing body, England Boxing, has also been submitted for approval.

Some light renovation work is required at the unit and with all this in mind a target start date of mid to late September is planned, beginning with an open day for the public to visit the gym, try it out and register for classes.

The gym will be open weekday evenings & Saturday mornings, and membership can be per session or block booked. There will be classes for children in 2 age groups, and adult classes.

A website and social media page will be available soon. To register interest or find out more, email: [Info@newsaintsabc.co.uk](mailto:Info@newsaintsabc.co.uk) or [billsboxing@outlook.com](mailto:billsboxing@outlook.com)

## Eaton Socon Trefoil Guild - guiding for adults

Eaton Socon Trefoil Guild is open to everyone over 18 years of age - whether you have been in the guide movement or not. Join in, have fun and take advantage of the many opportunities that can be found as adults in the guiding movement. There will also be the chance to help support Guiding activities in Eaton Socon. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm so please email: [eatonsocontrefoilguild@gmail.com](mailto:eatonsocontrefoilguild@gmail.com) for more information.

**Everyone welcome.**



## 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  
Denise Gable, Estate Manager, Tel 01480 406 438**

## St Neots Astronomy Association

If you fancy learning more about stars and the universe why not go along to this group which meets once a month at Paxton Pits Nature Reserve - usually on the first Monday of the month.

Newcomers are welcome - £25 per year or visitors paying £2 on observing meetings and £5 on speaker meetings.

If you wish to go along, make new friends and learn more about astronomy then log onto - [www.snaa.co.uk](http://www.snaa.co.uk)

## Home-Start offers support and friendship to families with young children. The families decide what kind of support they need - whether it's emotional support, coping with illness or disabilities or difficult life circumstances

More than 60% of families who contact us do so because they feel isolated and lonely or need practical help with feeding multiples, coping with postnatal depression or dealing with a child or adult's behavioural problems. The charity's aim is to empower parents, leading to improved health and better family relationships going forward. The volunteers do not judge and adhere to a strict confidentiality code set out by the charity so parents can feel confident that any information shared will be handled sensitively and responsibly.

"My volunteer was a lovely Mum of twins who would come over for two hours a week, just to help me feed the babies, play with them, listen to me whittle on and she even helped me pack up my home when we moved. I had to change volunteers when we moved, but the new volunteer was equally brilliant. She would help me take the boys to play group once a week, once again offering me invaluable practical support with three toddlers roaming in different directions." Mum of triplets.

More volunteers are needed to help families with young children and if you think you can offer that support and practical help, please get in touch:  
on **01480 700242** or email [office@homestartwcnf.org](mailto:office@homestartwcnf.org)  
or pop into our office at 32 St. Mary's Street, Eynesbury,  
St. Neots PE19 2TA



## Tiddlers & Toddlers

Do you know that there's a children's group running every Friday morning?

Term-time at the Jubilee Hall Eaton Socon

### Everyone is welcome

We run from 9:30 - 11:30 am

Nominal charge £2.50 per family (includes drink & biscuit)

Contact Benny on **01480 477838**

## St Neots TIME BANK

This fast growing bank is a way for people to share their knowledge and skills with their community and be rewarded for it - with time. For every one hour you volunteer you can claim back the same amount and you can save up your credits for those jobs you can't manage or don't have the skills or time for.

If you wish to be involved then don't be shy, nervous or embarrassed - sign up, make new friends. Age and ability are no obstacle - All you need is spare time. No money is needed other than for materials - this is VOLUNTARY. The Time Bank offers - full insurance security, access to training, the opportunity to meet other people and becoming involved in community projects and events. No job is too small and you do not need credit to ask.

If you are interested in time banking then email: [timevolunteers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:timevolunteers@hotmail.co.uk) or Tel: 07590 909057 to join or for further details.

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## Dates for History Groups

### St Neots Local History Society

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

- Sep 4th **The Black Death**  
Oct 2nd **The Nene Valley area in the Roman Period**, by Dr. Stephen Upex  
Nov 6th **The Military Graves of St. Neots**, by Sue Jarrett  
Dec 4th **A Tudor Christmas** with Sara Doig and Tony Schenregger

### Colmworth & Neighbours History Society

Monthly meetings at Colmworth Village Hall at 7.30pm  
Chairperson – Stephen Smith 01234 376487

- Sep 18th **A.G.M. Talk on World War 1** – music – sing song – Stephen Smith  
Oct 16th **I can't go to war because.....**, by Sue Jarrett  
Nov 20th **Lotions, Potions and Dubious Cures**, by Susan Copperwheat

*Also an opportunity to purchase some handmade seasonal items*

### Roxton & District Local History Group

Monthly meetings at Roxton Parish Hall at 7.30pm  
Contact either P. Newell: 01234 870158 or Stella Gibbs 01480 351931

- Sep 3rd **Members to meet in Church Tower Room** to look at material from our collection  
Oct 1st **The history of the Pathfinder Squadron in WWII**, by Sean Frost  
Nov 5th **The Panacea Society of Bedford**, by Mike Strange  
Dec 3rd **AGM** followed by refreshments, wine and coffee

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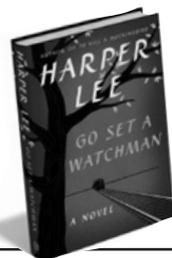
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If you are stuck at home and would like to read a book then why not ask the library for help - Cambridgeshire Libraries offer a home delivery service for people who can no longer use the library because of mobility problems, ill health or because they have full time (unpaid) caring duties. Volunteer library visitors

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## ESCA Local History Books and Information

With lighter nights and warmer days, what better way to spend a sunny afternoon or warm evening reading one of the ESCA 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, Hunts, PE19 8JQ using the form below.

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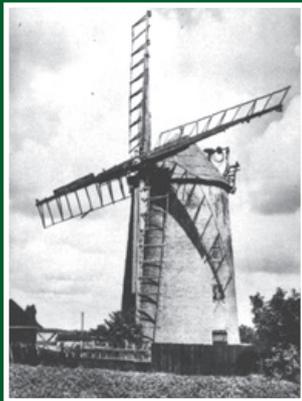
Eaton Socon Censuses and Electoral Registers are available on request (Postage and Packing free to Eatons and St Neots residents)

**Wash up with your very own Eatons farmhouse T-towel – a bargain at only £3.95 - only available from ESCA and St Neots Museum.**



## Windmill's 200th Birthday

No birthday telegram for the Duloe Windmill but we can all wish it a happy 200th birthday! A plaque at the windmill notes that the present mill 'was built for Wm Arnold in 1815 on the site of an old postmill burnt down, the char'd beams of it are to be seen in this MILL, next owner Jos Arnold had it 20 years'. Wm Arnold also had a house built facing the Great



North Road, and three cottages alongside Duloe Road. The windmill is now a private house, the land on which the millers cottage once stood is now the site of 3 houses on the Great North Road and the three old cottages have been made into a barn. If you have never found the windmill – then stand in the Co-op car park in Eaton Ford and look around. It can be seen just to the north of the entrance.

## New shops for the Eatons –

Are you confused by what is happening at the southern end of Eaton Socon?



The pale blue boarding surrounds the site that is being developed for Aldi, Pets at Home and B&M bargains, while the dark blue boarding surrounds the site where Lidl will be built. Watch out as the sites develop – the next few months will be an exciting time for Eatons shoppers.

## Men of Dover

This year's history exhibition included a small display of information about the 'Men of Dover' who arrived at Wyboston Land Settlement houses during WW2 to open up the disused paper factory in Little Paxton. A meeting will now be held for anyone interested in recording the memories of these families. Please bring along any photographs and your memories.



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