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Your FREE Community Newsletter



Eatons Community Association - Registered Charity No.1110148

December 2017 – April 2018

ESCA helps local groups (Photos by Tony Summerlin)

Ben Hicks with cheques for St Mary's Church and Linda Walton collecting her community award

The May Queen Alicia Ferguson and princesses Hollie Evans and Shannon McElhone came along to the popular Eatons Community Association AGM and handed out cheques, totalling over £3,000 which included £1,200 given by the Town Council to ESCA to distribute to local Eatons organizations. Donations were given to various groups to help towards the cost of Xmas meals for our older residents, to new family and children's sessions in the Eatons, to Hanover Close residents for developing a former vegetable plot into a garden, Eatons baby and toddler groups, to adult groups including the Wednesday Club at Hanover, the new Eatons Belles WI and a ladies craft group at St Marys, Little Miracles, Lose the Label, Encore Music group, Eaton Socon Scouts and Guides, the Riverside Railway, Holidays at Home, Bushmead School for an all weather surface for the school and local community, and finally to all the entertainers who make May Day such a memorable event with their enthusiastic performances.

A special Community Award was given to Linda Walton who works tirelessly within St Mary's church and the local community to raise funds, provides support with advice and a listening ear, and always has wonderful ideas when asked. A true inspiration!



Carol Singing around the Christmas Tree

Christmas Carols around the Tree on Eaton Socon Green on Friday 8th 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 8th January 2018, 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. Everyone is encouraged to join in so why not come along and join in this annual event when the plough is blessed for a good harvest. For further information please contact Roger & Patti Pitt on 01234 376278.



NEAT STREET 2017



Well done Whistler Road, this year's winners of the Neat Street Award. The judges felt the residents had made an excellent effort along this street providing a great example of what a neat street should be.

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Lots more news inside.

Deadlines for all contributions
23rd February 2018 for inclusion
in the next issue.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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ESCA wishes everyone a Happy Christmas
and Best Wishes for the New Year

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



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24 Seven	0800 783 8838
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Huntingdonshire District Council	
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Local Halls	
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Duloe Village Hall	07768 303373
St Marys Church Hall Eaton Socon	01480 352154
Eatons Community Centre	01480 388922
Eaton Socon Sports Assoc Hall	0791 7017048
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Eaton Socon Health Centre	01480 210000
Cedar House Surgery	01480 406677
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Foodbank	01480 475426



Useful Websites

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



Who's Who at ESCA

Chairman	Sue Jarrett	01480 216065
Treasurer	Dave Jarrett	01480 216065
May Day Administrator	Julia Hayward	01480 210097
Open Gardens	Sue Jarrett	01480 216065
History Co-ordinator	Sue Jarrett	01480 216065
ESCAN Co-ordinator	Carole Robson	01480 218755

Hanover Knitters

Meet 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 Neots Choral Society and Sinfonia

Dec 2nd 7.30pm – **Handel: Chandos Anthem No. 9, Handel: Zadok the Priest, Bach: Missa Brevis, and Purcell: Come ye sons of Art,**
St. Mary's Church Eaton Socon
Dec 23rd 6pm – **Joint Carol concert,**
St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon (book tickets early)
2018

Mar 10th 7.30pm – **Brahms - Serenade No. 1, Mozart - Horn Concerto No. 4, Beethoven - Symphony No. 8,**
St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon
Mar 24th – **Rossini: Petite Mass Solennelle,** venue TBA

St Mary's Church Eaton Socon

Sun 10th Dec 4pm – **Nativity Play**
Thurs Dec 14th 12.30pm – **Christmas Lunch**
(ticket only – contact St Mary's)
Sun 17th Dec 6pm – **Carol Service**
Wed 20th Dec 2pm – **Afternoon Carol Service**
Christmas Eve 3pm & 5pm – **Family Carol Services**
Christmas Eve 11.30pm – **Midnight Communion**
Christmas Day 10am – **Christmas Day Family Communion**
Sun 31st Dec (New Years Eve) 10am – **Combined Family Communion**
All enquiries, contact the Church Office (01480) 352154

Jan – Apr 2018 events

Alpha Course starts at St Mary's on Tues 9th Jan and will run for ten weeks.

Sun 11th Mar 10.30am – **Mothering Sunday Service**
Thur 29th Mar 7.30pm – **Maundy Thursday Service**
Fri 30th Mar 10am – **Good Friday All Age Service**
Fri 30th Mar 2pm – **Service of Meditations around the Cross**
Sun 1st April 9am – **Easter Day Holy Communion Service**
10.30am – **Easter Day Family Celebration**

River Church, Eatons Community Centre

Sun 10th Dec 4-6pm – **Carol Service**
Christmas Eve 10.30am-12 – **Christmas Eve Service** includes carol singing and a Christmas message
Christmas Day 10:30am-11:30am – **Christmas Day Service** includes carol singing and a short Christmas message
Community Christmas Day Lunch - River Church in partnership with Chef's Table Solutions host a Community Christmas Day Lunch for those who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day.
Please contact 07904 101720 to book your place.
Fri 30th Mar 6pm – **Good Friday Bring and Share meal** with family quiz and games. Please contact Jim Fitzgerald 07545175837 to book your place.
Easter Sunday 1st April 10.30-12.30 – **Easter Service**

Eaton Ford Methodist Church

Fri 15th Dec 7pm – **Merry Makers concert of music and Carols,** followed by mince pies. Free entry but there will be a retiring collection.
Fri 30th Mar 2018 10.40am – **Procession of witness** starting from St. Mary's Church St. Neots with service on Market Square at 11am
Easter Sunday 1st Apr 10.30am – **Dressing of the Cross**

Little Barford Church Service

Sun 10th Dec 3pm – **Carols by Candlelight**
a unique friendly service in a small unheated church so please wrap up warmly. Directions to the car park will be signposted on the day from Little Barford village – A lovely little church and well worth a visit!



Events in the Town

Sun 26th Nov 5pm – **Christmas Lights Switch On,** Market Square.

Copy date for the next edition of ESCAN for news, adverts and information – 23rd February 2018.

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

● Chairman's Spot ●

Once again we have had a very busy and exciting year with our May Day, Open Gardens and the Neat Street Award. The textile bank has been well used at Tesco Express and our unique village lock up has been visited by the High Sheriff. The Then and Now History exhibition focussed partly on the new developments near the new shops and the new book showed how the area has changed.

Tree faces have been put up around the Eatons providing an amusing addition to our population and many bulbs have once again been planted around the Eatons so we can look forward to a brighter more colourful Eatons next Spring. Watch out also for our new bench and bin to be planted in Eaton Socon.

At the end of November we will once again be flying the colourful Bedfordshire flags so that we can link up with other villages in our historical county.

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

Sue Jarrett, ESCA Chairman

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
Charles Bober – 07948 706958
Derek Giles – 01480 731321
Bob Farrer – 01480 404014
Sophie Taylor – 07771 964605
Gordon Thorpe – 07956 878780

EATON SOCON
Barry Banks – 07710 209950
Roger Harrison – 07717 666238
Colin Maslen – 07810 481941

Councillors' surgeries:- Cloisters, Priory Centre
see Town Council website – www.stneots-tc.gov.uk

St Neots Food Bank

Hungry and don't know where to go for help?



If you are hungry then you could qualify for the Food Bank. You will need a voucher and these can be obtained from Bushmead or Crosshall School, your Housing Association, Eaton Socon Health Centre, Pre Schools, The Children's Centre in Bushmead Road, Social Services or your Support Worker. Failing any of these you can obtain a voucher from the CAB in Tan Yard car park near Waitrose or the St. Neots Locality Team in The Bargroves, Cromwell Road.

Vouchers can then be exchanged for sufficient food for 3 days at these distribution centres -

Mon – 4 - 6 pm, Open Door Church, Suites 2-6, 31A St Neots Road, Eaton Ford

Tues – 10 - 12 noon, United Reformed Church, High Street, St. Neots

Thurs – 4 - 6pm, Berkley Street Methodist Church, Eynesbury

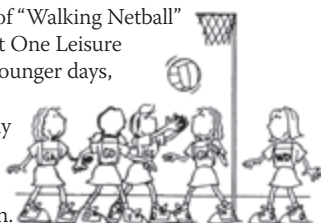
Fri – 10 – 12 noon, St. Mary's Church, Eaton Socon

For more details see website – www.stneots.foodbank.org.uk

Walking Netball

Are you aware that an organised session of "Walking Netball" takes place every Tuesday from 9-10am at One Leisure St Neots? If you enjoyed netball in your younger days, or want to try something new, and your body is not as sprightly as it was, then why not join in for some fun and exercise – only £3 per session.

Call 01480 388111 for further information.



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**

Help Our Clock Keep its Hourly Chime!



St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon, is keen to replace the Clock Tower hourly 'chime motor' as it is in desperate need of replacement. Although the quarter chimes are chiming we now have no hourly chime so please help the church to raise £2100 to bring back the much-loved hourly chime - all donations are welcome. If you can help please contact the Church Office on (01480 352154) or email: vicarspa@eatonsocon.org

Help with your Computer/ Tablet/ipad



Will you be lucky enough to get a computer, tablet or ipad for Christmas, but are baffled when using it so why not pop down to the library for help? Whatever your skill level - volunteers are happy to give some free helpful advice on how to find information, read and send emails, buy from ebay or google for something. No booking is required – just turn up for free sessions – every Tuesday 10-12.30.

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

For free helpful, impartial advice on many matters please go along to the CARC portacabin in the Tan Yard car park, near Waitrose, PE19 1AN

Drop-in Sessions - Mon, Tues, Thurs - 9.30am - 12.30pm (NB. sessions may close early depending on demand or volunteer availability)

Wed - Open for pre-arranged debt appointments only.

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

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

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



Hearing Aid Users

Free monthly hearing help drop in session in Eaton Socon Health Centre on the 3rd Friday of each month, from 2- 4pm. NHS hearing aid users can receive free replacement batteries and have their hearing aid cleaned and retubed. Free advice is also offered on hearing aid use.

For further details please see – www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk

Textile Bank

At our ESCA AGM £1, 600 was given back to the community from your donations so don't forget to put your old clothing and shoes into our ESCA textile bank in the Tesco Express Car Park in Eaton Socon, opposite Eaton Socon Church. This is a fantastic amount of money so please 'use our bank to support our community'.



Doctors Appointments

Even more doctor's appointments have been missed in July-Sep at Eaton Socon Health Centre, with more than 300 in one month. Nearly 800 appointments were missed in 3 months so please get your appointments put in your diary and try to remember to attend. This lack of attendance is very frustrating for doctors, receptionists and patients trying to get an appointment - **so if you do manage to get an appointment – try not to miss it!**

Fire alarms

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

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

The Eatons Community Centre



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Riverside Miniature Railway (RMR)

This brand new venture opened to the public on July 16th 2017 and has now carried more than 6,000 happy passengers. The railway, situated in the beautiful Riverside Park, is fast becoming St Neots most talked about tourist attraction. Operating on approximately half of our planned first phase of track, the volunteers have worked extremely hard to provide a regular weekend passenger service, whilst still continuing to develop and enhance the RMR site. The hard work was recognised recently when they won The St Neots Awards Best Community Project Award, something of which they are all very proud. Passenger service has now stopped for this year to allow the railway to complete the first track loop, with an enhanced service resuming in April 2018. To find out how **you can own** part of your community railway by sponsoring a length of track – go to the website www.riversiderailway.co.uk. Volunteers are also needed to help us run & develop RMR, so if you think you could help please make contact via the website.



Highways problems – Blocked drains, potholes etc

Do you have a pothole or blocked drain in the road near you – if so then take a photo of the drain, pothole or fault and download the photo onto your computer then.....

- 1) go to website - www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk
- 2) click on **Report** on the right
- 3) click on **Roadworks and Faults**
- 4) scroll down to find the heading – **Report a pothole or other highways fault** then click on the heading
- 5) Read the box that appears and click **Continue** at the bottom left corner
- 6) A map will appear – **zoom in using the + button** in the bottom right corner
- 7) When you see large red coloured blobs – **then click on the location of the fault** and a red dot will appear on the map and a form on the left.
- 8) **Fill in the form** giving as much detail as possible – for drains the 'Problem Type' will be 'Flooding'.
- 9) Finally **upload a photo**.
- 10) **An email** will be sent to you when you report the fault and when any action is undertaken.
- 11) **Wait and watch** for any action. It appears that you cannot report more than 10 faults so ask your neighbours to report some.

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Bedfordshire Day 28th November

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The Pightle

Once more autumn has come and activity in the Pightle is visibly settling down ready for the cold months ahead. We have seen some of our regular berry-pickers making the most of the Pightle's abundance of fruit – blackberries being the most obvious, but look around and you can find elderberries, sloes and haws. Our apple trees continue to produce a healthy crop of russets; rather bitter in September, they come in to their own later. One of the saddest autumn sights is a fruit tree with its produce lying on the ground rotting away; please remember you're more than welcome to help yourselves to ours! We'd also be interested to hear what becomes of all that fruit – some has fed my family with crumbles and jams, have you any more adventurous recipes, we wonder?

Autumn is the time for getting many of the more mundane jobs done, and we've had volunteers involved in carrying out repairs, removing ivy from the trees, cutting back overhanging growth and generally improving the Pightle all round. With storms in October, we are checking the trees to make sure they're secure and if you see any that you're concerned about, do let us know. As we head towards winter we'll be out planting bulbs as usual – do watch the noticeboard for more details. Our spring and summer flower seed plantings have done really well this year, and several locations have had holes dug and refilled with topsoil ready for tree-planting. Why do we need to do this? It's certainly not obvious now but back in the Pightle's history, it was first a gravel pit then a dump for ash from the old coal-fired Little Barford power station. Over time the ash has set into hard lumps, which is not conducive to roots growing, so it needs digging out and breaking up. While it's hard work, it serves as a reminder of how far the Pightle has come over the years.

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

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Jan 25th **Tales from a Dairy Farmers Wife**, by Jane Barnes

Feb 22nd **The History of the Cottage Garden**, by Andrew Sankey

Mar 22nd **Composting**, by David White

Apr 26th **Snow Drops and other Winter Interest Plants**, by Richard Ayres

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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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 St Neots Volunteer Centre on 01480 476047 to book transport or leave a message on the answer phone. Please also mention, at the time of booking, if a wheelchair needs to be transported and do give as much notice as possible (minimum 3 working days).

Volunteers use their own cars to provide transport and a small charge of 40p per mile is made, based upon mileage travelled by the driver (minimum fee of £1.50 for short journeys). If you would like to volunteer - please phone 01480 476047 for more details.



Eaton Socon Trefoil Guild

What a lovely summer we have had! The BBQ on the Pightle was great, the weather was kind and it was a lovely evening. The Punting in Cambridge was also a great success and thanks go out to our guest punter Lou. We were out for almost an hour and a half and some of us had a go too! It was interesting to see



so many of the Colleges from the river and hear a few interesting stories about them. In October we had a fish and chip supper in aid of the RNLI and also had some fish related quizzes!

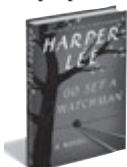
Moving on towards Christmas, we are going on a Ghost Walk in St Neots for our November meeting and having our Christmas meal in December. In January next year we will be planning our programme for 2018 which is also the 75th birthday year of the Trefoil Guild so we will be having some additional fun to celebrate this.

If you would like to join us and come along to our evenings, please email Allison at eatonsocontrefoilguild@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you!

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 Liz Sheppard
email - your.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
tel 0345 045 5225 or ask at your local library



Little Miracles

This is 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



Puddles Groups

This is not a group of puddles but the name given to groups which are run by the River Church and meet at the Eatons Community Centre, behind the Co-op. **The Puddles Stay and Play** group for toddlers and carers meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30-11.30 when a snack and drink are provided and tea/coffee for carers. There is also the new **Puddles Tea and Play** - an after School Club for primary school and reception children meeting on Thursdays from 3.30-5.30pm. A light meal is provided and Mums get a chance to catch up while activities are provided for the children. These groups are free but donations are asked for to help cover costs. Please contact Jim Fitzgerald on 07545 175837 for more information.

"St Neots Riders Group"

Free cycle rides of varying lengths for all ages guided by a Sustrans Rangers (children must be accompanied by adults). All rides start at the Ambiance Café in the Riverside Park at 10.30 am (prompt start), so if you would like to find out more about getting fit by riding around the countryside see - www.bit.ly/snbikerides and for the next bike ride see www.bit.ly/snnext or phone Richard Cooper, Volunteer Liaison Ranger, email - ranger@ridingabike.co.uk or Tel 01480 718818.



Tiddlers & Toddlers

Every Friday in term time
at Jubilee Hall, 9.30am-11.30am
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If you wish to be involved, then email: timevolunteers@outlook.com
or Tel: 07590909057.

www.stneotstimebank.org.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/timebankstneots

tweet: twitter.com/StNeotsTimeBank



This new group in St Neots works with families with children and adults with Downs Syndrome - encouraging a more positive language when describing people with this label. Activities are planned to provoke more thought about how we should think about Downs Syndrome and how we can all work together to promote a better understanding of everyone.

If you would like to know more about this group - please see the website www.losethelabel.co.uk or contact info@losethelabel.co.uk

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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 1st **A Tudor Christmas, in Costume and Character**, by Katy Salmon
Jan 5th **Milestones and Turnpike Roads**, by Michael Knight
Feb 2nd **AGM, followed by: The Poppy Trail of St Neots**, by Sue Jarrett
Mar 2nd **The Huntingdonshire Manor and its Records**, by Philip Saunders
Apr 6th **The Panacea Society of Bedford – a remarkable religious community**, by the Museum

Colmworth & Neighbours History Society

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

- Jan 19th **The Spy Who Loved**, by Clare Mulley
Feb 16th **Letters Home of Corporal Croft (WW1)**, by Mark Steinhardt
Mar 16th **Gifted with a peculiar facility: Humphry Repton, landscape gardener**, by Kate Harwood
Apr 20th **Admiral Beatty The Last Naval Hero**, by Roy Smart

Roxton & District Local History Group

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

- Dec 7th **AGM**
Feb 1st **The British Empire 'My part in its Downfall'**, by Ken Lewis
(a Soldier's view of the Cyprus policing action now)
Mar 1st **Electronic Family History**, by Robert Parker
Apr 5th **The Royal Maundy Money**, by David Ayers

Be Our Guest!

Join us for conversation and a cuppa

A new tea party group for older guests in St Neots is looking for guests to join. If you are over 75 and live alone, and struggle to get out as much as you would like, or feel you could do with a bit of extra company, please get in touch. The group will meet once a month on a Sunday, and as a guest you would be collected from your home by a volunteer and taken to tea with the group in a volunteer host's home. The homes are all nice and easy to get in and out of. The teas are a great chance to meet up for some tea and cake and a chat with new friends! If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please phone on Freephone **0800 716 543**, or contact jenny.bright@contact-the-elderly.org.uk, or you can apply online at www.contact-the-elderly.org.uk/guest

Fusion Youth Club

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



A helping hand

Do you ever help your neighbours or a friend? One Eatons resident, Doreen Bullen, wanted to say a very big **Thank You** to all her wonderful neighbours who have helped her in the last few weeks.



Wool and silks

Wanted – more knitting wool and embroidery silks – if you have any spare or unused please recycle it by giving it to ESCA who can then pass it to people who can use it.
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ESCA Local History Books and Information

As winter has arrived, what better way to spend an evening in a nice warm room and comfy armchair reading one or more of ESCA's 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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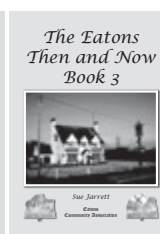
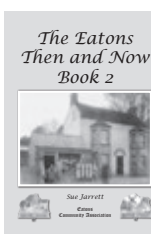
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Eaton Socon Censuses and Electoral Registers are available on request (Postage and Packing free to Eatons and St Neots residents)

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Poppy Trail

The lives of the people buried in our Commonwealth War Graves are being researched, the gravestones have been photographed and they will soon appear on the St Neots Community Archive Website – www.st-neots.ccan.co.uk.

We have contacts with some families but we are still searching for other families to get more information and if possible photographs of these people -

WW1 – Henry G. Achurch, Sidney W. Bradshaw, Charles E. Conquest, Eunice Howell, Frederick T. Ibbett, Ronald A. Rankin, Frederick Sharman, Reginald C. Wilson, Reginald A. Gentle, Claude E. L. Johnston, Richard Smith, Alfred Walton and Frederick J. Woodward

WW2 – Eric F. Carthew, Frederick E. Gledstone, Harold Benjamin Hartop, Richard C Lawrence, Reginald Thompson, Christopher Joseph Bailey and Joseph Seal

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