



ESCAN

Your FREE Community Newsletter



Eatons Community Association - Registered Charity No.1110148

April – September 2016

Eatons May Day Celebrations

Monday May 2nd 2016

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

Pightle AGM

Monday May 23rd – 7.30pm
at St Mary's Church Hall, Eaton Socon

Local History Exhibition

St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon

Saturday 30th April and Monday 2nd May 10am – 4pm

This year several small exhibitions are planned

WW1 Tribunals and the reasons men gave for not going off to war. These tribunals began in 1916 when more men were needed for the Front and some reasons men gave for not serving were that they were needed at home to care for sick relatives, to milk the cows, to run the cinema or to drive the school bus. It is amazing to discover what men thought females could not do !

The archaeological excavation on the new Lidl site – with photographs of the buildings, the field ditches, wells and some of the finds.

The 'Men of Dover in Wyboston' – and their link with the Paper Mill in WW2 in Little Paxton. After a successful get together of some of the families last year more information was gathered for a larger exhibition this year.



Foundations of former cottages on the new Lidl site in Eaton Socon

Eatons Events

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

May 29th 2pm – 4pm

Jun 26th 2pm – 4pm

Jul 31st 2pm – 4pm



Eatons Open Gardens Sunday June 12th 1.30pm – 5.00pm
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 2016 Entries deadline June 15th

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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 2016 for inclusion in the next issue.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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24 Seven	0800 783 8838
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Water Emergencies	08457 145 145
Huntingdonshire District Council	
General Enquiries	01480 388388
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Jubilee Hall	01480 392733
Duloe Village Hall	07768 303373
St Marys Church Hall Eaton Socon	01480 352154
Eatons Community Centre	01480 388911
Doctors Surgeries	
Eaton Socon Health Centre	01480 478260 / 08444 771802
Cedar House Surgery	01480 406677
Bushmead School	01480 375375
Crosshall Infants School	01480 475980
Crosshall Junior School	01480 475972
Community Car Scheme	01480 476047



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	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
Everyclick	www.everyclick.com
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About my Area	www.aboutmyarea.co.uk/pe19
Duloe, Staploe and Honeydon	www.staploeduloeandhoneydonparishcouncil.bedsparishes.gov.uk
St Neots Time Bank	www.stneotstimebank.org.uk
River Church	www.riverchurch.eu
Battle the Boredom	www.battletheboredom.com



Who's Who at ESCA

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

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

Eaton Ford Methodist Church

Sunday services at 10.30am.

St. Neots Choral Society and Sinfonia

Jun 25th 7.30pm **Summer Concert**, Eaton Socon Church

Events in the Town

Apr 21st **Queens 90th birthday beacon lighting** – Regatta Meadow

Apr 23rd **St George's Day Celebrations** – Regatta Meadow

May 8th **VE Day Beacon Lighting**

May 23rd **Food and Drink Festival/Duck Race**

Jun 10th - 12th **St Neots Folk Festival**

Jul 4th **Armed Forces Gala**

Jul 16th & 17th **Victorian Festival**

Jul 23rd & 24th **Rowing Regatta**

Aug 20th **Dragon Boat Festival**

Pightle

AGM – Monday May 23rd – 7.30pm,
Eaton Socon Church Hall

Little Barford Church Service

Ascension Day service

Thursday 5th May at 7.00pm.

Please wrap up warm if it is a chilly evening as there is no electricity in this church. Directions for the car park will be signposted on the day from Little Barford village – A lovely little church and well worth a visit.



Textile Bank

Don't forget to put your old clothing and shoes into our new textile bank in the Tesco Express car park in Eaton Socon. Donations into this bank will provide money for Eaton Socon and Eaton Ford but those in other banks will go to HDC and elsewhere. This bank has already produced a few hundred pounds which will be given out to local groups so please use our bank and support our community.



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

Bob Farrer – 01480 404014

Derek Giles – 01480 731321

Bill Hodges – 01480 394109

Keith Prentice – 01480 214838

Graham Welton – 07732 131563

EATON SOCON

Barry Banks – 07710 209950

Roger Harrison – 07717 666238

Colin Maslen – 07810 481941

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

Another New Bench

Have you ever felt the urge to sit down after climbing Mill Hill Rd? This hill is the steepest in the town and several residents have requested that a bench be placed at the top of the hill so they can rest before continuing on their walk. ESCA would like to give a very big thank you to the Royal Naval Association who have donated most of the money needed for the bench. So why not go and have a look at the inscription which recalls how ancient the Great North Road is and the many people who have walked along it.



Copy date for the next edition of ESCAN for news, adverts and information – 26th July 2016.

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).

2016 is once again a year full of celebrations and festivities with - St Georges Day in April, May Day in Eaton Socon, the Folk Festival and the Eatons Open Gardens in June, the Armed Forces Day, the Victorian Festival and Rowing Regatta in July and Dragon Boat racing in August. There are also 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 on our ESCA website, in the newspapers, on the village green noticeboards and the town council website for current information on these events.

This town has something for everyone to enjoy.

Hope to see you there,

Sue Jarrett, ESCA Chairman

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

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Website 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.

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advice
bureau**

Embrace service – Luminus scheme

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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

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

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

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Encouraging Independence
Developing Good Neighbour Projects

ESCAN Deliveries

Have you got a few spare minutes three times a year and like taking a walk around the Eatons? We have a growing group of volunteers delivering our newsletters but we need a few more, especially in the Eaton Ford areas of Trafalgar Rd, Alamein Ct and Arnhem Close, the Painters estate (Gainsborough Rd area), part of the deer estate (Monarch Rd area), and one or two other roads. If you would like to help please contact us by email - eatonsca@gmail.com or phone 01480 216065



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

Volunteer for a better Eaton Socon



Wanted – more volunteers in the Eaton Socon area!

Help shape your community by supporting older people to live happy, healthy and independent lives. With just a few hours a month, we have flexible roles to suit you:

- Offer practical and emotional help to local people
- Support older people to find services and activities
- Get involved with a local community group

Contact us now on: 01954 211919 to find out more, or

www.care-network.org.uk / volunteering@care-network.org.uk.
Thank you!



Help with your Computer

Have you just got a new computer or would like to become more proficient on the computer you're using? Help is at hand. Just pop down to the library and get some free friendly advice on Tuesdays from 10 till 12.30. The library now has wifi so you can bring in your laptop and tablet and log on to the internet free of charge. No booking is required and library volunteers are happy to help with all aspects of computing. If you're a complete novice or an improver, the right level of help is there for you, so go down and get some friendly help.

"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

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

The programme is regularly updated and may be viewed at 2016 RIDES website:- www.bit.ly/snbikerides

For more information about the Sustrans cycle rides contact Richard Cooper, Volunteer Liaison Ranger email - ranger@ridingabike.co.uk or Tel 01480 718818.

Encore!

"Encore! Concerts for all, big and small" was launched in September 2013 in St Neots and is proving to be very popular with local families. It has been proven that music plays a vital role in a child's development and so the concerts were started to bring live music to everyone from babies to grandparents in a relaxed and informal environment. At Encore! everyone is encouraged to react to music however they want – jumping up and down, dancing, sitting, lying down or drawing pictures inspired by what they have heard. But above all, they learn that music is fun and there's something very exciting about hearing it live. The concerts happen on the 3rd Thursday of each month in St Mary's Eaton Socon and feature professionals from the local area as well as from London. An adult ticket costs £6 which includes tea and homemade cake, and preschool children are free.

ESCA are proud to have been able to give a donation to Encore!, one of our new successful groups in the Eatons, so if you like music why not go along and join in.

The Eatons Community Centre



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Staploe & Duloe FC



Staploe & Duloe Football Club are actively looking for a manager/coach to set up and recruit a mini soccer squad ready for the August 2016/2017 season. The Club will pay for the required FA courses to ensure necessary qualifications are gained and are in place in advance of the new season. The candidate(s) will then advertise & recruit their mini soccer squad of players aged 7 & 8 years old for the forthcoming season.

The club is based at Duloe, next to the village hall, where the home matches will be played. If you are interested in working with this active club please contact:

Colin Bower 07786 625397 or colin.bower@ntlworld.com
 Barry Cathrall 07707 301640 or b.cathrall@ntlworld.com

Keep the Eatons Blooming

Photo - Wheatsheaf Rd in full bloom after thousands of bulbs were planted last autumn.

Now is the time to plan your gardens so get out your garden tools and brighten up your street. If you are keen to walk out and about then why not pick up a little bit of litter and put it in a litter bin. We look forward to seeing The Eatons clean and tidy and in full bloom.



Open Gardens
Sunday 12th June
2016

Last year's Eatons Open Gardens was a great success and the money was shared between the cost of a third defibrillator in the Eatons and several children's groups. 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 12th 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

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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Usually in February I write about how the winter has left the Pightle rather bare, the rains have turned the paths to mud and we're just seeing the first signs of spring. One of those is certainly true as usual – there are some decidedly boggy patches around, so do take care when walking around. But a remarkably warm December and January by usual standards means that our daffodils have been in flower since Christmas week, along with the many others planted around the Eatons. Indeed, I'm wondering

if they will even last until Easter! It is certainly odd to see them ahead of the snowdrops, which are now appearing in large clumps in the wooded areas.

Our bulb planters will also be pleased to see this year's crop of miniature daffodils and white crocus appearing now. Some years the new bulbs get established much better than others, so we never quite know what's going to come up, but as the days get longer we should see more and more patches of colour appearing.

Over the winter our volunteers have been beaver away tidying up both the river bank and the meadow area at the top, removing elder, brambles and ivy where they have invaded around some of our trees. Ivy in particular is a problem as it can accelerate the decline of trees that are towards the end of their lifespan. This should keep ours healthier for years to come and make them easier to tend to without fighting through mounds of prickles, as well as giving a much nicer view of the river itself. Don't worry, we're not purging out all the brambles so there should be plenty of blackberries in the autumn – we're just making sure they stick to where they should be! A big thank you to everyone has helped; even a little cutting back each week makes a huge difference over the course of the quiet season.



Pightle AGM

May 23rd – 7.30pm
at Eaton Socon Church Hall

Julia Hayward

Trustee – The Pightle Millennium Green Trust

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

Tel: 0777 3918223 Email: info@eatonsoconpightle.org.uk

St. Neots & District Gardening Club

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

- Apr 10th **Visit the garden** of Mr & Mrs Bunnage, 23a Perry Road, Buckden 2.00pm
 - Apr 28th **Pests and Diseases**, by Peter Jackson
Competition - a decorated egg.
 - May 26th **How to grow Dahlias**, by Robert Sherriff
Competition - One stem of a foliage plant
Dahlia plants will be available to purchase on the night.
 - Jun 23rd **Demonstration of staging flowers and vegetables for the Show bench** by club members
Competition - one stem of roses
 - Jun 26th **Trip to East Ruston Vicarage Gardens in Norfolk**
 - Jul 28th **The role of an estates garden manager**, by Martin Towsey of Woburn Abbey
Competition - one pot plant
 - Aug 13th **Annual Summer Show Eaton Socon Community Hall**, open to visitors at 2.00pm
 - Aug 25th **Visit to Swiss Gardens at Old Warden** 1.30pm
 - Sept 22nd **AGM** and suggestions of topics
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.

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

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



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If you wish to be involved, then email: timevolunteers@hotmail.co.uk or Tel: 07590909057.

www.stneotstimebank.org.uk

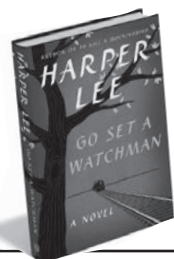
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Your "Library at Home Service"

If you are stuck at home and would like to read a book then why not ask the library for help - Cambridgeshire Libraries offer a home delivery service for people who can no longer use the library because of mobility problems, ill health or because they have full time (unpaid) caring duties. Volunteer library visitors will ensure that people who have particular problems in visiting a library do not miss out on a regular supply of books or audio books. Books can be chosen by the reader and delivered free of charge to your home by volunteers.



For more information contact

Jakki Racey 077892 73903,

email - your.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

tel 0345 045 5225 or ask at your local library

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 for more information.

Everyone welcome.

Bingo at Hanover Close



Bingo is held twice a week at Hanover – Mon and Wed - 2pm – 3pm

If you would like to play bingo go along, play a few games and then enjoy a cup of tea afterwards with new and old friends. Everyone is welcome to sessions which are held in the lounge. If you fancy helping out with the calling of numbers please go along and offer to help, especially on a Monday afternoon.

For more information please contact

Denise Gable, Estate Manager, Tel 01480 406 438

New – Sunday afternoon Guided walks around Eaton Socon

Guided walks are planned for some Sunday afternoons around the old village lanes of Eaton Socon so if you have often wondered about the history of this ancient village, the River Mill, the Lock Up, the Church and the Norman castle mounds then ask at the history exhibition over the May Weekend Celebrations about tickets for the walks.

Scams – beware of hoax computer calls

Beware of phone calls supposedly from someone who can fix your computer. While on the phone they try to access your computer and can cause serious damage. They will then ask for money to fix the problem.

If you have a suspect phone call please do not listen to them, put the phone down, phone a friend to clear the line and never part with any money. These hoaxers are very clever so do not be caught out. If there is a problem with your computer there are several reputable people in the town who can sort out the computer

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Little Miracles



ESCA are proud to have been able to give a donation to Little Miracles, another new group in the Eatons - a parent led support group and Charity for families that have children with additional needs, disabilities and life limiting conditions. The group works with children and their families from 0-25 years providing support and activities, including trips and holidays. They also work closely with professionals for advice and support. A parents coffee group meets every Monday in term time at the Eatons Children's Centre, next to Bushmead School, from 1pm-2pm.

Most of the staff members are volunteers and if you are interested in receiving help or offering help then why not contact Janine Usher on – Janine.usher@littlemiraclescharity.org.uk or phone 07446 992591

Dates for History Groups

St. Neots Local History Association

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

- May 1st **Beating the Bounds** - a 14 mile walk around the St. Neots parish boundary
- May 6th **The Godmanchester Stirling Bomber** by Roger Leivers
- Jun 3rd **Pubs past and present of Eaton Socon Parish** by Sue Jarrett
- Jul 1st **Guided tour - Cracking Tales and Dark Deeds of Old Biggleswade** with Jane Dale
- Aug 5th **Guided tour - Willington Dovecote & Stables** with Judy Endersby
- Sep 2nd **Walden House - The fascinating story of a late C17th House**, by Andrew Bish

Colmworth & Neighbours History Society

Monthly meetings at Colmworth Village Hall at 7.30pm
Chairperson – Chris Walker 01234 771536

- Apr 15th **Unique in history: The Cathars**, by Dr. Trevor Thomas
- May 20th **A clandestine operation: The Shetland Bus**, by Stephen Howarth
- Jun 17th **The Capable Mr Brown**, by Russell Bowes

Roxton & District Local History Group

Monthly meetings at Roxton Parish Hall on the 1st Thursday at 7.30pm
Contact either P. Newell: 01234 870158 or Stella Gibbs 01480 351931

- May 5th **Evening visit to The Panacea Museum Bedford**
- Jun 2nd **“Warden Abbey - re-discovering the lost plot”: the story of the abbey that was at Old Warden**, by Margaret Roberts
- Jul 2nd **Visit to Harlington Manor** 2.00pm
- August **No Meeting**
- Sep 1st **“The Royal Observer Corps - above and below ground”**, by John Shere



A blue plaque at the George and Dragon

On Sunday 7th February the 15th blue plaque was unveiled in the Eatons. Richard ‘Tomo’ Thompson, a regular in the George and Dragon Public House, unveiled the plaque which recognises the importance of this public house during many centuries. A pub has stood on this spot for well over 200 years and was at first called ‘The George’ and is believed to have had an inn sign with the sailing ship of that name. In the early 19th century the ownership changed and a new building was built with the north part as the inn and a front door onto the street. The southern part of the building was a market gardener’s dwelling and the present car park area was the land on which produce was grown and sold. When the market gardener moved out in the 1970s the public house expanded, the main door into the public house became a window and the original market gardeners door became the door into the pub.

The George also gave its name to the nearby cottages and blacksmiths when the hamlet became known as George End, and for many years it was the end of the village of Eaton Socon before crossing the stream and entering Maltmans Gardens and Eaton Ford, or going up the hill and heading northwards.

For more information on the plaques in the Eatons please contact the museum for a leaflet or download a trail from the Eatons Community Association website - www.escan.org.uk



NEW THIS YEAR will be a ‘Floods are Out’ booklet written by Pam Ostler (Chairman of St Neots Community Archive Group) with some additional material by Sue Jarrett (Eatons Community Association Chairman). Read about residents’ memories of the great 1947 Flood of St Neots, the more recent flooding of 1998 and the measures taken to prevent future such floods. At a time when extensive flooding is occurring elsewhere in the country this booklet recalls the life in St Neots at such an eventful time.

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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