



ESCAN

Your FREE Community Newsletter



Eatons Community Association - Registered Charity No.1110148

May to September 2024

Eatons May Day Celebrations

Monday 6th May 2024 on Eaton Socon Green
12pm - 4.00pm

- 12pm Stalls Open
- 2pm Crowning of the May Queen or King
- 3pm Community Cup
- 4pm Grand Raffle

We're very happy to welcome you to join us and celebrate Eatons May Day for an afternoon of fun, entertainment and fundraising!



To Book: 07714492224

We have a great line up of entertainers and for the first time for many years there will be traditional maypole dancing. Some entertainers will be familiar to you and some

are new faces and there will be a good selection of stalls providing food, games and a variety of merchandise.

We'll be looking for a new May Court to represent us at community events throughout the year. The community cup will, as usual, be presented to a member of the community who goes the extra mile to make a real difference in the lives of many in the Eatons. The person will get a surprise on the day. Please come along at 3.00pm at the stage to see the presentation.



Do get in touch if you'd like to find out more: eatonsca@gmail.com

Nominations open!

Shortlisting: late June, Judging: July

Are you proud of your street and think it should receive some recognition? Or would you like to give everyone near you a gentle prod to make a bit of a difference? Do get in touch with us to pass on your nominations; the judges will be visiting our shortlisted nominees over the summer, but you



won't know exactly when, so you'll need to keep a regular eye on the litter and weeds... The winners will get a plaque to mark their achievement as well as a small prize like bulbs to improve their street further. Be warned, there are some competitive groups out there!



2023 Winners - Bushmead Gardens

The Cage opening

Sundays 26th May, 30th June and 28th July, 2pm-5pm

Are you curious about what a stay in our little prison would be like? There are very few left in the country now, but ours has survived and we'll be opening the doors on the last Sunday of each month so you can experience it for yourself – and we do promise to let you out again! See if you can work out how someone managed to escape and disappear many years ago...

Admission is free.

Eatons Open Gardens

Sunday 9th June 2024 1.30 - 5.30 pm
£3.00 per person

Spend some time exploring some lovely local gardens and have tea along the way. Programmes will be available from Eaton Socon Green from around 1.00 pm. All money raised goes to good causes in the Eatons. If you have a garden which you would like to show, it doesn't matter if it's big or small, please contact Carole Robson on 01480 218755.

There is still time to include your garden. We'd love to hear from you.

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Lots more news inside.

Deadlines for all contributions
Sunday 1st September 2024 for inclusion
in the next issue.

We look forward to hearing from you.

www.escan.org.uk



C & A Hurst Opticians

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359, Great North Road Eaton Socon

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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.



Useful Telephone Numbers

Street Lighting	0800 783 8247
report the number on the lamp-post, the street name and town.	
St Neots Town Council	01480 388911
Police	01480 456111
Gas Emergency	0800 111 999
Electricity Emergency	
24 Seven	0800 783 8838
EME	0800 056 8090
Water Emergencies	08457 145 145
Huntingdonshire District Council	
General Enquiries	01480 388388
Out of Hours Emergencies	01480 434167
Fly Tipping	01480 388640
Local Halls	
Jubilee Hall	01480 392733
St Marys Church Hall Eaton Socon	01480 352154
Eatons Community Centre	01480 388922
Eaton Socon Sports Assoc Hall	0791 7017048
United Reformed Church	07366 058861
Doctors Surgeries	
Eaton Socon Health Centre	01480 210000
Cedar House Surgery	01480 406677
Almond Road Surgery	01480 473413
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 Group	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
River Church	www.riverchurchstneots.co.uk
St Neots Children's Centres	www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/childrenscentres



Who's Who at ESCA

Treasurer	Dave Jarrett	01480 216065
May Day Administrator	Lisa Coyne	
ESCAN Co-ordinator	Carole Robson	01480 218755
Editor	Sara Foyle	

Dates for your diary

Services at St Mary's Eaton Socon

For all enquiries, please contact the Church Office
office@eatonsocon.org

Tel: 01480 352154 (Tues-Thursday 9:00am-11:30am)

See website – eatonsocon.org - for full details of events.

Weekly services:

Sunday 9am (Traditional)

Sunday 10.30am (Contemporary)

Wednesday 9am (Reflective)

Sundays 26 May; 23 June; 22 September

6pm Sharing Life Through Learning. An opportunity to go deeper into God's word. Refreshments from 5.50pm.

Sundays 5 May; 2 June; 7 July; 4 August; 1 September

3:16 Service. A service open to everyone using interactive worship and fun activities to help us learn more about God and grow together. Come as you are, whether you've been a Christian for years or are just searching for something, young, old, everyone in between, all are welcome to join us.

Sundays 19 May; 16 June (2-3:30pm)

Hive. This group is aimed at children (of any age) who have additional needs or disabilities and their siblings and parents/guardians. 2-3:30pm.

Sundays 12 May; 9 June; 14 July; 11 August; 8 September

(off site - 3-4:30pm)

Wildlife Walk and Tea. We meet outside Church for a family friendly walk over the river to Pocket Park and back to Willow Bridge, followed by tea and cake on the barge 'Dragonfly'

May Day Village Fayre - Monday 6 May

Come and join us for May Day festivities from 12noon until 4pm.

Activities for all the family.

Mondays (term time 10am-12)

Café on the Green. Come and join us for tea, coffee, cake, chat and friendship.

Monday 20 May; 17 June; 15 July (9:30-12:30pm)

M-Team Morning. An opportunity to help with various jobs around Church. Come for 30 minutes or whole morning.

Monday 3 June; 1 July; 5 August; 2 September (9:30-12:30pm)

Creation Care Working Party. Come along and help tidy our lovely churchyard, drink coffee and chat.

Thursdays 30 May; 27 June; 26 September

Thursday Lunch Club at 12noon. Fellowship and food with a two-course meal. £4.00 pp for adults available during the day. Booking essential.

Holiday Club: 22-26 July (9am-12)

Open to all children currently in primary education. Booking is essential for this very popular event as we always have waiting lists! For more information, please email Liz Faulkner on cfcw@eatonsocon.org

Harvest Lunch – Sunday 29 September (12-2pm)

Come along and join us for a two-course lunch. Booking essential – donation on the day.

Eaton Socon Methodist Church

Services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month,
commencing at 10.30am

St Neots Choral Society

Summer Concert Saturday 29th June at St. Mary's Church Eaton Socon 7.30 pm. Joint concert with St. Neots Sinfonia.

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Copy date for the next edition of ESCAN for news, adverts and information – Monday 1st September. 2024

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

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:

Barry Chapman – Crosshall ward – 07803 134 565

Clare Mascarenhas – Eaton Socon ward –
claire.mascarenhas@stneots-tc.gov.uk

Rob Simonis – Eaton Ford ward – robert.simonis@stneots-tc.gov.uk

John Dunford – Eaton Ford ward – john.dunford@stneots-tc.gov.uk

Vivienne Hitchin – Eaton Ford ward – vivienne.hitchin@stneots-tc.gov.uk

Colin Maslen – Eaton Socon ward – 07810 481 941

Barry Banks – Eaton Socon ward – 07710 209 950

Visit the town council website <https://www.stneots-tc.gov.uk> to find the latest on who your councillor is.

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

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

Adviceline: 0808 278 7807

Monday to Friday 09:30 to 15:30

Universal Credit Help to Claim line: 0800 1448 444, for anyone seeking to make a new claim for Universal Credit

Webchat or Email via: www.citizensadvice.ruralcambs.org.uk

Information also available on our website at www.citizensadvice.ruralcambs.org.uk or at www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Appointments, including face-to-face, where required for advice at either our main centres or outreach sessions are made after a telephone assessment.



St. Neots Choral Society

The award-winning St. Neots Choral Society is a long-established local community choir performing four concerts a year, of which two (the Summer Concert and the Carol Concert) are performed in conjunction with St. Neots Sinfonia. We have an active and committed membership of about 75 singers and are keen to welcome new members in all voice sections, as we make exciting plans for next season. You can be sure to find challenge and inspiration as well as having great fun singing with a friendly group of people. We also hold regular social events (lunches, quizzes and get togethers) where you can join in and make new friends. All our members and venues are local to St. Neots.

If you like the idea of singing in a local choir, performing the best of classical music, please get in touch (No auditions necessary).

We rehearse on Wednesday evenings (term times) at 7.30pm at Eynesbury C of E Junior School, Montagu St, Eynesbury, St. Neots PE19 2TD.
www.stneotschoralsociety.org.uk

Wednesday Welcome

Meets on Wednesday afternoons (term time only) 3 – 4 pm in the Church hall at St. Mary's Church, Eaton Socon.

All are welcome for tea/coffee cake and friendly conversation. Sometimes there is a planned activity.

Please come along and join us.

Café on the Green

10am-noon every Monday (Term Time Only)
Eaton Socon Church Hall
Why not pop in and have a chat,
a cuppa and cake



Cricket for 1.5-8s

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Come and Dance!

St Neots Scottish Country Dance Club meets on Monday evenings during term time at Eynesbury C of E school Montagu Street St Neots from 7.30pm to 9.30 pm. All are welcome regardless of dancing experience - we are a very relaxed, friendly group! Hope to see you there!

For further information please contact Anne Walker 07798700840



Bellringing

Christmas is a very busy season for the church and bellringers. Sadly we were unable to ring as much as we would have wished as several of the bellringers which we rely on from other towers were unable to assist as they were busy at their own churches.

I am aware that there are a number of former bellringers living locally and we, at St Marys, Eaton Socon, would be delighted to see you at our practices nights Wednesday 8.00-9.00 pm and for service ringing Sunday 10.00-10.30am. If you feel you would like a try out before joining in ringing with others Sue and I would be happy to arrange this. Alternatively we would be happy to teach anybody from the age of 12 years upwards. In either case please contact me by email on michael-j-matthews@hotmail.com

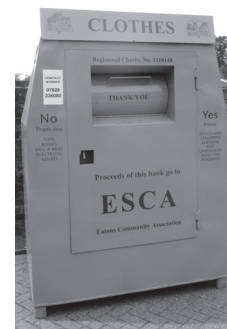
For historic reasons St Mary's Eaton Socon is part of the Bedfordshire Association of Bellringers, the Association arranges additional training sessions which help accelerate the learning process,

Michael and Sue Matthews

Textile Bank

In the current financial year we have received £418 to give out to local groups in the Eatons at our AGM, so when you are turning out your clothes please remember to use your local textile bank (situated at Tesco express opposite St Mary's Church). You can donate clothing, shoes, bedding and towels.

All money received comes to ESCA and will be shared by local groups in the Eatons.



St Neots Probus Club

A luncheon club for retired or semi-retired business or professional people, normally aged 60 or over, which meets monthly. If you are interested please contact the Secretary **01480 812938** or email stneotsprobusec@gmail.com



Girlguiding Eaton Socon

On the 24th February we joined up with other units in St Neots to take part in Thinking Day celebrations. Thinking Day is celebrated by guiding units all over the world. The girls took part in various different crafts. Chocolate tasting and learnt some dancing.

Rainbows

They have made robots, they had a robot that tucks you into bed, a robot that flies and a robot that makes it so you don't have to go to school.

They flipped pancakes and decorated them with different fillings. They have also been musical and made some instruments out of junk.

Brownies

Have made Chinese Dragons to celebrate Chinese New year. They have made towers out of spaghetti to see who can make the tallest, flattest, stickiest and fattest.

They have also been making a time capsule for future generations of brownies

Guides and Rangers

Have worked together in small groups and planned and organised different activities for badges. They did a variety of activities from seeing how they can feel empowered to make a change to experimenting with different materials about what makes the best Zip Wire. They have had a go at floral arrangements in old cups and saucers for mother's day.

If you feel you might like to get involved.

We have flexible volunteering opportunities that let you make a difference on your schedule. You can help as much or as little as you want..

Computer Ink Cartridges

First I would like to thank you for your continued support for our collections of cartridges and phones. So far the bowlers at SNIBC together with others members of the community have raised in excess of £2,500.00 which we have donated to the St Neots food bank.

Please don't throw your computer ink cartridges away – just pop them in a bag and take them to St Neots & District Indoor Bowls Club in River Road, Eaton Socon. Money is being raised by one of their members for local good causes. Donations can also be left at 30 Beatty Road, PE19 8PT and left in the blue box outside the front door.



Would you like to try a new hobby or activity? Perhaps you would like to hone your current skills, or just get out and meet people?



Then you should join the St Neots and District u3a. It is a thriving organisation with over 50 different interest groups. For example there are two types of "Dance Groups", Line Dancing and Modern Jive.

There are many other "active" groups such as, Tai Chi, Walking Football, Golf, Walking/Striders, Walking/Hikers and Walking to spot Wildlife!

There are several intellectual groups such as Current Affairs, Egyptology, Heritage and Culture, Music Appreciation and many more.

If you are struggling with modern technology there is an IT help group. In fact there are so many groups and topics covered that the list seems endless. Of course if there is something you are interested in, there is always the possibility of starting up a group covering that topic.

In addition to these groups, that generally meet once a week, there is also the Monthly Meeting (2.00pm at the Priory Centre, St Neots, on the 3rd Tuesday of the month), where there is a guest speaker. About 150 people attend these meetings, they offer a great opportunity to meet and greet other like minded people, have a chat, a cuppa and a biscuit.

Everyone is welcome to join the u3a, we only have one stipulation, you should not be in full time employment, we charge a modest annual fee (circa £20) and there is a fee for every meeting (circa £1).

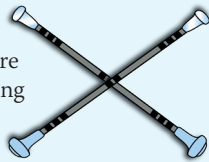
Lots more information can be found on our website

<https://u3asites.org.uk/st-neots/home>

Sentinels Majorettes

Supported by NHS Audiology and Cambridgeshire County Council Sentinels Majorettes are rehearsing again and looking for new recruits!

For more details contact Ann Steel on **07956 311828**, or email: steel1932@outlook.com



Youth Cafe

All term time only

NEW Mondays 3.30-5pm

St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon PE19 8EJ

Tuesdays 3.30-5pm

St Neots Evangelical Church, Cambridge Street PE19 1PL

Our Youth Cafes are free for those in School years 7-13.

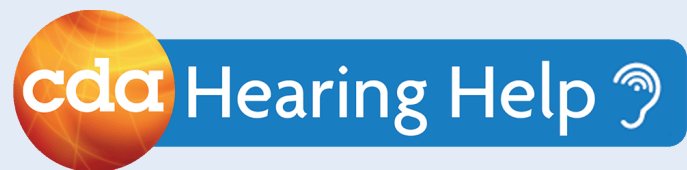
Join us for:

- games
- cafe (small charges will apply)
- a space to hang out with friends
- homework area

For more information, scan the QR code or email Ange on ahoile@cambridgeyfc.uk



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NHS Hearing Aid Maintenance Centre

We clean, re-tube and supply batteries for NHS hearing aids. We do not provide hearing aids or hearing tests. Meeting on the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Priory Centre, Priory Lane, St Neots PE19 2BH. From 1:30pm am to 3:30pm. No appointment necessary, just pop in. Interested in volunteering with us?

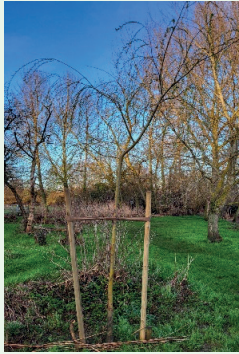
Visit www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk or phone: **01223 4166 141**.

Dog Walkers

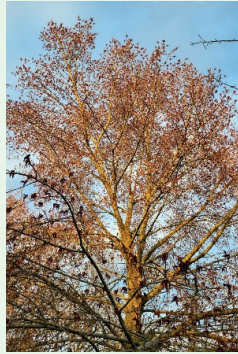
It is great to get some exercise and walk dogs in and around the Eatons but please remember to pick up your dog's mess and don't let others suffer with mucky smelly shoes and clothes. It really is not pleasant and has been proved to be a health hazard – **so please don't forget to clean up after your dog!**



The original 6.5 acres of the Pightle are well covered with trees. A mixture of self-sown hawthorn, elder, chestnut etc. plus a large number of trees donated to celebrate an anniversary or to commemorate a loved one. In between there are some areas left as meadows to encourage wildflowers.



The riverbank has been opened up over the years with just a few trees left for balance. Several Black Poplars were planted early on and include the rare female variety. They are in the Northeast corner on the riverbank.



The new area of 3.5 acres is divided by the path to the Willow Bridge. To the South, next to Castle Mount, is Giles Gardens, to be planted mostly with fruit and nut trees to encourage wildlife. To the North, East of the Cricket Ground is McNish Wood, where we will plant larger trees that are not common in the original Pightle.

Over the last two years we have planted many fruit trees in Giles Gardens, each well staked, mulched, and tagged.

The tag #s are recorded alongside details of the tree using What-3-Words.

Tag no.	Full name of tree	What-3-Words Location
113	Cherry - Avium Sweetheart	///cheesy.adhesive.reclining
114	Apple - Granny Smith	///grunt.quarrel.woven
115	Cherry - Avium Sunburst	///grower.clothed.refreshed
116	Apple - Worcester Pearmain	///reflector.corrupted.marked
117	Cherry - Avium Stella	///mice.without.barrel



If you want to discuss having a tree planted, or would like to help to maintain and develop the Pightle, please contact Peter Bradford: Email: chair@eatonsoconpightle.org.uk or call 07747 807002

Pal of the Pightle

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

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.

To become a Pal, please download the 'Pal of the Pightle' form from our website eatonsoconpightle.org.uk/Pals.aspx then send this, or your donation, to ESCA, 3 Collingwood Road, Eaton Socon, St Neots, PE19 8JQ

Anglo Saxon Day! Saturday 27th July

Find out about Anglo Saxon life, including weapons, basket weaving, entertainment & much more!



Tickets must be booked online here: stneotsmuseum.org.uk

Family

Walks

Events

Exhibitions



You're guaranteed a warm welcome at St Neots Library, with something for everyone throughout the week.

Library membership is free, and we have a large selection of books to borrow, along with free online books, magazines, newspapers and audiobooks.

Our friendly and knowledgeable staff are always on hand to help find information about local services and resources. The library has free Wi-Fi, public computers and study space, along with seating areas and daily newspapers to read.

We have activities through the week for all ages, including rhyme time and story time, family activities and clubs for children. We have a knitting group and regular talks for adults.

On Tuesday mornings we have an IT drop-in session for those who need a little help with using technology such as mobile phones, tablets and laptops. This runs from 10.00-12.00, no booking required. Staff can also assist with renewing or applying for a bus pass at any time.

For more information about the library and our events, please visit: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library or pop into the library during opening hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9.30am-5.00pm

Wednesday: 1.30pm-7.00pm and Saturday: 9.30am-4.00pm

HiVIS Event

Following the success of last year's Hi-Vis event, we would love to invite you to attend this year.

We are hosting this event in conjunction with Cambridgeshire Libraries and this year's event will be held 10am -12 noon on Friday 14th June at Huntingdon Library.

The event is being held during HiVIS Fortnight which is an annual campaign bringing public libraries and blind and partially sighted people together in an effort to improve access to books and information. Members of the public will be able to seek advice and try out devices whilst also discovering the services that are available to them from Cambridgeshire Libraries.

This is a free event, no goods will be on sale, partners are giving us their time, expertise and equipment as a commitment to community engagement and informal learning.



HUNTS BLIND & VISION IMPAIRED

St Neots Astronomical Association SNAA.co.uk

We meet at Paxton Pits visitor centre (PE19 6ET) on the First Monday of the Month (Second Monday if its a bank holiday).

Our summer season of speakers starts in April.

- Monday 13th May Astronomy talk by Mike Frost
- Monday 3rd June Solar watch see the sun in realtime with our Solar scope. Starts 6.00
- Monday 1st July Solar watch and a talk - Our nearest star The Sun by Hugh Philips Starts 6.00
- Monday Aug 5th Searching for our sun's sisters by Paul Fellows.

Do you need help setting up your telescope or finding stellar objects then come along to the St Neots Astronomy club. we can help set up your telescope in minutes and show you how to find stellar objects with our laser guided sky tours.

Non Members welcome - The first visit is free

St Neots Volunteer Centre & Community Car Scheme

St Neots has a great community vibe with lots of local groups and activities, from lunch clubs to miniature railways, environment watch groups to entrepreneurship, walking groups to man caves.

And at the Volunteer Centre we want to help support and build on this, working with other organisations in the area to bring the help and activities to those who would benefit.

If you are a community group, charity, or not-for-profit we can help find you the volunteers you need, advertise your events, and help with networking.

Want to volunteer?

We can give guidance on some of the volunteering roles in the area, helping match you and your skills to suitable opportunities. You can learn new skills, build experience, and meet new people.

Volunteering looks great on your CV, but its benefits are much more wide ranging than that; helping alleviate loneliness, improving mental and physical health, enhancing your community, and helping others.

But we are not just a volunteer brokerage system...

We have an active **Community Car Scheme** based in our office, run by a great team of volunteer drivers and administrators.

This service is for anyone who needs to make essential journeys (e.g. for appointments etc) where no suitable public transport exists, and for individuals with mobility difficulties. And we cover not only the local area of St Neots, but further afield such as Cambridge, Peterborough, & Bedford Hospitals.

If you think the Community Car Scheme may be able to help you, or you know of anyone in the St Neots area who could benefit from it, please get in touch with the office.

Our drivers all have one thing in common – their dedication to the community of St Neots and their willingness to give up their free time to support that community. Drivers use their own vehicles and are all DBS checked; journeys cost just 45p a mile (min £2) plus a £1 booking fee.

If you would like more information on the Car Scheme or wish to register for the service please telephone **01480 476 047 / 07869 714 680**.

To learn more about volunteering, how we can help your organisation, or the work of the Volunteer Centre in St Neots you can

email stneots@hunsvvc.org.uk

or telephone **01480 476 047**



British Gymnastics Foundation
Love to Move

When?
NEW! EVERY MONDAY FROM 8th Jan 2024
Love to Move 10am, everyone welcome.
No need to book, just turn up, its FREE

Where?
McNish Court, Grenville Way, Eaton Socon, St Neots, PE19 8PE
Come along to the Lounge Room

For more info:
Jane Thomas 07731097236
Anne Taylor 07702363898
jane.thomas@britishgymnasticsfoundation.org
anne.taylor@housing21.org.uk

'Love to Move' with Jane & Sylvie
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Stay for a cuppa.

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Are you struggling to get out and about* and love reading?
We can provide you with:
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• Tailored choice of books/audiobooks
• Useful health information
• Time to have a chat
• A free service – donations welcome



To find out more contact:
volunteers@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
Telephone: **01223 706803, 07425 615685 or 07342 700308**
If you could spare some time to volunteer and visit a reader, please contact us (above).

* e.g. physical/mental ill health, caring responsibilities.



Be there for cats by becoming a fosterer volunteer

St Neots, Huntingdon & St Ives Branch of Cats Protection needs fosterers to provide temporary homes for cats and kittens who are waiting for a forever home.

If you could open your door to a cat in need, contact the branch to find out more about fostering and other volunteer roles.

E: volunteering@stneots.cats.org.uk
www.cats.org.uk/stneots/volunteering



Reg Charity 203644 (England and Wales) and SCO37711 (Scotland)

Dates for History Groups

Roxton & District Local History Group

Thursdays Roxton Village Hall

June 6th – Life at Norman Cross

July 4th – It's a Hole-A big, big Hole: The Extraction Industry and the Bedfordshire Landscape

August 1st – possible outside visit

September 5th – SOE and the Lysander

Colmworth and Neighbours History Society

Fridays Colmworth Village Hall 7.30pm

17th May – *Eleanor Jack* – Humphry Repton and the Red Book of Waresley

21st June – *Richard Storey* – Grafham Water

20th September – *British Antarctic Survey* – The Polar Strip

St Neots Local History Group

Normal meetings held at Eynesbury Primary School off Montagu Street, Eynesbury starting at 7.30 pm.

3rd May – The Rise and Decline of the Victorian Reading Room in East Anglia – *Sarah Doig*

7th June – Saints, Sinners, and a Loaf of Bread (Bedfordshire Churches Part 4) – *David Longman*

5th July – Walk – Abbotsley – *led by Sue Sylvester*

2nd August – Walk – Crime and Punishment in 19th Century St Neots – *led by Chris Jones*

6th September – Frank Fenner - Hero or Villain? – *Nigel Fenner*
For further details see www.stneotslhs.org.uk

ESCAN Deliveries

Thank you if you have offered to deliver our newsletters. It would be wonderful to have one or two more volunteers – especially in Crosshall Road and the

north end of Monarch Road. We also need volunteers to deliver to Wyboston - The Lane and Rookery Road, Duloe and Staploe, Edinburgh Drive etc. Eaton Socon, Crosshall Road from the end of the Meadows up to the top plus Saville Close and The Golf Club, Great North Road from the Eaton Oak up to the new houses beyond Crosshall Manor plus Eaton Close, Duloe Brook, Edinburgh Drive, Wyboston west of the A1, Silverweed and roads off.

We deliver to over 6,000 homes, three times a year. We have a staunch band of volunteers but it is becoming more difficult for some of them to take on any more, plus two or three have stepped down for various reasons.

If you think you could help out, just to do part of a road will be fine, please contact Julia Hayward on **(01480) 210 097** or Carole Robson on **(01480) 218 755**.



Eatons Art Group – Every Tuesday morning between 9.30am and 12pm at The Scout Hut, Mill Hill Road Eaton Ford.
Tel: 07914 928 469

Evergreen Club – Tues 1.30pm Ex-Services Club, School Lane.
Tel: 01480 215 499 or 476 216

St Neots Acorn cancer support group – First Wednesday of each month, 10.15am at McNish Court at Eaton Socon

Wednesday Morning group – Wed 10am at Hanover Close.
Tel: 01480 350 063

Wednesday Welcome – Wed 3pm at Eaton Socon Church

If you would like your group mentioned please email ESCA:
eatonsca@gmail.com

ST NEOTS MAN CAVE

With the first year complete, the St Neots Mancave is becoming a big part of the community support network. The year has seen us play a huge part in the St Neots Festival, creating a number of the signs and probably the most photographed blocks St Neots has ever had.

Schools, church groups and the NHS have all benefitted from Cave projects. At Christmas we concentrated on making Christmas Trees made out of pallet wood. January will see us back focusing on bird boxes, Hedgehog houses and planters, as well as refurbishing bikes and furniture.

Interested? We are open Tuesdays 09.00 until 13.00 and Thursdays 13.00 until 17.00

Find us at Cemetery Road, St Neots PE19 2BX

St Neots & District Gardening Club

St Neots & District Gardening Club meetings
@ St Mary's Church Hall, Brook St St Neots.

All meetings start at 7.30, members £2.00,
Non members welcome £2.50.

April 25th. Herbs, Culinary, Cultivation and Folklore
A presentation by Jacqueline Aviolet

May 23rd. Hedgehogs
A presentation by Suzanne Tibbetts

June 27th. The Rewilding of the Great Fen
A presentation By Kate Carver

July 25th. The history of Peckover House Gardens and the impact of climate change on the garden
A presentation by Louise Gardener

Saturday August 10th. Annual Summer Show at The Jubilee Hall Eaton Socon (PE19 8GW) open to visitors at 2pm

Check out our facebook page for more information and latest news.

Eaton Socon Trefoil Guild



Anyone over 18 is welcome to join Trefoil Guild we are a small friendly group with average of nine members attending so please get in touch and come along to visit one of our meetings.

We usually hold our monthly evening meetings on the **first Tuesday of each month from 7.30pm**; venue varies depending what we are doing that month.

In addition to our monthly meetings we are often invited to join with other local Trefoil Guild groups for various activities and events including day trips and breaks away. We also get invited to assist with Girguiding activities during the year. Each January we plan our activities for that year.

Please e-mail: eatonsocontrefoilguild@gmail.com for more information.

We look forward to meeting and making friends with new people.

Judith Follon, Chairman Eaton Socon Trefoil Guild

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