



ESCAN

Your FREE Community Newsletter



Eatons Community Association - Registered Charity No.1110148

April 2013

Eatons May Day Celebrations

Monday May 6th 2013

on Eaton Socon Green 12 noon – 4pm

12 noon stalls open

2pm Crowning of the May Queen

3pm Award of the Eatons Community Cup

4pm Drawing of the Raffle



If you wish to find out more about the entertainment or stalls on May Day please contact ESCA (Eatons Community Association), 3 Collingwood Rd, Eaton Socon, St Neots, Cambs, PE19 8JQ or email eatonsca@gmail.com

History Exhibition St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon

Saturday 4th May and Monday 6th 10am – 4pm

‘Then and Now’ Local History Exhibition

Launch of new book ‘The Eatons Then and Now Book 2’

Research local archives for families and buildings



View of Pecks Butchers on the Great North Road

Eatons events

Lock Up/Cage Opening – Free admission

School Lane, Eaton Socon

May 26th 2pm – 4pm

Jun 30th 2pm – 4pm

Jul 28th 2pm – 4pm

Eatons Open Gardens Sunday June 16th 2pm – 5pm

Programmes available from Eaton Socon Green from around

1.30pm. Spend an afternoon exploring local gardens.

All money raised goes to local Eatons groups.

Neat Street July 2013 – entries deadline June 18th

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Lots more news and views inside.

If you have any news or views please send to
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for inclusion in the next issue.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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St Marys Church Hall Eaton Socon	01480 212219
Eatons Community Centre	01480 388911
Doctors Surgeries	
Eaton Socon Health Centre	08444 771802
Cedar House Surgery	01480 406677
Bushmead School	01480 375375
Crosshall Infants School	01480 475980
Crosshall Junior School	01480 475972



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
Cambridgeshire Archives	www.ccan.co.uk
Paxton Pits	www.paxton-pits.org.uk
Sudbury Meadow	www.sudburymeadow.org.uk
St Marys Church	www.eatonsocon.org
Everyclick	www.everyclick.com
Pightle	www.eatonsoconpightle.org.uk
Bushmead School	www.bushmeadprimaryschool.org.uk
About my Area	www.aboutmyarea.org.uk/PE19
Duloe, Staploe and Honeydon	www.staploeduloehoneydonparishcouncil.bedsparishes.gov.uk



Who's Who at ESCA

Chairman	Sue Jarrett	01480 216065
Treasurer	Dave Jarrett	01480 216065
May Day Administrator	Julia Hayward	01480 210097
Open Gardens	Collette Barnes	01480 403343
History Co-ordinator	Sue Jarrett	01480 216065
ESCAN Co-ordinator	Kate Norden	01480 470039

Eaton Socon Ex-Service Club

More members wanted for this club with great facilities in School Lane with a hall, a snooker table and a pool table. If would like to join this friendly club or find out about its wonderful facilities which can be hired for functions please contact 01480 356870 or mail esesc@hotmail.co.uk

Copy date for the next edition of ESCAN for news, adverts and information – 26th July 2013.

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

Dates for your diary

St Mary's Eaton Socon Church Dates

Craft Morning at the church hall –
June 25th come along and learn a new craft
(For more details contact Linda Walton Tel 01480 474167)

Summer BBQ on the village green – Sun 30th June
(For more details contact the church office on 01480 352154)

Eynesbury Village Association

Sunday 21st April – 11am
St George's Day Celebrations on the Coneygeare

St Neots Sinfonia Concert

Saturday June 29th – 7.30pm at the Priory Centre, St Neots

Town Events

Saturday 29th June – Armed Forces Day
watch out in newspapers for more details nearer the time

Saturday 27th July – Medieval Fayre
on St Neots Market Square and Museum

Saturday 31st August – Dragon Boat Race Day
and Summer fun on Regatta Meadow

River Church

Sunday services are at 10-30 at the Eatons Community Centre, The Maltings, (behind the Co-op stores)

Puddles Stay and Play Group – on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am to 11:30am. Free but donations welcome

Eaton Ford Methodist Church

Sunday Services at 10.30am

Pightle AGM

May 20th 2013 – 8pm at St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon

Textile Bank

Have you got any textiles you cannot put in the blue bin then why not use the textile bank at Tesco Express? Money raised from these textiles will be sent to ESCA to distribute to local groups, just as the bottle bank has done in the last few years.



Let ESCA continue to support small groups that benefit from that little bit of extra money.

Knitting and Crochet Club

Well done if you have joined this fast growing group. If you wish to join please contact Angela on 01480 405639. Everyone is welcome. The age range for this popular club is presently 11- 85 so please go along, meet others and enjoy knitting.

Meet your councillor

Have you ever wanted to meet your councillor or ask a question about something concerning the town. Well now is your chance at the Eatons Community Centre, The Maltings, behind the Co-op Stores in Eaton Ford – 7.30pm – 8.30pm.

Monday 13th May

Monday 3rd June

Monday 1st July

Monday 5th August

Monday 2nd September

If you want to phone your councillor or email them - the contact details are on the Town Council website and on the back of *Your Town* newsletter.

Chairman's Spot

Welcome to another copy of ESCAN, your free community newsletter from the Eatons Community Association (ESCA).

2013 is once again a year full of celebrations and festivities with St Georges Day in April in Eynesbury, May Day in Eaton Socon, the Folk Festival in June, the Eatons Open Gardens in June, the Medieval Fayre in St Neots Market Square in July and the Dragon boat racing in the park in August. There are also the various church events in our three local Eatons churches so there are lots to see and do in the next few months.

Keep a look out in the newspapers, on the village noticeboards and the town website.

Great events for everyone to enjoy.

Hope to see you there,

Sue, ESCA Chairman

Shape Your Place - A Community Website

Have you found this website yet? You can have a say and point out things that need doing. ESCA has been attempting to get our tatty postboxes repainted – log on and find out how the Royal Mail have responded to our request for getting our boxes painted – add in your comments and perhaps we can have smart red boxes once again.

When residents raise issues - the local councils, the police and the fire service will respond within 10 days about how they will resolve them. This website has been developed by Cambridgeshire County Council and can be a great place for you to have your say.

Visitors to ShapeYour Place - St Neots can:

- Promote local groups, events and activities
- Report issues, start campaigns and suggest ideas to improve where they live
- Join in conversations with residents
- Receive answers from local public services

So if you would like to raise an issue or find out more -

1. Go to www.shapeyourplace.org
2. Click on St Neots on the map
3. Click on 'Have Your Say'
4. Fill out the easy form
5. Click out submit and we do the rest. It's that easy!



Eatons Photograph competition

Just a few more weeks to snap your photographs for our very own special Eatons Competition. The Eatons Community Centre wants brightening up with photos of events and scenes around Eaton Socon and Eaton Ford. Whatever your age you can have a chance to take part, and there will be categories for local school children, as well as for adults – so get snapping and in September we will tell you how and where to send in your pics.

Citizens Advice Bureau

The St. Neots branch of the Citizens Advice Bureau operates temporarily from St. Mary's School, Wintringham Road, St Neots on Tuesdays and Fridays. A drop-in service is available 9.30 to 12.30.

Appointments can be made by telephoning 0844 245 1292 any day.

Soon however, the St. Neots Citizens Advice Bureau is planning to move into more permanent premises. These will be situated in the centre of St. Neots, very near to where the previous New Street premises were.

Watch out in local newspapers for details soon.



ESCAN Deliveries

A very big thank you to three more people who have kindly offered to deliver some ESCANs to nearby houses. We have a small team who count and bag the ESCANs and a larger team of over 60 people delivering the newsletters but there are still some areas not very well covered. If you have a little spare time and would like to help please let ESCA know. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

Confused about your new bin collections -

HDC have set up a simple link on their web page to keep you informed of when your refuse/garden waste, recycling bins are for due for collection.

The online calendar with the new recycling dates is now live on HDC website.

The page can be found at

www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins



NEAT STREET July 2013

This popular event is now in its tenth year with Sambar Close winning last year's competition. It is now time to enter your street for this year's competition so get together with your neighbours and enter for Neat Street 2013. Streets will be judged on (1) the absence of weeds on kerbs and gutters, (2) no litter, (3) maintained front gardens or frontages and (4) unobstructed pavements. Contact ESCA by phone or email and enter your street by June 16th. Longer streets can be split into smaller sections.

Computers for the Clueless



St Neots Community Learning are pleased to be offering two FREE basic skills courses in St Neots library starting at the end of April. These will run one day a week, 10-12, for three weeks each. 'Computers for the Clueless' starts Thursday April 25th and 'Easy Everyday English' Wednesday April 24th. There are only 8 places available on each course, please call Longsands Academy on 01480 223348 for more information or to reserve your place.

Help with your Computer

Have you got a computer which you find hard to use, or do not understand computer jargon such as scrolling down, using a mouse or pressing the right buttons then why not pop along to the library and ask for help.

There is free friendly help at St Neots library every **Tuesday from 10 till 12:30 and no booking is required.** Whether you are a complete novice or an improver the library volunteers are there to help. The library has 8 computers in their upstairs learning suite staffed by two friendly volunteers where you will always be made most welcome. We know that after the last article some Eatons residents went along so don't be shy go and ask!



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.

LADIES, RUGBY NEEDS YOU!

Do you want to...

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More members are needed - all shapes and sizes, ages and abilities welcome for our Ladies and Junior teams.



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St Neots Ladies RUFC

Contact: Emma on 07834 070930

or Sara on 07747 782148

www.stneotsminis.co.uk

Open Gardens 16th June 2013

Last year's Eatons Open Gardens was a great success and we raised money for new information boards at St Mary's Church in Eaton Socon. We are still looking for more gardens to make this event bigger and this year the date has been set for the afternoon of Sunday 16th June. More gardens are wanted so if you have a garden you would like to share with others and help to raise money in aid of local groups please let ESCA know at 3 Collingwood Road, Eaton Socon, Cambs or email eatonsca@gmail.com. Tickets and programmes will be available nearer the time. Watch out in the local newspapers and notice-boards for exact times nearer the event.



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'Cultivating Pride in our Town'

We seem to have had a rather long, chilly and dull winter, so what a relief to see colour returning to the Eatons as bulbs, winter hanging baskets and Council bedding displays respond to the spring sunshine. Well done to everyone for brightening up our lives, particularly those of you who planted bulbs last autumn. St Neots in Bloom volunteers have been out with their cameras to record the changes, ready to include in our 2013 portfolio.

You may have been wondering what is to happen with last summer's wildflower bed on Eaton Ford Green. Whilst the display last year got off to a good start, we were disappointed that it rather faded during late summer. We know many people liked the mixed colours, but there was also a feeling that it didn't quite fit in with the more formal displays in the other flowerbeds. We are waiting to see whether the Town Council is going to plant it with annuals, a mixture of perennials and annuals or perhaps even return it to turf.

Now for something a little different. Do you grow alpine type sedums? Would you be able to donate a few cuttings to help us with an experiment please? Over the last few years, St Neots in Bloom has been promoting ways to help the declining bee population. Bees have become quite a hot topic recently, with the EU proposal that some neonicotinoid insecticides should be banned. Our approach is less controversial! We would like to explore the possibility of increasing the mixture of low growing sedums in the closed churchyards around the town. Sedum acre grows naturally within the surrounds of graves in a number of the churchyards (see above) and provides welcome nectar for bees. We could make the display even more attractive by including additional species. Do let us know as soon as possible if you can help.



Alison Pearson

Chair, St Neots in Bloom.

01480 374792. alison.pearson@dpconsultant.co.uk

LAWN CARE IN SPRING & SUMMER



Actions required in Spring/Summer

- Mow lawn at least once per week
- Apply Spring Feed
- Spray Weeds in lawn with Selective Herbicide
- Spray drive/path/patios with total herbicide to keep weed free for summer
- Irrigate lawn in dry spells

Some of the above tasks can be carried out by the lawn owner, other tasks may need some professional intervention.

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The Pightle Millennium Green – Eaton Socon

Well, what a winter! Nobody can have missed the scale of the flooding in December, with the water coming up beyond anything I have seen before – and sadly washing away some of our bark chip path, only laid the week before to provide a way through the already waterlogged ground. With snowfalls either side, it was certainly an inhospitable time. On our website you can see dramatic views of the floods – with our new bench standing forlornly surrounded by water – and beautiful snowscapes.

Our volunteers are not daunted by bad weather, though! Although all seems quiet, our grant from the AmeyCespa Landfill Fund has helped us get through a lot of work. Our kissing gate has been completely redesigned with a hard surface and wider access, so that people with mobility scooters can enjoy the Pightle. Look at the ground as you enter that way, and you'll see the plaque we were presented with as a Queen Elizabeth II Field In Trust – the first in the area to receive that award, as far as we know. Flood-damaged paths have been repaired, and we will be carrying on improving them through the year. And we are now waiting for the delivery of our new information boards, mapping out the Pightle's paths and showing the wide variety of flora and fauna you can find. We'll be using our new noticeboard to put up seasonal guides of what to look for as you walk round. A huge thank you is due to local artist Gill Holt for the lovely illustrations.

On a less welcome note, our volunteers also have to deal with problems such as the fences being deliberately damaged. While they're rightly proud of all their efforts, it's frustrating that time and precious funds are used up repairing vandalism. The Pightle belongs to the whole community – if you see anything suspicious please report it, as otherwise we all lose out.

By the time you read this, the first of the year's bulbs will be well on their way to flower – keep an eye out for bluebells, aconites, snowdrops, celandine and wild garlic, in addition to the unmistakable daffodils. Here's hoping for a really colourful display to welcome in the spring!

Julia Hayward

Chair – The Pightle Millennium Green Trust
Tel: 0777 3918223 Email: Julia@juliahayward.com
Website: <http://www.eatonsoconpightle.org.uk>

**Pightle
AGM**
May 20th 2013 – 8pm
at St Mary's Church,
Eaton Socon

St. Neots & District Gardening Club

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

- Non-Members £2.50 which includes refreshments and a raffle ticket
- May 23rd **Gardens of Kent and Sussex** by Peter Walker
 - June 19th **Trip to Elton Hall**, including guided tour around the hall, leaving St.Neots at approx 1.00pm.
 - June 27th **Bulbs for every Season** by Hilary Thomas
 - July 21st **Trip to Bressingham Gardens**, leaving St.Neots at approx 9.45am.
 - July 25th **Gardeners Question Time**
 - Aug 10th **Annual Flower Show** Lt.Paxton Village Hall
 - Aug.18th **Guided tour of the gardens of Clare College, Cambridge**, leaving St.Neots at approx 1.00pm
 - Sept 26th **A.G.M.**

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 (Chairman of The Pightle Trust) 11 Collingwood Rd, Eaton Socon PE19 8JQ

Dear Chairman 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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Problems with buses!

One round of changes to our bus services has recently happened, with the X5 now stopping at the George & Dragon, and the X4 becoming the 64. The St Neots Area Bus Users group is continuing to talk to the operators and monitor how they are getting on, with the aim of improving what we have. Coming soon is the Cambridgeshire Future Transport project - a major consultation exercise in which the County Council will be looking for local communities to help design transport services for the next three years. In the Eatons this will affect existing services 75 and 150, and also perhaps to "fill in the gaps".



In addition to scheduled buses they will be considering pre-booked minibuses, car sharing, and taxis, and it will be up to each community to come forward with ideas about the services they want to see. SNABUS will be taking part formally, based on what we've found out talking to people around the Eatons, but it is open for anyone to respond. The more who take part the better! To get involved, contact us at SNABUS, 11 Collingwood Road, Eaton Socon, or the CFT team directly on 0345 045 0675 or via their website: <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/cft>

New local Venture to Battle the Boredom

Have your teenagers ever protested "I'm bored.."? Are you a young person yourself? If so there is a new local website that might be the answer you are looking for! <http://www.battletheboredom.com/main-member.html>

Local mum & web developer, Donna **Salter** created the website herself after her two teenagers asked about joining some local clubs and soon realised how hard it was to find contact details, even on the web. She decided to solve the problem by creating her own site.

Her teenagers helped Donna with the design, and she does all the maintenance herself, including funding the site running costs & competitions. Although the site has just been launched it already has 40 members, and 200 'likes' on the facebook page.

For fun things, **battletheboredom** lists local clubs' contact details for young people, runs competitions for members, and offers zones for indoors hobbies, gaming, fashion, and music. There is also advice for more serious 'stuff', such as bullying, health, and keeping safe online. Donna hopes in the future to take the site nationwide and emphasised that while it is great fun for the users it can also be a source of support. She has already helped several young people with advice on bullying. In time she plans for young people to add to the sites content, themselves by sending in posts, uploading reviews, and music. So why not take a look at the site and find out more.

Eynesbury & St Neots TIME BANK

Time Banking is a controlled exchange of voluntary work and no money is exchanged - this is all voluntary work. You deposit time in the Bank by giving practical help and support to others, then you withdraw time when you need something doing for yourself by another member. Time can be banked to save up hours for bigger time consuming jobs. 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 members of the community and becoming involved in community projects and events.

If you are interested in voluntary work and banking the 'hours' spent so you can also benefit, then email: timevolunteers@hotmail.co.uk or Tel: 07590909057 to join or for further details.

"St Neots Riders Group"

Free cycle rides of varying lengths for all ages arranged by Sustrans Rangers, though children must be accompanied by adults. 10:30am prompt start from outside the Ambiance Café in the Riverside Park.

For more information about the Sustrans cycle rides contact Richard Cooper, Volunteer Liaison Ranger
email ranger@ridingabike.co.uk or Tel 01480 889171.

St Neots Coffee Pot Memory Cafe

To lose one's memory is a sad and frightening thing - our memories make us who we are. Its not only traumatic for the person concerned, but also for those closest to them, and they can soon find their relationship turning from a spouse, son or daughter to that of a carer. As the memory loss increases, the family can become more isolated and friends may find it difficult to cope with the changed situation. If you find yourself in this situation why not come along to the St Neots Coffee Pot Memory Café. Run by volunteers who have all experienced someone close to them suffering from memory loss, the group aim to provide support for those embarking on the same journey. Over a cup of tea or coffee and cake there will be a friendly ear and support. This club is supported by the St Neots Rotary Club.

The Memory Café meets on the second Wednesday of the month at Berkley Street Methodist Church in Eynesbury 11am - 12.30am.

Lunch Club - first Thursday of the month at The Eaton Oak meeting at 12 noon for 12.30am

For more information or for a friendly chat please contact Wendy P (212563), Wendy I (212295), Mary (475920) or Nell (472495)



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If you would like to visit, please call 01767 691348 or email info@manorfarm-day-nursery.co.uk

Headway UK

Living with a brain injury can have a whole host of effects, as it can be the result of different events - strokes, heart attacks, road accidents, falls, assaults, surgery and brain tumours. There can be physical and sensory effects - such as visual impairments, reduced mobility, and poor balance, and there can also be cognitive effects - such as poor memory, difficulties with planning and organising, making decisions and solving problems. These difficulties can all be barriers to getting involved in the community, preventing access to activities and impacting on the ability to live a full and healthy life.

Headway UK work with people living with the effects of brain injury and their families. Some may be getting statutory support from social care, while others aren't eligible. In either case, Headway can help them to access other relevant services and find opportunities locally that they might be interested in, dependent on their interests. This helps to give some structure to the week and provides the opportunity to meet new people.

If you need advice and information click on the website and find out more - :<https://www.headway.org.uk/Effects-of-brain-injury.aspx> and there is a great factsheet on :<https://www.headway.org.uk/Core/DownloadDoc.aspx?documentID=612> .

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Dates for History Groups

St Neots Local History Association

Monthly meetings at Eynesbury C of E School Hall, Montagu Street, Eynesbury at 7.30pm

Chairperson – Elaine Donaldson 01480 217492

May 3rd **'Roman and Later Castor'** by Dr Rebecca Casa-Hatton

May 5th **Beating the Bounds** – A 14 mile round walk around St Neots Parish Boundary led by Don Hill

Jun 7th **'The Legacy of Captain Scott'** by Dr Peter Clarkson

Jul 5th **Guided Walk** – Godmanchester Great War Walk by Roger Leivers

Aug 2nd **Guided Walk** – The Medieval Graffiti of Gamlingay Church by Philip Gorton

Sep 6th **'In and Out of the Workhouse'** by Liz Carter

Colmworth & Neighbours History Society

Monthly meetings at Colmworth Village Hall at 7.30pm

Chairperson – Stephen Smith 01234 376487

May 17th **'Biggleswade's Devilish Duel - the mysterious killing of the Master of Gray 1660'** by Dr David Davies

June 21st **'Photographs of Means of Transport in Old St Neots'** by Rodney Todman

July 19th **'From Hitler to Mandela – Re-enacting History'** by Dr Michael Prior

Aug no meeting

Sep 20th **AGM** plus Supper and Social

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

May 2nd **'Willington Village'** a history looking at the influence of the Duke of Bedford as landowner and other influential families –by Rob Bollington

Jun 6th **'The Oak Tree'** (Its History and Legacy) by Gerry Lawrence

Jul 5th **Visit and Lunch** – to be confirmed

August No Meeting

Sep 5th **'One of the Few'** – a talk based on his father's wartime exploits as a Spitfire pilot – by John Shipman

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Local history Books and Information

Why not buy one of the ESCA local history books. The larger books will provide you with hours of reading and re-reading as you learn about the history of the houses and the families who lived in the Eatons.

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.

<input type="checkbox"/> Eaton Socon at Work	£2.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Eaton Socon in Character	£2.50
<input type="checkbox"/> The Eatons at War	£2.50
<input type="checkbox"/> The Inns and Outs of the Eatons	£3.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> To the Glorious Memory – Eaton Socon War Memorial	£9.95
<input type="checkbox"/> The Eatons Then and Now	£5.00
<input type="checkbox"/> The Eatons Then and Now Book 2	TBA
<input type="checkbox"/> Eaton Socon - Limited Edition Glass	£8.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Eatons keyrings	£1.00

I enclose a cheque for _____ made payable to ESCA.

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



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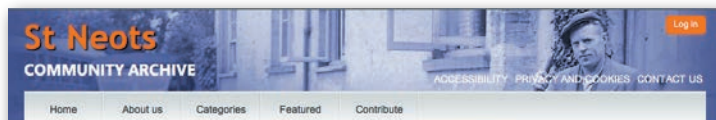


The new book this year is once again full of new and old photographs of scenes around the Eatons. Past photographs are compared with modern photographs and there are written explanations about each picture so

the reader can identify past buildings.

This scene shows Pecks Butchers when health and safety was not uppermost in peoples minds when they went shopping for meat - no sparkling clean stainless steel counters but meat hung outside the shop on hooks. The flies would be brushed off and the meat cut to order. On the plus side was the fact that the livestock was slaughtered on site so when you bought beef or pork you knew that it was definitely the right meat. Eaton Socon had more than one butchers shop and several bakers so villagers could get what they wanted without needing to walk into St Neots. There were also plenty of pubs for drinking and Eaton Socon held its own annual fairs on the village green.

So why not come along over the May Weekend, buy a book and reminisce over the past with the old photographs. If you are a newer resident then buy a book and see what life was like before the fields were covered with housing. If you are new to the area then come along and find out where Pecks Butchers once stood on the Great North Road and which shops are now in the building.



St Neots Archive Website

Have you spotted the new look archive website with its new categories? The group is now proud to say that photographs of Eaton Ford, Eaton Socon, Eynesbury and local villages are now easier to find and there are new sections including flooding, pubs and breweries where new pictures have been added. It will take a while to regroup some of the 2000+ images on the site but why not take a look and see what you can find. If you wish to make a comment on a picture that facility is also now available.

- 1) Type in **st-neots.ccan.co.uk**
- 2) **Either** click on **search** and type in words to find a group of images, eg schools, floods or Click on one of the **categories** on the right to see a range of sub-categories on the left – then click on a sub-category to find a group of images.
- 3) Click on a **picture** to enlarge the picture and to find out more
- 4) If you wish to make a comment below the picture please add your comment and click **add comment**. We will check all comments.

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