



# ESCAN

Your FREE Community Newsletter



Eatons Community Association - Registered Charity No.1110148

December 2015 – April 2016

## ESCA helps local groups

Hazel Allison, one of the May Princesses, came along to the popular Eatons Community Association AGM and handed out cheques, totally over £2,000.

Donations were given to various groups to help towards the cost of Xmas meals for our older residents, to Hanover Close Residents for a new heated trolley, several Eatons baby and toddler groups, Eatons Pre School, the St Mary's Friday Club, the newly formed Boxing Club, the Evergreen group, Holidays at Home, and for equipment for children at Eaton Socon Cricket Club. Eatons Guides and Scouts also benefited and ESCA was pleased to be able to help the newly formed Little Miracles and the Encore Music Group. The money raised from this year's Open Gardens event went partly towards the provision of a third defibrillator in Eaton Socon (see inside) and towards children's groups. And finally, some of the money raised at May Day was given to the entertainers who make May Day such a memorable event with their enthusiastic performances.



## Carol Singing around the Christmas Tree

**Christmas Carols around the Tree on Eaton Socon Green on Friday 11th December 6-6.30pm**

Join with us in singing carols around our Christmas Tree on Eaton Socon Village Green. Wrap up warmly, bring a torch and enjoy a warm mince pie after the carols. Children are very welcome.



## Plough Monday in Eaton Socon

Don't forget to join us for the annual Plough Monday celebrations on Monday 11th January 2016, beginning at Eaton Socon Church at 7.30pm with the Blessing of the Plough, followed by Molly dancing and singing. Dancing and drinking continues during the evening at nearby hostelrys. Audience participation is encouraged so why not come along and join in – a real bit of village fun with a serious side as the plough needs to be blessed for a good harvest. With most of Eaton Socon Parish still farmed across the county boundary in Bedfordshire we are delighted to host this annual event.

For further information please contact Roger & Patti Pitt on 01234 376278.



## A New Bench

The warden and residents of Hanover Close toast the new bench on the green near the Barley Mow with the May Princess Hazel Allison and ESCA Chairman Sue Jarrett.



The original bench was removed when the flood defences were created many years ago and many people missed being able to have a little rest before continuing on their journey. Thanks are due to the Environment Agency, the Town Council, ESCA and the many individuals who fought to get this bench returned. The plaque on the bench recalls a well known resident of Eaton Ford so go and have a look and see who the bench is dedicated to.

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## Lots more news and views inside.

If you have any news or views please send to the Chairman no later than 20th February 2016 for inclusion in the next issue.

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

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<b>Police</b>	<b>01480 456111</b>
<b>Gas Emergency</b>	<b>0800 111 999</b>
<b>Electricity Emergency</b> 24 Seven EME	<b>0800 783 8838</b> <b>0800 056 8090</b> <b>08457 145 145</b>
<b>Water Emergencies</b>	
<b>Huntingdonshire District Council</b> General Enquiries Out of Hours Emergencies Fly Tipping	<b>01480 388388</b> <b>01480 434167</b> <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>
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<b>Bushmead School</b>	<b>01480 375375</b>
<b>Crosshall Infants School</b>	<b>01480 475980</b>
<b>Crosshall Junior School</b>	<b>01480 475972</b>
<b>Community Car Scheme</b>	<b>01480 476047</b>



## Useful Websites

<b>ESCA</b>	<b><a href="http://www.escan.org.uk">www.escan.org.uk</a></b>
St Neots Town Council	<b><a href="http://www.stneots-tc.gov.uk">www.stneots-tc.gov.uk</a></b>
Eaton Socon Health Centre	<b><a href="http://www.eatonsoconhealthcentre.co.uk">www.eatonsoconhealthcentre.co.uk</a></b>
Cedar House Surgery	<b><a href="http://www.cedarhousesurgery.net">www.cedarhousesurgery.net</a></b>
St Neots Archives	<b><a href="http://www.st-neots.ccan.co.uk">www.st-neots.ccan.co.uk</a></b>
Paxton Pits	<b><a href="http://www.paxton-pits.org.uk">www.paxton-pits.org.uk</a></b>
Sudbury Meadow	<b><a href="http://www.sudburymeadow.org.uk">www.sudburymeadow.org.uk</a></b>
St Marys Church	<b><a href="http://www.eatonsocon.org">www.eatonsocon.org</a></b>
Everyclick	<b><a href="http://www.everyclick.com">www.everyclick.com</a></b>
Pightle	<b><a href="http://www.eatonsoconpightle.org.uk">www.eatonsoconpightle.org.uk</a></b>
Bushmead School	<b><a href="http://www.bushmeadprimaryschool.org.uk">www.bushmeadprimaryschool.org.uk</a></b>
About my Area	<b><a href="http://www.aboutmyarea.co.uk/pe19">www.aboutmyarea.co.uk/pe19</a></b>
Duloe, Staploe and Honeydon	<b><a href="http://www.staploeduloeandhoneydonparishcouncil.bedsparishes.gov.uk">www.staploeduloeandhoneydonparishcouncil.bedsparishes.gov.uk</a></b>
St Neots Time Bank	<b><a href="http://www.stneotstimebank.org.uk">www.stneotstimebank.org.uk</a></b>
River Church	<b><a href="http://www.riverchurch.eu">www.riverchurch.eu</a></b>
Battle the Boredom	<b><a href="http://www.battletheboredom.com">www.battletheboredom.com</a></b>



## 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-ordinator</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

### Eaton Ford Methodist Church

Sun Dec 20th 10.30am - Carol Service

### River Church, Eatons Community Centre

Thurs 24th Dec 6.30pm - 8pm - Christmas Carols - a family event open to everyone, refreshments provided.

Christmas Day - Community Christmas Day Lunch 12.30 - 2.30pm at the Eatons Community Centre. A free event for anyone who would otherwise be on their own or facing financial hardship - **but registration is essential.** Transport can be provided.

Sign up by calling Jim on 07545 175837

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

Thurs Dec 10th 12.30pm Christmas Lunch  
*Entry by ticket only £8.00 (contact St. Mary's)*

Sun Dec 13th 4pm - Nativity Play

Wed Dec 16th 2 pm - Traditional Carol Service

Sun Dec 20th 6pm - Carol Service

Christmas Eve 3pm & 5pm - Family Carol Service

Christmas Eve 11.30 pm - Midnight Communion Service

Christmas Day 10am - Family Communion Service

Sun Dec 27th 10.30am - Combined Family Communion Service

Sun Jan 10th 4pm - Family Christingle Service

### St Neots Choral Society and Sinfonia

(all events at St. Mary's Church, Eaton Socon)

Sat 19th December 6pm Carol Concert

(get tickets early - Joint concert with St. Neots Sinfonia)

Sat 5th Mar 7.30pm - Weber - Overture 'Preziosa', Purcell (*arr Holst*) - The Virtuous Wife, Mozart - Piano Concerto in A major - soloist Gregory May and

Haydn - Symphony no. 104 The London

Sat 19th Mar - 7.30pm - Spring Concert - Corelli - Concerto Grosso op. 6, Bach - St. Luke Passion, Handel - Let God Arise and Purcell - Bell Anthem

### Little Barford Church Service

Sun 13th December 3.30pm - Carol Service

Please wrap up warm as this small church has no heating. Directions to the car park will be sign-posted on the day from Little Barford village - A lovely little church and well worth a visit!



**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  
Philip Rourke - 07811 200100

## 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.



**Copy date for the next edition of ESCAN for news, adverts and information - 20th February 2016.**

Please send ESCAN letters & Adverts to ESCA, 3 Collingwood Rd, Eaton Socon, St Neots, PE19 8JQ Email - [eatonsca@gmail.com](mailto:eatonsca@gmail.com)



# ● Chairman's Spot ●

This year has been yet another busy and exciting year with wonderful sunny weather for May Day and the Eatons Open Gardens. We also supported the Regency Festival in the Town Centre, where we had a new skittle game which proved a great success.

At our history exhibition we had a great interest in the past and present public houses in Eaton Socon Parish and in the unique Men of Dover exhibition. These exhibitions have resulted in more information being gathered about life in the Eatons. By the time you read this our 15th blue plaque may be up on the George and Dragon pub – the George gave its name to George End, the hamlet that once marked the end of Eaton Socon and the beginning of Eaton Ford.

Also this year we have added two new benches, one near Willow Bridge and the one near the Barley Mow has returned and is very welcomed by everyone. The third defibrillator has been placed at the Queens Gardens shops and many bulbs have once again been planted.

On behalf of the ESCA committee may I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

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

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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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## 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](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.

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## 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.



## Defib at Nisa local

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the fund raising for defibs in the Eatons. The third defib has been placed at the Nisa shop at Queens Gardens in Eaton Socon and more people are being trained. If you ever need to use a defib full instructions will be given when 999 is called in an emergency. Well done everyone!



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.



## 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



## Help with your Computer

If you get a new computer, laptop or tablet for Christmas which you are finding hard to understand then why not 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 whether you are a complete novice or an improver the library volunteers are keen to help with all aspects of computing. Don't get frustrated – go and ask for help. Volunteers are happy to help in this increasingly technological world.

## "St Neots Riders Group"

Why not get fit and join in the 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.

Sun 13th December – Xmas Festive Bike Ride

Get out your bike and decorate it for the special ride, as well as wearing festive clothes. There will be a quiz at the refreshment stop

**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 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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## Sudbury Meadow

Sudbury Meadow, in common with several wildlife sites in St. Neots, depends on the good will of volunteers to maintain the varied habitats. We have small groups who enjoy maintaining the three wildlife gardens, growing their own vegetables in some of them. Others enjoy more vigorous tasks such as digging or hedge cutting, getting valuable exercise at the same time. It isn't all work though and along with many visitors to this small Eaton Ford site, we all enjoy watching the wildlife too. It might be the friendly robins 'helping with the gardening', or bees, bumblebees and butterflies which fascinate during spring, summer and even autumn with fair weather.

Winter is more subdued, but there are still things to look out for. The Guelder Rose berries can attract bullfinches, redwings, song thrushes and even, on rare occasions, waxwings from Scandinavia. The berries left by the birds are often eaten by small rodents such as bank voles and wood mice. Small piles of red skins can sometimes be seen next to their holes in the shrubbery.



Can I remind dog walkers who use Sudbury Meadow that it is an official HDC 'Dogs on Lead' site, so please do just that and preferably a short lead so you can see what your dog is up to. Not only does this make it more friendly for other users, but your dog is not disturbing wildlife by running all around the site and most importantly, you can see where it has pooped and collect it up (there is a waste bin by the Crosshall Road gate). A big **'Thank You'** to all those who already collect up their dog's poo and often that of other people's dogs too. To those of you who don't want to, then **please keep your dog out of Sudbury Meadow.**

See [www.sudburymeadow.org.uk](http://www.sudburymeadow.org.uk) for our work party dates and details of our Big Garden Birdwatch on 30th January 2016.



# The Pightle Millennium Green – Eaton Socon

The Pightle has been host to a number of special guests this summer, as for the first time we had an "Open Day" – a bit of an odd name as it's always open! – to provide some interest for youngsters and parents alike in the school holidays. We were delighted to have Hill Farm Birds Of Prey bring owls, kestrels and falcons for the day, both to show off their graceful flying and to be handled and photographed by visitors. Also with us were History Revisited, with their beautiful horses, and we were treated to insights into the lives of World War 1 soldiers – especially how uncomfortable it was on hot sunny afternoons! Many thanks to both groups for a fascinating afternoon.

Those sunny times seem a distant memory as winter sets in, but our volunteers are still out working come rain or shine. Thousands more bulbs are ready to be dug in and bags of wild flower seeds to enhance the meadow area, overgrowth near the river has been cut back and two new cherry trees are on the way. And one task you only notice when it's not done is removing litter – the Pightle is very tidy considering it's left unattended, and we are very grateful to everyone who helps keep it that way. Our tree faces were very popular and had lots of you searching to find all of them; sadly some fell victim to vandals but they are back again, and if you keep your eyes peeled you may find they are spreading to other parts of the Eatons...

We've had some changes in the Trust that oversees the Pightle as well – a big thankyou to Kate Norden who has left us to move to much warmer climates, and a welcome to Jeannette Cadney and Mick Rose as new Trustees. If you'd like to get more involved with the running of the Pightle, we would love to hear from you – being a Trustee is not arduous work and fresh faces and new ideas are always appreciated!

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas, and hoping you'll enjoy a very colourful show in the Pightle next spring!

*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)



## St. Neots & District Gardening Club

All open meetings on Thursdays at St. Mary's Church Hall, Brook St. St. Neots at 8pm.

- Jan 28th **Honey Bees**, by Nick Steiger.  
Competition - Flower/s of the month
- Feb 25th **Gardens in the Age of Chivalry - Medieval Gardens**, by Michael Brown wearing period costume  
Competition - Snowdrops
- Mar 24th **Lawn Care**, by David White  
Competition - A vase of Spring Flowers
- Apr 10th **Visit to the garden of Mr. & Mrs. Bunnage** at Perry Road, Buckden at 2pm
- April 28th **Pests & Diseases**, by Peter Jackson  
Competition - A Decorated Egg

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

Contact – Chairman David Usher Tel 01480 476671

## Eatons Christmas Gifts

Why not pop along to the Museum and choose an Eatons Book or tea towel to make a unique gift? There are many books to choose from and they are great for that little bit of extra information. If the museum doesn't have the title you want you can buy them straight from ESCA.

The unique farmhouse tea towel will be very useful and gives the names of the former farmhouses – Squires farmhouse is now a well known pub - buy a tea towel and find out where it is.

All Eatons gifts are available from the Eatons Community Association – so why not order them today and have them delivered to your door (free postage within a 5 mile radius of St Neots)

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Next year you can then use the mulch to put on your garden to provide that extra little bit of fertiliser. Clearing the leaves will also help keep the footpaths safer so people do not slip on the leaves so why not improve the Eatons and help yourself to some free mulch.

## 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.

Signed.....

## Community Car Service



Do you need a lift in a car to get to the doctors, hospital, shops or to meet friends where no suitable public transport exists or you have mobility difficulties. If so, then phone The St Neots Volunteer Centre at 01480 476047 to book transport or leave a message on the answer phone. Please also mention, at the time of booking, if a wheelchair needs to be transported and to give as much notice as possible (minimum 3 working days).

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

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



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## St Neots in Bloom Awards

(photos by Alison Pearson)

At the recent St Neots in Bloom AGM two of our Eatons residents were given 'Environment Improvement Certificates' - Anne Airtton for her work in cleaning some of the heritage boards, picking up litter and helping with a piece of waste ground near the Town Bridge and Roger Rowlatt of Wheatshaf Road who has spent many hours individually planting thousands of daffodil bulbs in Wheatshaf Road, which won the Neat Street Award in 2014. Roger keeps the grass verges neat and tidy and the road should look spectacular in the spring with the colourful daffodils.

Photos: (1) Anne Airtton  
(2) Mayor James Corley and Roger Rowlatt



## 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.**

## 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

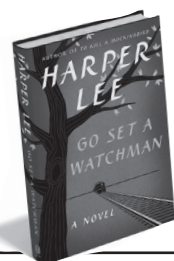
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For more information contact

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email - [your.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:your.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

tel 0345 045 5225 or ask at your local library



## 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**



## Tiddlers & Toddlers

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

Term-time at the Jubilee Hall Eaton Socon

### Everyone is welcome

We run from 9:30 - 11:30 am

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

Contact Benny on **01480 477838**

## St Neots TIME BANK

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

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

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

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## 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

## 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](mailto:Janine.usher@littlemiraclescharity.org.uk) or phone 07446 992591



## Dates for History Groups

### St Neots Local History Society

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

- Dec 4th **A Tudor Christmas**, with Sara Doig and Tony Scheureggart – medieval and renaissance musicians  
Jan 8th **Walden House (a story of the 17th century house)**, by Andrew Bish  
Feb 5th **It pays to advertise**, by David Bushby plus AGM  
Mar 4th **Flitwick Manor Park**, by Stephen Coleman  
Apr 1st **A new look at Victorian Kimbolton**, by Nora Butler

### Colmworth & Neighbours History Society

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

- Jan 15th **Latest News on the Bedford Roman Villa dig**, by Stephen Cockings and Elizabeth Sayers  
Feb 19th **Pepys Show – the man, the myth and the diary 350 years on**, by Dr. David Davies  
Mar 18th **The Spy who loved – a story about World War II espionage**, by Clare Mulley  
Apr 15th **Unique in History The Cathars**, by Dr. Trevor Thomas

### 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

- Jan Members only New Year meeting  
Feb 4th **Historic Pictures of St. Neots**, by Rodney Todman  
Mar 3rd **The Bedfordshire Regiment in WW1**  
Apr 7th **Father and Son” Two heroic airmen; a story with local interest and dare-devil bravery in two World Wars**, by Roger Leivers.  
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All these booklets are available for reference in the St Neots and Huntingdon Reference Libraries and the County Archives offices in Bedford and Huntingdon. They are also available to buy at St Neots Museum. The ESCA books are written by ESCA for anyone with an interest in the Eatons. All profits are used to support ESCA projects within the Eatons and no profits go to Committee members. If you wish to buy these books they can be obtained from "ESCA", 3 Collingwood Road, Eaton Socon, St Neots, 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)

**Any of the above books would make a SUPERB CHRISTMAS PRESENT or why not wash up CHRISTMAS DINNER with your very own Eatons farmhouse T-towel – a bargain at only £3.95 - only available from ESCA and St Neots Museum.**



## New shops for the Eatons –



Have you seen our new shops rising up behind the light blue hoardings at Howard Road. Early next year our new shops will be open, including an Aldi, Pets at Home and B&M. This is good news for the people of Eaton Socon, giving them a good local supermarket and increasing their choice of where to shop locally.

As this article is written the Lidl site is being investigated by archaeologists as the centre of Little End village was situated there. Hopefully we will learn more about the mediaeval houses that once stood there.

## A Boxing Club for everyone

Father and son Kev & Jordan Bullus are delighted that the **New Saints Amateur Boxing Club** has had a great start.

Based at Little End, Eaton Socon, the non-profit club is open on weekday evenings & Saturday



mornings, and membership can be per session or block booked. There are classes for children in 2 age groups, and adult classes.

If you fancy taking up boxing or wish to find out more please email: [Info@newsaintsabc.co.uk](mailto:Info@newsaintsabc.co.uk) or look at the website - [www.newsaintsabc.co.uk](http://www.newsaintsabc.co.uk)

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