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Your FREE Community Newsletter



Eatons Community Association - Registered Charity No.1110148

May to September 2018

Eatons May Day Celebrations

Monday May 7th 2018

on Eaton Socon Green 12 noon – 4pm



12 noon - Stalls open

2pm - Crowning of the May Queen

3pm - Award of the Eatons Community Cup

4pm - Drawing of the Raffle

If you wish to find out more about the entertainment or stalls on May Day please contact ESCA (Eatons Community Association), 3 Collingwood Rd, Eaton Socon, St Neots, Cambs, PE19 8JQ or email eatonsca@gmail.com

Local History Exhibition

St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon

Saturday 5th May and Monday 7th May 10am – 4pm

This year several small exhibitions are planned

Poppy Trail

Find out what the Arcive Group are planning to do to mark our Commonwealth War Graves – by researching the families and how to find them within our churchyard and cemeteries



Bushmead Secondary School

In 2019 it is 50 years since a massive change in schooling in Eaton Socon – bring along your photos, especially of Bushmead Secondary School and help us to compile an exhibition of new pictures and memories.



The Great North Road

Discover how this ancient route has affected Eaton Socon Village and parish – the prosperity it brought and the problems.

Eatons Events

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

May 27th 2pm – 4pm

Jun 24th 2pm – 4pm

Jul 29th 2pm – 4pm



Eatons Open Gardens Sunday June 10th 1.30pm – 5.00pm

Programmes available from Eaton Socon Green from around 1.00pm.

Spend an afternoon exploring local gardens.

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Neat Street July 2018 Entries deadline June 17th

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Lots more news and views inside.

If you have any news or views please send to the Chairman no later than 26th July 2018 for inclusion in the next issue.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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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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Police	01480 456111
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Electricity Emergency 24 Seven EME	0800 783 8838 0800 056 8090 08457 145 145
Water Emergencies	
Huntingdonshire District Council General Enquiries Out of Hours Emergencies Fly Tipping	01480 388388 01480 434167 01480 388640
Local Halls Jubilee Hall Duloe Village Hall St Marys Church Hall Eaton Socon Eatons Community Centre Eaton Socon Sports Assoc Hall	01480 392733 07768 303373 01480 352154 01480 388922 0791 7017048
Doctors Surgeries Eaton Socon Health Centre Cedar House Surgery	01480 210000 01480 406677
Eaton Socon Children's Centre, Bushmead Rd	01480 358340
Bushmead School	01480 375375
Crosshall Infants School	01480 475980
Crosshall Junior School	01480 475972
Community Car Scheme	01480 476047
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
St Neots Archives	www.st-neots.ccan.co.uk
Paxton Pits	www.paxton-pits.org.uk
Sudbury Meadow	www.sudburymeadow.org.uk
St Marys Church	www.eatonsocon.org
Pightle	www.eatonsoconpightle.org.uk
Bushmead School	www.bushmeadprimaryschool.org.uk
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

<i>Chairman</i>	Sue Jarrett	01480 216065
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<i>History Co-ordinator</i>	Sue Jarrett	01480 216065
<i>ESCAN Co-ordinator</i>	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

May 12th 6pm – **Children's concert**
at St. Mary's Church, Eaton Socon
Jun 30th 7.30pm – **Summer Concert**
at St. Mary's Church Eaton Socon

St Mary's Church Eaton Socon

(for more details see website – www.eatonsocon.org)
May 14th-18th – **Week of Prayer** ~ St Mary's is open to all for prayer
May 20th – **Combined Pentecost Breakfast** @ 9am followed by
Celebratory Pentecost Sunday Service @ 10am
Jun 2nd – **Groundforce Morning** 9am - 1pm
Jul 8th – **Church BBQ** on the Green
Jul 30th - Aug 1st – **Children's Holiday Club**
Sep 1st – **St Mary's Bake Off**
Sep 8th – **Groundforce Morning** 9am - 1pm

ESCA Open Gardens

Sunday June 10th 1.30-5pm
Tickets available Eaton Socon Village Green

Events in the Town

Jun 8th-10th – **St Neots Folk Festival**
Jun 23rd – **Armed Forces Day**, Regatta Meadow 11am – 5pm
Jul 14th – **History Festival**, Market Square
Jul 28th, 29th – **Rowing Regatta**, Regatta Meadow
Aug 4th – **Dragon Boat Festival**, Regatta Meadow
Aug 25-27th – **Inland Waterways Assoc Festival**, Regatta Meadow

Little Barford Church Service

Ascension Day service

Thursday 10th May at 7.00pm.

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



Pightle AGM

Wednesday 30th May 2018 – 7.30pm
at St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon

Eaton Socon Charities and Millers Arms

Each year at Christmas time the charities help some residents with money and/or a hamper and 2017 was no exception. The trustees were delighted to receive some letters of thanks including the following – 'Once again I would like to take the time to thank all the people involved in the Charity Gift. And also a big thank you to the Millers Arms in Ackerman Street for the Christmas Lunch. A very nice surprise.

Mr and Mrs C Pope

Another resident wrote – Could I possibly trouble you to convey my grateful thanks to the people who so kindly sent me a lovely Christmas hamper and cash. What a lovely surprise. This was the first time I have applied to the Eaton Socon Charities and was very pleased and grateful for what I received.

The Charity trustees are delighted that so many people could be helped once again this year and know that those who went to the Christmas Meals at the Eatons Community Centre or the Millers Arms also enjoyed themselves.

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

Copy date for the next edition of ESCAN for news, adverts and information – 26th July 2018.

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

Chairman's Spot

Welcome to another copy of ESCAN, your free community newsletter from the Eatons Community Association (ESCA). 2018 is once again a year full of celebrations and festivities with - May Day in Eaton Socon, the Folk Festival, the Eatons Open Gardens and the Armed Forces Day in June, the History Festival and Rowing Regatta in July and Dragon Boat racing and the Inland Waterways Festival in August. There are also various church events so there are lots to see and do in the next few months. Keep a look out on our ESCA website, in the newspapers, on the village green noticeboards and the town council website for current information on these events. This town has something for everyone to enjoy. Hope to see you at some of the events.

Sue Jarrett, ESCA Chairman

Textile Bank

Remember to use our ESCA Textile bank in the Tesco Express Car Park in Eaton Socon, opposite Eaton Socon Church. All the money raised from this bank will be given back to groups in the Eatons so help us to help you.



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

Please note that this information may change after the May elections - see website or village noticeboards for details after the elections.

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.

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

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 Estate Manager, Tel 01480 406 438

A chilly Church!

Last autumn the boilers were declared unusable and for a few weeks the church was very chilly. Although one boiler is now working the church needs new heating which will cost thousands of pounds. Fund raising is now underway but if you can help in any way by fundraising or donating money please contact Church Office on (01480 352154) or email: vicarspa@eatonsocon.org. All donations are very welcome.



Help with your Computer/ Tablet/ipad

Are you lucky enough to have been given a gift of a computer/tablet/Ipad, or perhaps just treated yourself to a new one but can't quite get to grips with it? Help is at hand. Just pop into the library where volunteers will be happy to give some free helpful advice on how to find information, read and send emails buy from ebay or google for something. Whatever your skill level there will be someone to help you. No booking 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

Walking Football

Every Monday evening 6-7 pm at St. Neots Leisure Centre.

Recommended age is 35+ but all ages can take part, especially good for those recovering from injury. There is also a very lively social side, where people meet for various meals or drinks etc.

For more information please go onto their facebook page, **Huntingdonshire Walking Football Group**.



Duloe Playing Field and Duloe Village Hall

Have you ever considered hiring the village hall or the playing field at Duloe? These facilities

are not far away and well worth taking a look at. The field is approximately 100m x 125m in size and is currently maintained by Staploe and Duloe Football Club in return for use of the pitch. The Football Club will be moving on 31st May 2018 and the Parish Council are seeking alternative hirers to use the field after that date.

The field is next to Duloe Village Hall (PE19 5HR) which is available for hire at a rate of £7 per hour for regular hirers (£25 minimum charge for occasional users). There is a play area and parking is available.

For further information please contact the Parish Clerk lucy_crawford@hotmail.com / 01480 471 526. To book the hall please call **07768 303 373**

Eaton Socon Outdoor Bowls Club

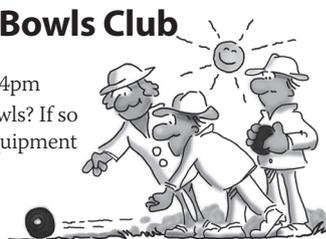
River Rd, Eaton Ford

Open day Sunday 6 May 2018 - 10.30 - 4pm

Ever fancied having a try at outdoor bowls? If so please come along and have a go. All equipment provided just wear soft soled flat shoes.

For more info please contact

Stuart on 07917017048



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Sudbury Meadow

It's the growing season and our wildlife is making the most of every opportunity, as a visit to Sudbury Meadow will show you. However, there are a few threats looming on the horizon and you may be able to play a small part in preventing one of them from devastating some of our native flora and most popular garden plants.

Have you heard of the bacterial pathogen *Xylella fastidiosa*? If you watched Channel 4's 'Food Unwrapped' on 12th February you will have seen how this deadly bacterium has devastated many olive groves in Italy's Puglia region. However, what was not reported is that the bacterium can affect many other plants too and has been discovered elsewhere in Europe, including Spain, France and a glasshouse in Germany. It has already caused huge damage in the Americas.

Xylella fastidiosa infects the water-carrying cells (xylem) of a plant. It causes symptoms which are similar to other diseases and environmental causes, such as leaf scorch, wilt, die-back and plant death. It is spread by xylem-feeding insects such as froghoppers. Whilst these insects can't travel far, the bacterium can be transported via infected plants. Host plants include some of our hedgerow plants such as Sycamore, Cherry plum and Dog-rose as well as domestic plum (*Prunus domestica*) and garden favourites such as wallflower, lavender, hebe and rosemary. There is no cure.

You can help by trying to buy UK-grown plants. You can also check that imported known host plants (see link below) have been checked to make sure they do not carry *Xylella* (they should have a plant passport). It is also essential that you do not bring back any plant material collected whilst on holiday abroad. Apart from being illegal, you could unwittingly be introducing this bacterium to the UK!

For more information including symptoms, check out the Royal Horticultural Society website's plant diseases pages - www.rhs.org.uk/new-pd-risks.

Alison Pearson, Chair, Friends of Sudbury Meadow

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.

Open Gardens Sunday 10th June 2018

Last year's Eatons Open Gardens was a great success and the money was given to local children's groups. We are still looking for more gardens to make this event bigger and this year the date has been set for the afternoon of Sunday 10th June, so if you have a garden you would like to share with others and help to raise money for local good causes please let ESCA know at 3 Collingwood Road, Eaton Socon or email eatonsca@gmail.com. Tickets and programmes will be available nearer the time. Watch out in the local newspapers and noticeboards for exact timings nearer the event.

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The Pightle



A walk around the Pightle one weekend with my camera was a good reminder of how tentative the first signs of spring are – while the ground under my feet was still frozen in patches, the sheltered areas have plenty of winter aconites and snowdrops – they are now spreading away from the places where they were first planted and clearly enjoy their situation! The daffodils are late this year, as those planted by ESCA on Nelson Road are a colourful display, but the Pightle's ones are some way from flowering. March is a month of rapid change and a time for regular visits – you'll see something different each time! My walk was also a reminder of how much effort is put into the Pightle by so many friends, as it looks pristine all year round; a visit to Bunny Lane to snap the blossoming snowdrops there was a much sadder sight as they compete for space with piles of rubbish from passers-by.



The work dealing with ivy, elder and brambles that were engulfing some areas has progressed with a section near the riverbank being opened out and cleared of overgrowth since the last ESCAN. In addition to a better view of the river, the black poplars are now easier to find, and our bird boxes are in a much better position to be used in the year ahead. Managing the Pightle for the good of all the species that live there as well as people and other visitors is not always easy but we hope you'll enjoy the new space. If you'd like to help guide the future of the Pightle, please do get in touch – the existing Trustees will certainly welcome fresh faces!

Julia Hayward

Trustee – The Pightle Millennium Green Trust
Website: <http://www.eatonsoconpightle.org.uk>
Tel: 0777 3918223 **Email:** Julia@juliahayward.com

**Pightle
AGM**
 May 30th – 7.30pm
 at Eaton Socon
 Church

St. Neots & District Gardening Club

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

- May 24th **Perennial Plants**, by Carole Adams
- Jun 14th **Visit to The Old Rectory Gardens at Sudborough** at 6.30pm
- Jun 28th **Preparing exhibits for the Show Bench**, demonstrations by members
- Jul 26th **Vegetables for Value**, by Rodney Tibbs
- Aug 11th **Annual Summer Show** at The Eaton's Community Hall. Open to the public at 2 pm.
- Aug 23rd **Visit to D'Arcy & Everest Plant Nursery** at Pidley, 6.30pm
- Sep 27th **AGM**

Riverside Miniature Railway

Have you ridden our new miniature trains yet – if not then go and find the train this year and have a ride. This great new attraction opened at Easter and will then run on some Thursdays and Sundays in April. A Grand Opening Gala is planned for 19th & 20th May and the trains will run most Sundays during June and July, before the summer holidays when trains will also run on Thursday and Saturdays. For more details on exact dates please refer to the website – www.riversiderailway.co.uk



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NEAT STREET

This popular event is now in its 15th year with Whistler Road winning the competition last year. It is now time to enter your street for this year's competition so get together with your neighbours and enter for Neat Street 2018. Streets will be judged on (1) the absence of weeds on kerbs and gutters, (2) no litter, (3) maintained front gardens or frontages and (4) unobstructed pavements. Contact ESCA by phone or email and enter your street by June 17th. Longer streets can be split into smaller sections.

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 am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

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.

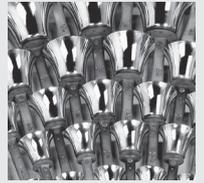


Handbells in Concert

The Priory Centre, St Neots Sat 5th May 3pm

Why not pop along and listen to over 360 instruments being played by 40 experienced musicians playing a selection of classical, popular and original handbell music. This promises to be an interesting afternoon.

Tickets available on the door. More information at ear.hrgb.org.uk or phone 01992 584761

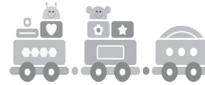


'Let's make a difference'

Brian Payne says - Why not use a hoe to clean up the kerbs in your street so that the street cleaner can pick up the weeds and rubbish? This would make such a difference to our environment and help to keep our streets looking clean and tidy. It would also help if people took their rubbish home and popped it into their wheelie bin instead of emptying their rubbish onto the road from their cars!



Let's be proud of the Eatons and keep them looking clean



Tiddlers & Toddlers

Every Friday in term time at Jubilee Hall, 9.30am-11.30am
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£2.50 per family (includes drink and biscuits)
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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 TIME BANK

Reward yourself by sharing knowledge and skills with your community - volunteer for 1 hour and get 1 hour credit. Save your credits for those jobs you can't manage or don't have the skills or time for. Age and ability no obstacle. No money is needed other than for materials. No job too small. The time bank offers full insurance security, access to training and the opportunity to become involved in community projects.

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



Bushmead Secondary School Reunion - July 2019

Did you ever go to Bushmead Secondary School and do you have any photos of the school or your classmates? This year we are planning to have an exhibition on the School over the May Weekend and we would like your photos and memories. The school was built as a Secondary School when Eaton Socon was in Bedfordshire and took children from Eaton Socon, Wyboston, Roxton, Chawston, Colmworth and Great Barford. Two bus routes collected the children from the villages.

Next year, in 2019, it is 50 years since the children were transferred to Longsands School in St Neots, after part of Eaton Socon Parish became Huntingdonshire. The building was then adapted and used for primary school children who moved here from the school in School Lane.

A school reunion is planned for July 2019 - date to be confirmed.

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.

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



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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

- May 4th **St Neots 1949: A Snapshot in Time**, by Rodney Todman
Jun 1st **Medieval Graffiti**, by Matthew Champion
Jul 6th **Visit to Walden House**, Huntingdon with Andrew Bish
Aug 3rd **Guided walk around Buckden Towers**, with Christine Lawrence
Sep 7th **Curse Tablets in Roman Britain**, by Paddy Lambert

Colmworth & Neighbours History Society

All meetings held in Colmworth Village Hall, Fridays from 7.30pm to 9.30pm unless advised differently.

Chairperson – Chris Walker 01234 771536

- May 18th **Old Maps and New of North Beds**, by Maurice Nicholson
Jun 15th **Margaret Beaufort: Saint or Schemer?** by Margaret Badley
Sep 21st **AGM at 7pm followed by a light meal (ordered in advance) and 'Pictures in the Parlour'**, a talk about the history of magic lanterns, by Kevin Varty

Roxton & District Local History Group

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

- May 3rd **The British Empire 'My part in its Downfall'**, by Ken Lewis OBE
Jun 7th **The Charmed Life of Alfred 'Doc' Rowlett of St Neots**, by Liz Davies
Jul 5th **Visit to Royston Cave**
Aug 2nd **Janet Must Walking Quiz**
Sep 6th **My Year as the High Sherriff of Bedfordshire**, by Colin Osborne MBE

ESCA Local History Books and Information

Better weather is on the way so why not take the opportunity to spend some time in the sunshine 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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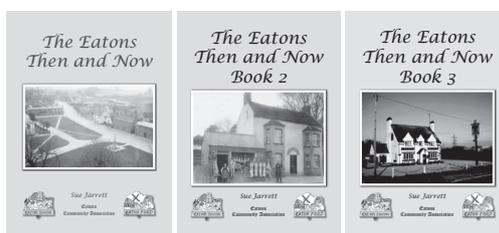
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Eaton Socon Trefoil Guild



We are now looking forward to the summer after a rather damp and cold winter. The Ghost Walk arranged by St Neots Museum was very interesting despite the rain and our Christmas meal at the Coach House was a great night which we always enjoy.

January saw us planning our activities for 2018 and it is looking great! In February we had Becky Proctor speaking about the Papworth Hospital Centenary and in April, we had a tour of Emplins, a Medieval House in Gamlingay. In May we are going to Haley Wood, Lt Gransden for a walk and hopefully having a Segway Experience in June!

This year we are celebrating 75 years of the Trefoil Guild and our activities are part of those celebrations. If you would like to join us please contact eatonsocontrefoilguild@gmail.com or phone Allison on 07505129518



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Poppy Trail

The St Neots Community Archive Group are now well underway with this exciting project to discover more about the Commonwealth War Graves in our town. Photographs of all the graves have been taken and added onto the archive website (ccanstneots@gmail.com) and more contacts have been made with families. Funding is now being sought to allow the graves to be marked with a poppy, to create exhibitions about the War Graves and to create a leaflet so that our graves can be found and visited.

Let us remember and honour those people in our Commonwealth War Graves and to include those not listed on our local war memorials in our Remembrance Day services in November.

If you would like to help in any way, with funding or information please contact please contact Sue Jarrett on 01480 216065, or email suejarrett@talk21.com.



New Bench

Have you spotted the new bench and litter bin by the X5 bus stop near the BP garage in Eaton Socon. Thanks to a grant from the A14 Fund we have been lucky enough to be able to buy the bench, bin and spring bulbs which will brighten up the area. This grant was received from the Dulverton Trust Fund, a charitable fund managed by Cambridgeshire Community Foundation.

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