



# ESCAN

Your FREE Community Newsletter



Eatons Community Association - Registered Charity No.1110148

May – September 2015

## Eatons May Day Celebrations Monday May 4th 2015 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,  
Cams, PE19 8JQ or email  
[eatonsca@gmail.com](mailto:eatonsca@gmail.com)



## Local History Exhibition St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon

Saturday 2nd and Monday 4th May 10am – 4pm  
Exhibition on 'Past and Present Public Houses in the Eatons'  
Launch of new book 'The Inns and Outs of Eaton Socon Parish'  
Research local history for families and buildings



Discover lots of interesting facts including which place had the largest tap room and the connection between Wagga Wagga and the Barley Mow



Also a small exhibition on the 'Men of Dover in Wyboston'

## Eatons Events



**Lock Up/Cage Opening –**  
Free admission  
**School Lane, Eaton Socon**

May 24th 2pm – 4pm  
Jun 21st 2pm – 4pm  
Jul 26th 2pm – 4pm

**Eatons Open Gardens Sunday June 7th 1pm – 5pm**  
Programmes available from Eaton Socon Green from around 1.00pm. Spend an afternoon exploring local gardens. All money raised goes to local Eatons good causes.

**Neat Street July 2015**  
Entries deadline June 15th

**infuse**  
coffee morning

Mondays 9:30-12:00  
Opendoor Church Centre  
Darey House, 31a St Neots Rd,  
PE19 7BA

### THE MEN FROM DOVER

By popular request we are attempting to build up some information on the Wyboston Land Settlement houses and the families from Dover who arrived in WW2. If you can help us with photographs or memories please bring them along over the May Weekend and we can create a small exhibition.

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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 26th July 2015 for inclusion in the next issue.

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

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<b>St Neots Town Council</b>	<b>01480 388911</b>
<b>Police</b>	<b>01480 456111</b>
<b>Gas Emergency</b>	<b>0800 111 999</b>
<b>Electricity Emergency</b>	
24 Seven	<b>0800 783 8838</b>
EME	<b>0800 056 8090</b>
<b>Water Emergencies</b>	<b>08457 145 145</b>
<b>Huntingdonshire District Council</b>	
General Enquiries	<b>01480 388388</b>
Out of Hours Emergencies	<b>01480 434167</b>
Fly Tipping	<b>01480 388640</b>
<b>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>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>



## 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

<b>Chairman</b>	Sue Jarrett	<b>01480 216065</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	Dave Jarrett	<b>01480 216065</b>
<b>May Day Administrator</b>	Julia Hayward	<b>01480 210097</b>
<b>Open Gardens</b>	Collette Barnes	<b>01480 403343</b>
<b>History Co-ordinator</b>	Sue Jarrett	<b>01480 216065</b>
<b>ESCAN Co-ordinators</b>	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

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

May 10th **Churches Together Service** – 4pm  
 May 14th **Ascension Day Service** – 8pm  
 Jun 13th **Groundforce Day** – 9.30am  
 Jun 21st **Church Open Day**  
 Jun 24th – 31st **Holiday Club** – daily  
 Jul 12th **Church BBQ** – 12.30 on the green  
 Sep 12th **Groundforce Day** – 9.30am

### Pightle

**AGM** – Monday May 18th – 7.30pm,  
 St. Mary's Church, Eaton Socon

### St Neots Choral Society and Sinfonia

Jun 27th **'Last Night of the Proms'** – 7:30pm,  
 Priory Centre, St Neots

### Town Events

Apr 25th, 26th **St Georges Day Celebrations** – Coneygeare  
 May 23rd **Food and Drink Festival** – Market Square  
 Jun 12th, 13th **St Neots Folk Festival**  
 Jul 4th **Armed Forces Gala** – Riverside Park  
 Jul 25th - 26th **Rowing Regatta** – Regatta Meadow  
 Jul 25th - 26th **Regency Festival** – Market Square  
 Aug 29th **Dragon Boat Race** – Regatta Meadow



## 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 are now saving up for a third Eatons defib to be placed at Queens Gardens so if you would like to contribute towards the £1800 still needed please send a donation to ESCA.

## Textile Bank Money

Thank you for all your phone calls about the overflowing textile bank. After 5 months of emails and phone calls it has now been emptied and also removed. We are about to get our own textile bank which will be emptied more quickly – so please keep filling up the bank at Tesco Express in Eaton Socon and help us get more money for the community.



## DOROTHY DANCING CLUB

**Join this friendly modern sequence dancing club**

at Jubilee Hall, Eaton Socon Tues 8pm-10.30pm

**Admission £2.50 includes tea and biscuits**

**Contact Mr Mike Bullen for more**

**information Tel 01480 213770 (evenings)**



**Copy date for the next edition of ESCAN for news, adverts and information – 26th July 2015.**

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



# Chairman's Spot

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

2015 is once again a year full of celebrations and festivities with - St Georges Day in April, May Day in Eaton Socon, the Folk Festival in June, the Eatons Open Gardens in June, the Armed Forces Day, the Regatta and the Regency Festival in July and the Dragon Boat racing in the park in August. There are also the various church events in our 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 Jarrett, ESCA Chairman**

## 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.



## 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 Mary's Eaton Socon Clock Appeal

A very big thank you to all those who donated to this appeal.

The money has now been raised and our church clock should be working again by the end of May.



## Postage Stamps

Do not forget to collect your stamps and either take them into the Cat Protection Shop in Cross Keys Mall or post them to ESCA, 3 Collingwood Rd, Eaton Socon, Cambs, PE19 8JQ

## Meet your councillor

Once the Town Council elections are over we shall know who will be our councillors so if you have any concerns or issues please contact the Town Council or check the village noticeboards for councillor details.

Town Council – 01480 388911  
Website – [www.stneots-tc.gov.uk](http://www.stneots-tc.gov.uk)

## St Neots Food Bank

Open for **four** sessions each week, the Food Bank aims to provide emergency food for three days to individuals and families identified by care officials.



### Distribution Centres

Mon – Open Door Church Centre, Eaton Ford (behind St. Neots Tuition Centre - formerly Kip McGrath) 4pm-6pm

Tues – United Reformed Church 10am – 12noon

Thurs – Berkley Street Methodist Chapel, Eynesbury 4pm – 6pm

Fri – St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon 10am – 12 noon

**Food Bank Office** - open Mon, Tues and Friday 10am– 12noon

When you are shopping why not buy a little something extra and pop it in the Food Bank box in your supermarket. A shopping list of items can be found on the website - [stneots.foodbank.org.uk](http://stneots.foodbank.org.uk)

For more information about the bank or if you wish to help in any way please phone 01480 475426 or email [info@stneots.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@stneots.foodbank.org.uk)

## NEAT STREET July 2015

This popular event is now in its twelfth year with **Wheatsheaf Road** 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 2015. 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 15th. Longer streets can be split into smaller sections.

## 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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## Sudbury Meadow - Volunteer Yourself!

It has been wonderful to be out at Sudbury Meadow completing the winter tasks in sunshine and to a background of birdsong. Spring must be here!

Volunteering at a conservation site may seem a bit unusual to many people, but it is well worth doing. Without human intervention the mixture of habitats at Sudbury Meadow would gradually revert to scrub supporting a smaller variety of plants and animals. So there is the satisfaction of knowing you are helping wildlife, as well as enjoying the health benefits of working outside with a group of like-minded people.

We are always happy to see new faces at our regular work parties on Saturdays and Wednesdays so why not come along and see how you can help – Saturdays in May and June are May 9th and June 6th, 9.30am - 12.00, and more dates throughout the summer are listed on the website. Or you can support Sudbury Meadow from the comfort of your armchair by becoming a member of Friends of Sudbury Meadow!

See our website [www.sudburymeadow.org.uk](http://www.sudburymeadow.org.uk) for more details about the project and 'Friends' membership.



## St. Neots in Bloom

It's the start of the growing season and spring bulbs have been blossoming around the town, brightening up our green spaces and roadsides. A big thank you if you planted bulbs last autumn; it was well worth the effort.

The RHS 'Its Your Neighbourhood' scheme recognises the work that local groups of all sizes do to brighten up their local area, be it a small courtyard or large open space. If you are part of such a group, why not enter this year? It's free and easy to do. For more details see the RHS Community web pages at [www.rhs.org.uk/communities](http://www.rhs.org.uk/communities)

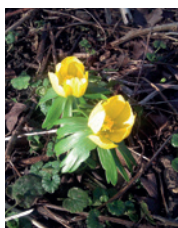
Now is the time to plan your summer hanging basket and planter displays and St Neots in Bloom volunteers will be out again in July searching for the best 'Pub and Club garden' and 'Commercial Frontages' in the town. We look forward to seeing The Eatons in full bloom.





# The Pightle Millennium Green – Eaton Socon

Now is never the best time to write about the Pightle – the first signs of spring are very visible with the bright yellows of crocuses and winter aconites and the whites of clumps of snowdrops, some where we didn't expect them to appear. Patches of daffodils are also appearing, with the flower heads just about to come out. But the work of our volunteers in planting up for the year ahead won't really become obvious until later in the year – we are hoping for a mass of bluebells to come but we won't know for a while yet how well they have done through the winter!



Bigger changes have been afoot, though. We wanted to create more spaces for celebration trees, and in doing so have come up against the Pightle's history; the gravel pits on this site were filled in with fly-ash from the old Little Barford power station, and over the years it has hardened into solid lumps. With help from the Town Council we've dug holes and filled them with fresh soil suitable for planting trees in. The opportunity was also taken to level the ground somewhat, add more topsoil around the orchard area and seed with wild flower mixture to create more colour this summer. If you would like a tree planted to commemorate a loved one or a significant anniversary, please do get in touch. We're also very grateful to regular volunteer Mick Brazier for completely rebuilding our gate into the cow field, and we hope it will make a big difference to walkers who find the stile difficult to manage.



Keen eyes may have spotted some of our trees have acquired a personality of their own! We have some more faces coming this year, to entertain our young (and young-at-heart) visitors, and we hope you'll have an enjoyable time tracking them down. We're also delighted to see how many regular dog walkers make use of the Pightle – Ziggy, my german shepherd, is a great fan of being able to lark about off the lead in a safe environment – but please, dog owners, to make the Pightle as pleasant as possible for everyone, do come armed with bags and use the bin near the main entrance...

## Julia Hayward

Trustee – The Pightle Millennium Green Trust

Website: <http://www.eatonsoconpightle.org.uk>

Tel: 0777 3918223 Email: [Julia@juliahayward.com](mailto:Julia@juliahayward.com)



## Open Gardens Sunday 7th June 2015

Last year's Eatons Open Gardens was a great success and the money was shared between the local food bank and the cost of a defibrillator 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 7th June, so if you have a garden you would like to share with others and help to raise money for local good causes please let ESCA know at 3 Collingwood Road, Eaton Socon, Cambs or email [eatonsca@gmail.com](mailto:eatonsca@gmail.com)

Tickets and programmes will be available nearer the time. Watch out in the local newspapers and noticeboards for exact times nearer the event.

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## St. Neots & District Gardening Club

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

- May 28th **Houseplant care** by Geoff Hodge  
Competition - one stem of a foliage plant.
- Jun 25th **Water in the garden** by Richard Ford  
Competition - one stem of roses.
- Jul 24th **Tropical Presentation** - A variety of speakers giving short presentations.  
Competition - one spot plant.
- Aug 15th **Annual Summer Show** Eaton Socon Community Hall - open to visitors at 2.00pm.
- Sep 25th **A.G.M.** and suggestions of topics for open meetings and places to visit for next year.  
Competition - one vase of cut flowers.

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

Contact – Chairman David Usher Tel 01480 476671

## 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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## Guiding and Scouting in the Eatons

There are still opportunities if you wish to join our active guiding and scouting groups in the Eatons. More leaders and helpers will always be welcomed so if you have a spare moment and would like to join in there are lots of ways you can volunteer. No previous experience is needed, you can learn new skills, have fun and make a difference in your community, all at the same time!

**For scouting please contact** - Chris Buss, Group Scout Leader 07825 810259 or pop into the Scout Hut in Eaton Ford any Wednesday night between 7:30 - 9:00pm.

**For guiding please contact** - Helen Sargeant, District Commissioner [hsarge@uwclub.net](mailto:hsarge@uwclub.net) or phone 07760 487175

**A great welcome awaits you!**

## Can you play Badminton?

St. Neots Badminton Club is looking for new members. We meet at One Leisure, St. Neots on Monday and Wednesday evenings 8-10pm. If you can play badminton and wish to dust off your racquet contact Laurie Parnham on [l.parnham1@ntlworld.com](mailto:l.parnham1@ntlworld.com)



## 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?

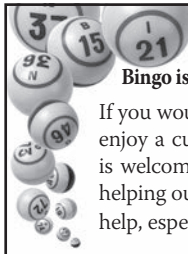
Term-time at the Jubilee Hall Eaton Socon

### 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**



## 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)

## 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.**

## Local History Exhibition

Sat 2nd May 10am - 4pm

Mon 4th May 10am - 4pm

at St Marys Church, Eaton Socon

## "St Neots Riders Group"

Free cycle rides of varying lengths for all ages arranged by Sustrans Rangers, though children must be accompanied by adults. Get out your bikes, explore the local area in the sunshine and make new friends.

**When** - every third Sunday during 2015

**Where** - start at the Ambiance Café in the Riverside Park at 10.30 am (prompt start)

**For more information about the Sustrans cycle rides contact Richard Cooper, Volunteer Liaison Ranger**

**email - [ranger@ridingabike.co.uk](mailto:ranger@ridingabike.co.uk) or Tel 01480 889171.**



## 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

- May 1st **Crime and Punishment in Victorian St. Neots**, by Liz Davies  
Jun 5th **St. Neots and District in old photos**, by Rodney Todman  
Jul 3rd **Guided Tour, Cambridge building stones**, by Dr. Nigel Woodcock  
Aug 7th **Guided Tour, historic Bedford**, by John Dixon  
Sep 4th **The Black Death**, by Richard Jones

### Colmworth & Neighbours History Society

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

- May 15th **King Alfred, leadership and legacy** – Prof. Stephen Carter  
Jun 19th **Adventurous Women** – Liz Carter  
Jul 17th **Europe – does it exist?** – Stephen Smith  
Sep 18th **A.G.M. Talk on World War 1** – music – sing song – Stephen Smith

### 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

- Jun 4th **Evening visit to Cockayne Hatley Church**. Details to be arranged  
Jul 2nd **Summer Visit – our usual members' day out** – please ask for details  
August **No Meeting**  
Sep 3rd **Historic Images of St. Neots to include modes of Transport**,  
by Rodney Todman

← and don't forget the Local History Exhibition

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For more information contact Jakki Racey 077892 73903,  
email - your.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk , 0345 045 5225 or ask at your local library

## 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)



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## Post Box Update

**Wow what a difference!**

Most of our post boxes have now been painted and are now a shiny red and black. Just a few to go and we have reminded the Royal Mail about the last few. Hooray! – another success due to ESCA. It has only taken 2½ years so far.



## The Inns and Outs of Eaton Socon Parish

What is the connection with Manitoba in Canada, Wagga Wagga in Australia and our rural parish of Eaton Socon? Surprisingly the answer lies in the families connected with public houses in Eaton Socon parish. It might be expected that in such a rural parish the publicans would be local people but several of our licensed premises in the last 200 years were run by outsiders and some of our villagers emigrated beyond England to set up home in the far flung countries of the Empire.

Visitors to our coaching inns on the Great North Road included famous names such as Charles Dickens, Samuel Pepys, Lord Montgomery, Lady Louis Mountbatten, football teams and their fans, sporting celebrities and members of the nobility. Horses could be cared for by the ostlers, the veterinary surgeons and the local blacksmiths. When cars arrived there were garages with petrol pumps at or near some of the public houses. Eaton Socon was a thriving settlement for the traveller.

Today there are fewer licensed premises and there are no stables or vets but all the past and present public houses have a fascinating history. In the new book are some fascinating stories of the families. Find out about the tractors outside one pub, the death of one landlord who drank contaminated water, the beerhouse with a field for a tap room, the Eaton Socon Brewery, and much more. Discover who lived in Manitoba for 30 years as a Pioneer, who married in Wagga Wagga and lots of more. This new book is full of fascinating information about our past and present public houses.

Available at the Local History Exhibition - see front cover

## St Neots Coffee Pot Memory Café, Musical Memories and more !

The Coffee Pot Memory Club is a growing club for those with memory problems, and their carers. Run by volunteers and carers, and supported by St Neots Rotarians, this group holds various events during the month –

The Memory Café – 2nd Wed at the Berkley Street Methodist Church, Eynesbury 11am – 12.30.

Musical Memories – 4th Wed at Peppercorns Music Academy, Little End Rd, Eaton Socon – 11am – 12.30

Lunch Club – 1st Thurs – Eaton Oak 12 noon for 12.30 lunch

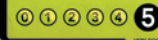
All those with memory problems and their carers, will be very welcome at all these events so why not go along and meet some friendly faces - please phone Wendy on 01480 219925, or Nell on 01480 472495 for more details.



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