



# ESCAN

Your FREE Community Newsletter



Eatons Community Association - Registered Charity No.1110148

**September – November 2016**

## May Day Celebrations

(Photos by Angela Donnelly)

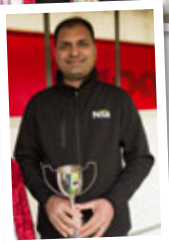
Once again people from miles around flocked to the annual May Day Celebrations on Eaton Socon Village Green organised by the Eatons Community Association. On Monday 2nd May hundreds of people enjoyed traditional 'May Pole Dancing' by Heartsease Folk dancers, twirling by the Sentinels Majorettes, dancing by West Street Studio, SJ School of Dance, Line Dancing by St Neots U3A, dancing and singing by Riverside Theatre, singing by Jamie Gilman-Lewis and live music by the local band 'Rumour Has It' who sang and played many well known songs. Also on the village green were a BBQ, raffles and stalls and small fairground rides. Inside Eaton Socon Church were refreshments and children's activities.



At 2pm the Heartsease Folk Dancers led the May Court procession to the arena and the retiring May Queen, Rhian Bailey, then presented the crown and sash to the new May Queen Courtney Lanigan who was escorted by the two princesses Kirusana Vijayaraj and Katie Youlden. Courtney then presented the retiring May Queen with a necklace donated by Johnsons Jewellers of St Neots.

The Eatons Community Cup was presented by the May Queen to Surjit Singh who runs the NISA shop at Queens Gardens and who goes out of his way to help his customers and the local community. Each Christmas he helps with the Eaton Socon Charities when hampers are prepared and he will always support other initiatives to help the local community. Surjit is a very friendly, reliable helpful member of the community.

The heavy rain held off until the end of the day and by 5pm just one gazebo was left standing with the committee sheltering from the rain! A day to remember!



## Open Gardens

Once again it was a great day with lots of visitors exploring our beautiful gardens. Visitors are now finding our gardens on different websites and they arrive from near and far. We were specially praised for our friendly helpful gardeners who were happy to speak to people so a very big thank you if you opened your garden. This year some new gardens were open and with cups of tea, wine, home made cake and other refreshments the afternoon passed very quickly and lots of money was raised. A big thank you to all the gardeners and all the visitors. All the money raised this year will be used to extend children's environmental activities and donating money to local children's groups.



## NEAT STREET Award 2016

Well done Spencer Close – the only street to have won the award twice! This year we had an added challenge with many grass verges not being cut by HDC or the mowers leaving clumps of grass on the verges. However, some residents are making a special effort to keep their streets looking good and it is the grass verges and the weeds in the kerbs that are making the difference to the Neat Street Award. Once again there was no litter anywhere and all the gardens were looking well maintained so it made the judges decision so much harder. Thank you to all the streets who entered and who made a difference to their area. And a big thank you to anyone who picks up the odd bit of litter on our streets. It makes the Eatons a better place to live.



## ESCA AGM

**Monday 17th October 2016 – 7.30pm – St. Mary's Eaton Socon**

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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 October 2016 for inclusion in the next issue.

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

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<b>St Neots Town Council</b>	<b>01480 388911</b>
<b>Police</b>	<b>01480 456111</b>
<b>Gas Emergency</b>	<b>0800 111 999</b>
<b>Electricity Emergency</b> 24 Seven EME	<b>0800 783 8838</b> <b>0800 056 8090</b>
<b>Water Emergencies</b>	<b>08457 145 145</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>Local Halls</b> Jubilee Hall Duloe Village Hall St Marys Church Hall Eaton Socon Eatons Community Centre Eaton Socon Sports Assoc Hall	<b>01480 392733</b> <b>07768 303373</b> <b>01480 352154</b> <b>01480 388911</b> <b>0791 7017048</b>
<b>Doctors Surgeries</b> Eaton Socon Health Centre Cedar House Surgery	<b>01480 478260 / 08444 771802</b> <b>01480 406677</b>
<b>Eaton Socon Children's Centre, Bushmead Rd</b>	<b>01480 358340</b>
<b>Bushmead School</b>	<b>01480 375375</b>
<b>Crosshall Infants School</b>	<b>01480 475980</b>
<b>Crosshall Junior School</b>	<b>01480 475972</b>
<b>Community Car Scheme</b>	<b>01480 476047</b>



## Useful Websites

ESCA	<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>
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>
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>
St. Neots Children's Centres	<b><a href="http://www.eatonsoconchildrenscentre@cambridgeshire.gov.uk">www.eatonsoconchildrenscentre@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</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>	Sue Jarrett	<b>01480 216065</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

### St. Neots Choral Society and Sinfonia

Nov 12th - **Concert to include Mendelssohn, Purcell, Faure, Hummel and Mozart** - 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon  
Nov 26th - **Handel's Messiah** - 7.30pm at St. Mary's Church Eaton Socon  
Dec 17th - **Joint Carol Concert** - 6pm at St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon  
(book tickets early)

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

Sep 17th - **St Neots Singers Evening Concert** - 7.30pm  
Sep 24th - **Groundforce morning, clearing the church grounds**  
Oct 16th - **Harvest Festival Service & lunch** - 10am  
Oct 22nd - **Ladies Breakfast**  
Oct 29th - **Scratch' Messiah Choir Concert** - see posters for details  
Nov 6th - **Service of Memories** - 6pm  
Nov 13th - **Remembrance Service** - 3pm  
Nov 19th - **Christmas Fayre** - 10am - 2pm

### Events in the Town

(see Town Council website for more details)  
Sep 11th - **Mayor's Civic Sunday Service**  
Nov 13th - **Polish Service and Tea**  
Nov 27th - **St. Neots Christmas Lights switch on**  
Dec 3rd - **Carol Concert/Independent Market**

### ESCA AGM

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## Wool and Silks

If you once knitted or sewed and have some wool or embroidery silks sitting around in your sewing box that are unwanted then why not donate them to local people who can make good use of them. If you can help, please contact Sue on 01480 216065 or email [eatonsocon@gmail.com](mailto:eatonsocon@gmail.com).

## Textile Bank

Don't forget to put your old clothing and shoes into our ESCA textile bank in the Tesco Express Car Park in Eaton Socon. Donations into this bank is providing hundreds of pounds which will be shared out between groups in Eaton Ford and Eaton Socon. Banks elsewhere in the town provide money for HDC and elsewhere but the ESCA textile bank produces money for us in the Eatons 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**

Charles Bober - 07948 706958  
Derek Giles - 01480 731321  
Bob Farrer - 01480 404014  
Keith Prentice - 01480 214838  
Gordon Thorpe - 07956 878780

**EATON SOCON**

Barry Banks - 07710 209950  
Roger Harrison - 07717 666238  
Ben Hicks - 01480 700463,  
mobile 07528 227964  
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](mailto:stuart.ross3@ntlworld.com)

## Bench Inscription

Have you seen the new inscription on the bench at the top of Mill Hill Rd? We are very grateful to the Royal Naval Association for their generous donation towards the cost of this bench and I know that several residents have been very thankful for a quick rest before heading onwards through the Eatons. Why not go and see how and what is remembered in the inscription?



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

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



# ● Chairman's Spot ●

This summer has flown past and events in the town and in the Eatons have once again come thick and fast. We are very fortunate in this town to have so many events during the summer, such as the Folk Festival, Armed Forces Day, Victorian Festival and the annual Regatta. The Eatons have had their May Day celebrations, a successful history exhibition, the Eatons Open Gardens, the Neat Street Competition, two successful village walks and our unique Lock up has been open on several occasions. In July our May Court joined in with the Victorian Festival and the girls ran bagatelle games and a wonderful old fashioned skittle game, made by a local carpenter. In August as I write this, other events are planned and I am sure that when we have all enjoyed our summer sunshine, we can look forward to a quieter autumn. If you would like to be more involved with the Community Association then why not come along to our AGM and see what we do.

**Sue Jarrett, ESCA Chairman**

## May Day Thanks

May Day cannot take part without a large amount of work behind the scenes from the committee and all those who help to make the event special. Thanks are due to Karen Morrizo of Endersby Awards for the engraving of the Community Cup, Allan Dixon for compering, Johnsons Jewellers for the May Queen's necklace, St Mary's Church for the use of the church over the weekend, members of the St Neots Local History Society for their help, St Johns Ambulance First Aiders, H.E. Payne of Wyboston for the use of a lorry, St Neots Town Council and the Priory Centre for all their help, and the many volunteers who made the afternoon such a success. Thanks are also due to local shops and businesses who offered raffle prizes and tombola prizes.

## \* DONATIONS FROM ESCA \*

Once again, after our fund raising efforts we have money to share with local groups so if you meet in the Eatons and would like a small donation please write to ESCA, 3 Collingwood Rd, Eaton Socon, St Neots, Cambs, PE19 8JQ or email [escan@gmail.com](mailto:escan@gmail.com) and let us know how much you would like and what it is for. We will consider all requests, however small. Deadline for requests 30th September 2016 and donations will be given out at our AGM in October.

## 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](http://www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk)

## Help at Home

**Care Network, Cambridgeshire** offers free short term practical help for up to 3 weeks after a hospital stay or an illness at home for all adults over the age of 18 years. Visits are arranged by Care Network's Help at Home Co-ordinator, at a time to suit you and the volunteer. If you think you might need some help such as shopping, fetching prescriptions or help with small tasks why not Tel: 01354 694413 or email [hah.north@care-network.org.uk](mailto:hah.north@care-network.org.uk)

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



## ESCAN Deliveries

After our last request for deliverers we are very grateful to several volunteers who came forward to fill the gaps in Eaton Ford. If you would like to help with delivering this newsletter somewhere in the Eatons and have a few spare minutes three times a year please contact us by email - [eatonsca@gmail.com](mailto:eatonsca@gmail.com) or phone 01480 216065

## ST. NEOTS CAMERA CLUB

**Tuesday 20th September – 7.30pm relaxed start OPEN EVENING of the new season at St Neots Bowling Club, St Anselm Place.**

An informal evening with much to see and the opportunity to find out about the club. Visitors free.

For more information see - [www.stneots-camera-club.org.uk](http://www.stneots-camera-club.org.uk)



## Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

For free helpful, impartial advice on many matters please go along to the CAB portacabin in the Tan Yard car park, near Waitrose, PE19 1AN  
Advice helpline – Mon to Fri 9:30am to 3:30pm

Tel: 0344 245 1292

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

Drop in sessions Tues and Thurs 9.30 – 12.30

If follow up appointments are needed after a drop in session or telephone interview then these will be held on Tues and Thurs afternoons.

Money advice appointments Wednesdays.



## Embrace service – Luminus scheme



This 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 with your Computer

Has your computer very kindly updated itself to Windows 10 and you are now confused?

Or are you new to computers, laptops or tablets?

Whatever your skill level - there is help for you at

the library. Volunteers are happy to show you how to use a mouse, find information, read and send emails, buy from ebay or google for something. The younger generation may be fantastic at showing you how to access things but they do it so fast that you are left baffled by what is happening. If this is you then why not go down to the library for some free helpful advice. No booking is required and volunteers are always keen to help. Free computer sessions – every Tuesday 10-12.30

## Eaton Socon Charities

Once again the Eaton Socon Charities are able to consider giving donations later this year. Formed from various church charities that once gave out coal and bread to people in the parish who might benefit, the charities now distribute funds and hampers in late autumn. These donations are available to people living within Eaton Socon Parish which includes Eaton Ford, Cross Hall, Duloe, Staploe, Honeydon, Begwary, Tythe, Basmead, Bushmead, Goodwick and Wyboston. If you would like to be considered for a small grant and/ or hamper please ask at the Eaton Socon Post Office or the Nisa Store at Queens Gardens for a form or if you have any queries please telephone Joan Squire on 01234 378894. Forms available from 1st October. Closing date for entries - 24th October 2016

## 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.

# The Eatons Community Centre



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## SUDBURY MEADOW, EATON FORD

Autumn at Sudbury Meadow - apples ready to be picked, hedgerow and shrub berries ripening, hazel nuts being stored by grey squirrels, leaves turning lovely colours and late season butterflies still on the wing. If we are really lucky, some mild weather so we can sit and enjoy the wildlife!

Autumn is also a busy time for our volunteers as we try to maximise the benefit of the various habitats for our local wildlife. For example, hedgerows aspire to be rows of trees! So it's important to keep them cut to provide good nesting habitat for a number of bird species. However, it is an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to knowingly disturb nesting birds or destroy their nests. As most hedgerow nesting birds can be active between 1st March and 31st



August, it means we have to wait until the autumn before we hedge-trim (or be very careful!). The shape of the hedgerow is quite important too. In a garden we are all familiar with the straight sided hedge and flat top. This isn't the best shape for a hedge however, as it tends to create bare patches towards the base where less light reaches it. It is better for the hedge and wildlife if its base is a bit wider than the top. At Sudbury Meadow we try to leave long vegetation at the base of some of the hedges for most of the year, as you would traditionally see along countryside lanes. This gives insects and small mammals places to breed and hide.

Not visited Sudbury Meadow yet? It's easy to find. From the roundabout by Riverside Park, turn into Crosshall Road, go past The Barley Mow and Sudbury Meadow is on the right, just before Regatta Meadow. The pedestrian gate is not locked! Just lift the latch on the inside of the gate to open it. If you would like to come and help us this autumn (corporate groups also welcome), or join the Friends of Sudbury Meadow, then please get in touch (see below).

Alison Pearson

Chair, Friends of Sudbury Meadow

[www.sudburymeadow.org.uk](http://www.sudburymeadow.org.uk), 01480 374792



**Staploe & Duloe FC**

**The club are actively looking for Players -**

Ages 7 or 8 - mini soccer

Age 12 or 13 - Youth football

Age 15 - Youth football

If you are keen to take part why not go along to the club which is based in Duloe, next to the village hall, where the home matches will be played.

If interested please contact Colin Bower 07786 625397  
 or Barry Cathall 07707 301640



# The Pightle Millennium Green – Eaton Socon



One of the pleasures of wandering round the Pightle is looking for all the various plantings we've made over the years and seeing how many are thriving – in particular all the colourful flowers. Our large patch of poppies, planted by the British Legion, Scouts and Guides in 2014, has produced a lovely display, and the buddleia next to the butterfly bench is doing its job attracting butterflies with its bright flower heads. More buddleia, which can survive the weakest of soils, will be coming soon to fill in gaps along the north fence where hawthorn has found it hard to grow. The sheer number of bees, butterflies and bugs is a good indication that things are looking healthy.

Autumn will soon be upon us and that means plenty of fruit – particularly apples, blackberries, elderberries and sloes – which you are more than welcome to help yourselves to (though do make sure you know what is safe to eat). We'd love to hear from you if you make anything with our produce. I'm a great fan of making elderberry jam, something you don't see in the shops and which has a unique taste – it's supposed to be good for warding off colds. The apples are a little sour to eat raw, but they do cook well.

We always welcome helpers when there are jobs to be done – planting, mending fences, cutting back overgrowth and preventing, all help to keep the Pightle pleasant and welcoming. We have joined up with St Neots TimeBank to encourage more people to get involved; give us an hour of your time and earn an hour's credit to use with a range of other volunteers. We hope it'll be a good way to get more people involved with the Pightle and keep alive some traditional skills. See you for bulb planting, if not before!

*Julia Hayward*

Trustee – The Pightle Millennium Green Trust

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

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Sept. 22nd **A.G.M.** and  
suggestions of topics  
for open meetings and  
places to visit for next  
year

Competition - One  
Vase of Cut Flowers

Oct 27th **Pruning of Fruit**, by  
Nigel Start  
Competition - A  
photo of your garden  
etc. taken in 2016 size  
6x4ins.

Nov 24th **Social Evening**  
Competition -  
An Xmas Table  
Decoration

## 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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## 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.



## Tiddlers & Toddlers

Every Friday in term time  
at Jubilee Hall, 9.30am-11.30am  
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## 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](mailto:Janine.usher@littlemiraclescharity.org.uk) or phone 07446 992591



## 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

## Can you play Badminton?

St. Neots Badminton Club is looking for new members. We meet at One Leisure, St. Neots on Monday and Wednesday evenings 8-10pm. If you can play badminton and wish to dust off your racquet, find out more on our web site [www.stneotsbadminton.org](http://www.stneotsbadminton.org) and click 'Join us' to make contact, or email Jane at [chair@stneotsbadminton.org](mailto:chair@stneotsbadminton.org)



## The Growing Eatons

Have you visited the new shops yet or seen the new houses being built in Nelson Road and near Crosshall School? This is an exciting time as the Eatons continue to develop. But have you ever really explored the Eatons, especially the Industrial estates. It is surprising what can be found among the factories – there are many retail outlets such as builders, electrical and plumbing outlets. It is also possible to buy carpets and tiles, get cars serviced and get a take away meal or coffee near the new Lidl site.

For leisure there is a Music Academy, a fitness centre and the newest addition is a large trampoline centre. So why not explore areas of the Eatons you may not have seen before and see what you can find.

Although we may question the need for more shops, houses and factories at least we cannot grow outside our boundaries – ie the A1, the A428 and the river. We can identify ourselves as the Eatons and continue to work together to make the Eatons a better place to live.

## 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 or scout movement or not.

This year we have enjoyed many different activities including a visit to Buckden Towers, self defence, making sugar decorations and bowling. Our members help out at various guiding activities and may be able to help you if you are putting on an event. We are always glad to see new members and meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 so please email [eatonsocontrefoilguild@gmail.com](mailto:eatonsocontrefoilguild@gmail.com) for more information.

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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

- Sep 2nd **Walden House - The fascinating story of a late C17th Huntingdon house**, by Andrew Bish  
Oct 7th **Stourbridge Fair** by Honor Ridout  
Nov 4th **Life & Times of an Eynesbury Market Gardener – Images from a family album**, by Rodney Todman

## Colmworth & Neighbours History Society

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

- Oct 21st **Sir Isaac Newton – Why So Great?**, by Chris Walker  
Nov 18th **George Arnold: The Bedford Artist**, by Nigel Lutt

## 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

- Sep 1st **The Royal Observer Corp - above and below ground**, by John Sheer  
Oct 6th **Fashion on the Ration? Utility clothing and how the family managed during the war**, by 'Vintage Sweethearts'.  
Nov 3rd **The History of Chicksands Priory**, by Damien Odell



**St Neots Choral Society**  
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016 - 7.30pm**  
**Eaton Socon Church.**

### Handel - Messiah

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## Grave on the move !!

Have you spotted the grave with metal barriers around it in the churchyard? This is an important grave of the first known headmaster of the Eaton Socon Academy, a private school that flourished in the 19th century.

By 1829 John Elliott was the headmaster and when his first wife and baby son died in 1837 they were buried in the churchyard within sight of the school. A year later John married Phoebe Underwood and the family grew. When John died in 1871 he was buried with his first wife and sons, and when Phoebe died in 1900 she was brought back to be buried in the family grave.

By 2015 the grave was badly overgrown, the monument was tilting badly and trees had grown within and through the railings. A decision was taken to restore the grave with the help of the Town Council and some amazing volunteers who have very kindly spent many hours removing the trees and restoring the grave to what we see today, which even included moving the monument! The next stage is to get some new railings around this important grave.

The Eaton Socon Academy was a private school in the large white house facing the churchyard with road access from Peppercorn Lane. It boarded boys mainly from the ages of 12-16 and the subjects taught included Latin and Greek, Plain and Ornamental Penmanship, Algebra, Geometry, Merchants Accounts, the use of Globes and Land Surveying. Fees for boarders in the 1860s were 20 Guineas (£21) for boys under 12 yrs and £25 Guineas (£26.25) for boys over 12 yrs. The school closed in 1900 and more recently villagers recall the glove factory in the building in the 1940s – early 1970s.

## ESCA Local History Books and Information

**With darker evenings, why not buy one of these books and spend some time 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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