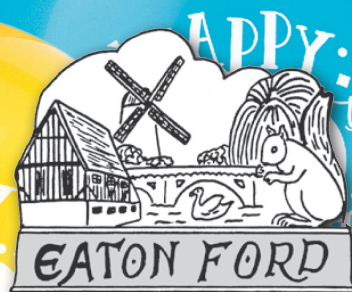




ESCAN

Your FREE Community Newsletter



Eatons Community Association - Registered Charity No.1110148

September – November 2019

May Day Celebrations

(photos by Tony Summerlin)

What a wonderful day. Once again people flocked to the annual May Day Celebrations on Eaton Socon Village Green. Hundreds of people enjoyed our traditional 'May Pole Dancing' by local children from Bushmead School, folk dances by Heartsease, dancing by SJ School of Dance and Langdale Dance Arts, twirling by the Sentinels Majorettes, singing by Jamie Gilman-Lewis and live music by the local band - 'One Man Down' who sang and played many well known songs. Also on the village green were a BBQ, raffles, stalls, small fairground rides, a dragonboat from Cambridge and children's activities from Eaton Socon Football Club, St Neots Woodcraft Folk and many other local groups. Inside Eaton Socon Church were refreshments and children's activities.



At 2pm the Heartsease Folk Dancers led the May Court procession to the arena and Ella Webb, last years May Queen, then presented the crown and sash to the new May Queen Chloe Venear who was escorted by the two princesses Ruby McDonald and Erin Mcelhone, all from Bushmead School. Chloe then presented the retiring May Queen with a necklace donated by Goldstraw Concept Goldsmiths.

At 3pm the Eatons Community Cup was presented by last years winner, Ivan Hewlett, chairman of the Riverside Miniature Railway, to Neville Cooper who has spent many hours involved with Eaton Socon Football Club, promoting the club and developing the younger teams. Sue Jarrett said 'We are delighted to be able to award the Eatons Community Cup to such a hard working person who spends many hours working with football in the Eatons.'



This year ESCA had its 40th birthday and the founding members would have been proud to see such a large well attended annual event.

Open Gardens

Another great day - the sun shone and many people from miles around came to visit our selection of beautiful gardens. If you opened your garden we thank you very much for all your efforts. Every garden was wonderful and with cups of tea and home made cake the afternoon passed very quickly and lots of money was raised. Several new gardens were open this year and there were many new features to admire. It is always amazing to see what gardeners can do in and how much can be fitted into some spaces. 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 to provide local school children with equipment and activities to encourage a love of nature and nurture their interest in their environment.



NEAT STREET Award 2019

Well done Bushmead Gardens – the winners of this year's Neat Street Award. This year once again the roads were difficult to judge and after a lot of thought the overall best street was considered to be Bushmead Gardens. We are pleased to say that there was very little litter to be found 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 shows that we are proud of the Eatons and it makes the area a better place to live.

ESCA AGM

Monday 21st October 2019 – 7.30pm – Eaton Socon Church

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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 21st October 2019 for inclusion in the next issue.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Please note – we are not a political group. We are supported by all Political parties and are not part of one.



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Electricity Emergency	
24 Seven	0800 783 8838
EME	0800 056 8090
Water Emergencies	08457 145 145
Huntingdonshire District Council	
General Enquiries	01480 388388
Out of Hours Emergencies	01480 434167
Fly Tipping	01480 388640
Local Halls	
Jubilee Hall	01480 392733
St Marys Church Hall Eaton Socon	01480 352154
Eatons Community Centre	01480 388922
Eaton Socon Sports Assoc Hall	0791 7017048
United Reformed Church	01480 215913
Doctors Surgeries	
Eaton Socon Health Centre	01480 210000
Cedar House Surgery	01480 406677
Eaton Socon Children's Centre, Bushmead Rd	01480 358340
Bushmead School	01480 375375
Crosshall Infants School	01480 475980
Crosshall Junior School	01480 475972
Community Car Scheme	01480 476047
Foodbank	01480 475426



Useful Websites

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



Who's Who at ESCA

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

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

Nov 30th 7.30pm – **Bach - Christmas Oratorio**
at St. Mary's Church Eaton Socon

Dec 21st 6.00pm – **Joint Carol Concert**
at St. Mary's Church Eaton Socon (*Buy tickets early*)

St Mary's Church Eaton Socon

Sep 22 & 29th and Oct 6th 5-7pm – **Test of Faith: Science v Christianity Three-part course**

Oct 12th 6.30-9.30pm – **Harvest Quiz**

Oct 13th 10am – **Harvest Service Celebration**

Oct 26th 9am-1pm – **Groundforce Morning** -
Come along and help tidy the Churchyard!

Oct 27th 5.30-7pm – **Light Night Evening**, an alternative to Halloween.

Nov 3rd 6pm – **Service of Memories** (A service to remember before
God those no longer with us)

Nov 10th 10am and 3pm – **Remembrance Sunday Services**

Nov 16th 10am-2pm – **Christmas Fayre**

Events in the Town

(see www.visitsneots.co.uk website for more details)

Sep 15th 3-5pm – **Mayor's Civic Sunday Service**

Sep 28th 10am-4pm – **Festival of Flowers** in St Neots Church

Sep 29th 11.30am-3.30pm – **Festival of Flowers** in St Neots Church

October 19th 10am-4pm – **St Neots Community Day**, Priory Centre

Nov 6th-8th 5-7pm – **St Neots Film Festival**, Cineworld

Nov 24th 5pm – **St. Neots Christmas Lights switch on**

ESCA

Oct 21st 7.30pm – **AGM** - Eaton Socon Church

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



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

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 Morrizzo of Endersby Awards for the engraving of the Community Cup, Mark Hansard and Clair Slade for compering, Tony Summerlin for the photographs, St Mary's Church for the use of the church over the weekend, members of the St Neots Local History Society for their help, St Johns for the First Aid, Goldstraw Jewellers for the May Queen necklace, H.E. Payne of Wyboston for the use of a lorry, St Neots Town Council, and many volunteers who made the afternoon such a success. Thanks are also due to local shops and businesses who gave raffle and tombola prizes.

Textile Bank

Don't forget to use your local textile bank (situated at Tesco express opposite St. Mary's Church). You can donate clothing, shoes, bedding and towels. So far over **£2100** has been received since last September. All money received comes to ESCA and will be shared by local groups in the Eatons.



Copy date for the next edition of ESCAN for news, adverts and information – 21st October 2019

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

● Chairman's Spot ●

This year ESCA is 40 years old and we have celebrated at all our events - the Easter Egg Hunt in the Pightle, May Day celebrations, a successful history exhibition, the Eatons Open Gardens, the Neat Street Competition and our unique Lock Up has been open on several occasions. In July our May Court joined in with the Armed Forces Day and the History Festival where the girls once again ran a wonderful old fashioned skittle game, made by a local carpenter. Also in July was our special Bushmead School Reunion which was a great success and many school friends met up with former school friends (see page 4).

A 40th birthday quiz was compiled which has encouraged people to wander around and look more closely at places within the Eatons. In August as I write this, we are still encouraging people to do the quiz and other events are planned. I am sure that when we have all enjoyed our summer sunshine, we can look forward to a quieter autumn. If you would like to be more involved with the Community Association then why not come along to our AGM and see what we do.

Sue Jarrett, ESCA Chairman

ESCAN Deliveries

More volunteers needed – especially in the **Duke Road/Kings Road, Muntjac Close/Beaver Close, the Ackerman Street areas 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.

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

Eaton Socon Charities

Once again the Eaton Socon Charities are able to consider giving donations 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 and hampers just before Christmas. These donations 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 and/or hamper please ask at the Eaton Socon Post Office for a form or if you have any queries please telephone Joan Squire on 01234 378894. Forms available from 1st October. Closing date for entries - 24th October 2019.

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

ST. NEOTS & DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB

www.stneots-camera-club.org.uk

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Tues 17th Sep 7.30pm

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Help with your Computer/ Tablet/ipad



Are you lucky enough to have been given a gift of a computer/tablet/Ipad, or perhaps just treated yourself to a new one but can't quite get to grips with it? Help is at hand. Just pop into the library where volunteers will be happy to give some free helpful advice on how to find information, read and send emails buy from ebay or google for something. Whatever your skill level there will be someone to help you. No booking required – just turn up for free sessions every Tuesday 10 – 12.30.

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

For free helpful, impartial advice on many matters please go along to the CARC portacabin in the Tan Yard car park, near Waitrose, PE19 1AN Drop-in Sessions - Mon, Tues, Thurs - 9.30am -12.30pm (NB. sessions may close early depending on demand or volunteer availability)

Wed - Open for pre-arranged debt appointments only.

Appointments - follow up appointments if needed are only made after a drop in or telephone interview.

Advice helpline – Mon to Fri 9:30am to 3:30pm

Tel: 0344 245 1292 Website www.ruralcambscab.org.uk



Hearing Aid Users

Free monthly hearing help drop in session in the Tesco community room on the 3rd Friday of each month, from 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

Walking Football

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

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

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



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

* DONATIONS FROM ESCA *

Once again, after our fund raising efforts we have 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 eatonsca@gmail.com and let us know how much you would like and what it is for. We will consider all requests, however small. Deadline for requests 28th September 2019 and donations will be given out at our AGM in October.

Fire alarms

Are you concerned about your fire safety or anyone in your neighbourhood who may need support or assistance? The fire brigade can help with a free smoke alarm service for anyone with disabilities or if you're over 65. Contact us on 08009179994 (this is an answerphone service), email: firefire@cambsfire.gov.uk or the website www.cambsfire.gov.uk to book an appointment.

The Eatons Community Centre



The Maltings, Eaton Socon, PE19 8ES
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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. To get in touch to find out more email: lauren@woodcraft.org.uk or look us up on Facebook/Twitter.

Happy Birthday Tony

100 years and still very active !

Tony Ingle reached the age of 100 years a few months ago. He grew up in Eaton Socon with his two brothers on the Great North Road where his father ran the last coach building business. As a boy he could tell whose car was coming along the road by its distinctive sound – there were fewer cars and life was much slower.

Tony has led a very full and interesting life watching Eaton Socon grow and the village bypassed with the new A1 road. There have been many changes in 100 years and if you see Tony he can tell you all kinds of interesting information about the life he has seen.

I am sure that we all wish Tony a very happy birthday in this very special year. **Happy Birthday Tony !**



Bushmead Secondary School Reunion July 2019

This event went very well and many people met with former friends. Lots of new photos appeared which will be added steadily to the St Neots Community Archive website (st-neots.ccan.co.uk) and some new information was collected.

Also available on the day was a new book all about the school, so if you missed the reunion or would like to buy a book please see the book list and order your copy – a bargain at only £5 with lots of information.

Bushmead Secondary School



Sue Jarrett
 Eatons Community Association

Riverside Miniature Railway

The Riverside Miniature Railway has proved to be a great success with both adults and children enjoying a ride around part of the beautiful riverside park. Please go along and give it a try, you won't be disappointed. The train will be running on Sundays in September and October, and a Santa Special will run on November 25th (All dates are subject to weather and volunteer availability). Always needed are volunteers each time the train is running – driving a train, station duties and maintenance of the track and rolling stock. Training can be given and volunteering can be great fun resulting in lots of smiling faces as families enjoy themselves. For more information please contact the website on www.riversiderailway.co.uk



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Bikes and bells

Please remember to use your bell when passing pedestrians – it is very scary and dangerous to suddenly find a bike passing while walking along. Having read the Bikes & Bells article in the last ESCAN, Mark of Broken Spokes Cycles kindly donated a dozen Bells for the May Day Tombola and they are delighted to say they have a large stock and would love to sell you one!



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

Last year we had a long dry summer, and this year we've seen record temperatures and just the occasional heavy blast of rain which just runs off the hardened soil. Lawns and verges everywhere are flat, brown and wearing away. The Pightle's volunteers have been hard at work making sure that it can sustain everything that lives there - the buddleia next to the butterfly bench is doing its job attracting butterflies, small birds and insects are everywhere, and the wild flowers which like thin soil and little water are thriving. Take a leisurely walk around, stay very quiet and see how much you can find.

The Pightle needs everyone to do their bit to keep it healthy in difficult conditions. Litter is a constant battle, and what we don't find and remove can entangle small animals and damage plants. Dog poo is very unpleasant, and a hazard to children who come to play in the open space. And the biggest danger is fire. With grass tinder-dry, it's very easy to start a blaze that can run out of control very quickly, whether that be a discarded cigarette or a portable barbecue. We don't allow campfires without permission at the best of times, and this is probably the worst time! Very sadly we suffered a break-in recently and some power tools were taken, which has hampered our work. Please do your bit to look after the Pightle, and if you spot anyone doing anything harmful or suspicious please let us know; your vigilance is much appreciated!

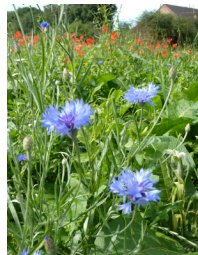
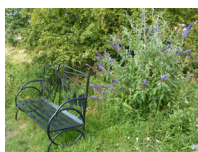
Autumn will be upon us before too long, and that means plenty of fruit – particularly apples, blackberries, elderberries and sloes – which you are more than welcome to help yourselves to (though do make sure you know what is safe to eat). We'd love to hear from you if you make anything with our produce. 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.

Julia Hayward

Trustee – The Pightle Millennium Green Trust

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WATER FOR HEDGEHOGS

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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)

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.....

St. Neots & District Gardening Club

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

Sep.26th **A.G.M.** and suggestions of topics for open meetings and places to visit for next year

Oct 24th **Naturalistic Gardening incorporating Grasses into the Mixed Border**, by Tim Fuller

Nov 28th **Social Evening**

Little Paxton Gardening Club

"Where Gardening and Friendships Blossom"

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

Sep 4th **A garden centre owner, with Anecdotes of the Horticultural Retail Trade**, by David White.

Oct 2nd **Hostas, expert tips for growing these lovely plants as well as a potted history of the family owned nursery**, by Melanie Collins.

Nov 6th **Irises**, by expert Clare Kneen

Members £1 non members £2. Refreshments provided

For more information please contact: Jane Hill, Tel. 01480 218805 or Margaret Rowland, Tel, 01480 383989 or email: lpgardeningclub@hotmail.com

St Neots Flower Festival

St Mary's Church, St. Neots – Saturday 28th 10am-4pm, Sunday 29th 11.30am-3.30pm

Flowers from many groups in the town

Concerts both days

For more information - Text or phone 07704 576 987 or Email: davidjwells@hotmail.co.uk

Appreciate with Flowers what our Town has to offer

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. They are raising money 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 come in and see what the club has to offer. Perhaps, try one of our open days. We are always looking for new members and you never know you might have discovered a new and very enjoyable pastime in a club with a very friendly atmosphere. We can be found at River Road, Eaton Socon. Phone 01480 218119 or visit the web site at www.snibc.co.uk



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, and a Lego Club. 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.

lose the Label

Promoting person first language. This group works with families with children and adults with Downs Syndrome. Activities are planned to provoke more thought about how we should think about Downs Syndrome and how we can all work together to promote a better understanding of everyone.

If you would like to know more – please see the website: www.losethelabel.co.uk or contact info@losethelabel.co.uk

at home library

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



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Eaton Socon Trefoil Guild



After an interesting summer of activities we have planned a great autumn: **3rd September** – RNLI Fish Supper, 8.00pm Scout Hut,

1st October – Hedgehog rescue (tbc), **5th November** – Edible camp fire and sparklers.

The venues for our meetings vary depending on what we are doing so if you are interested in joining us for any of our events please email: eatonsocontrefoilguild@gmail.com for more information. We look forward to meeting you!

St Neots Community Day

Great Hall, Priory Centre Saturday 19th October 10am-4pm

Come along to the Priory Centre to find out what goes on in St Neots.

Meet leisure groups and other groups to find new opportunities for you and your family.

For more information email: jands.kevern@ntlworld.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 Allison on 07505129518

Café on the Green – Mon 10-12am at Eaton Socon Church

Wednesday Welcome – Wed 3pm at Eaton Socon Church

Evergreen Club – Eaton Socon Ex-Service Club, School Lane
Tel 01480 356870

Wed Morning Club – Hanover Close – 10am
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Dates for History Groups

Roxton & District Local History Group

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

- Sep 5th **Beside the Seaside - a light hearted look at the history of the Victorian and Edwardian seaside**, by Ann Wise
- Oct 3rd **Bedford's Hidden History**, by David Fowler
- Nov 7th **Tempsford Tales, Not Just a Bedfordshire Village**, by Steve Cooney
- Dec 5th **AGM**

Colmworth & Neighbours History Society

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

- Sep 20th **AGM, meal and talk about Colmworth Church** at 7pm (meal to be booked in advance)
- Oct 18th **Finds from the A14 Excavations**, by Jonathan House
- Nov 15th **The Woman Who Saved the Children**, by Claire Mulley

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

- Sep 6th **The Great North Road and Eaton Socon**, by Sue Jarrett
- Oct 4th **David Parr House, Cambridge**, by Tamsin Wimbush
- Nov 1st **Stained Glass in Huntingdonshire**, by Rev Stephen Day
- Dec 7th **Was the Christmas Star really a star?** by Dr Sonali Shukla

Fusion Youth Club

FUSION – the club for teenagers aged 13-18 to chill out and mix with friends in a safe environment. Set up by Barry and Denise Cathrall at St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon, Fusion meets on alternate Fridays from 8pm to 9.30pm. There is a wide range of activities and refreshments will be provided - all you need to do is turn up at 8pm and pay £1 for entry. For more details contact Barry & Denise on 07707 301640.

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.

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



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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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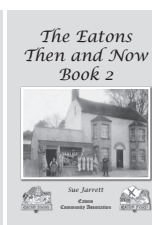
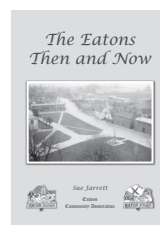
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