



# ESCAN

Your FREE Community Newsletter



Eatons Community Association - Registered Charity No.1110148

[www.escan.org.uk](http://www.escan.org.uk)

May to September 2025

## Eatons May Day Celebrations

Monday 5 May 2025, on Eaton Socon Green at 12-4pm.

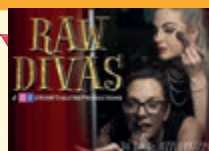
- 12pm Stalls Open
- 2pm Crowning of the May Court
- 3pm Community Cup
- 4pm Grand Raffle

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

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 **3pm** at the stage to see the presentation.



Do get in touch if you'd like to find out more: [eatonsca@gmail.com](mailto:eatonsca@gmail.com) or [ESCAMayday@outlook.com](mailto:ESCAMayday@outlook.com)



## The Cage opening

Sundays 25 May, 29 June and 27 July, 2-5pm

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 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**

## Neat Street Update

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in Neat Street. We're grateful for your enthusiasm and hard work.

To conserve funds and focus on events that reach more people, Neat Street will be on hold until further notice. We appreciate your understanding and continued support as we strive to make the biggest impact to the most people with limited funds.

## Help prevent flooding

Blocked drains lead to flooding, but a little effort from us all can help prevent it. Over winter, leaves and debris built up – now's the time to clear paths and drains before summer showers arrive.



If we each do our bit to keep drains clear, it could make a real difference. Let's take pride in our village and help prevent future flooding!

*From a local resident*

## One ESCAN publication per year

To make the best use of our limited resources, we're moving to one newsletter a year, covering events from May to September – but look out for key updates from ESCA in other local St Neots publications. Please show your continued support by joining our events.

## Eatons Open Gardens

Sunday 22 June 2025 1:30-5:30pm  
£3.00 per person

Explore a variety of beautiful gardens – big, small, wild or neat – each with something special to inspire. Wander, admire, and local up the charm of some local gardens.

Could your garden bring joy to others? We'd love more gardens to take part, no matter the size or style.

**Programmes with maps available from Eaton Socon Green from about 1pm.**

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## 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!**



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## Useful Telephone Numbers

<b>Street Lighting</b>	<b>0800 783 8247</b>
report the number on the lamp-post, the street name and town.	
<b>St Neots Town Council</b>	<b>01480 388 911</b>
<b>Police</b>	<b>01480 456 111</b>
<b>Gas Emergency</b>	<b>0800 111 999</b>
<b>Electricity Emergency</b>	
24 Seven	<b>0800 783 8838</b>
EME	<b>0800 056 8090</b>
<b>Water Emergencies</b>	<b>08457 145 145</b>
<b>Huntingdonshire District Council</b>	
General Enquiries	<b>01480 388 388</b>
Out of Hours Emergencies	<b>01480 434 167</b>
Fly Tipping	<b>0870 850 6506</b>
<b>Local Halls</b>	
Jubilee Hall	<b>01480 219 933</b>
St Marys Church Hall Eaton Socon	<b>01480 352 154</b>
Eatons Community Centre	<b>01480 388 922</b>
Eaton Socon Sports Assoc Hall	<b>07737 431 909</b>
United Reformed Church	<b>07366 058 861</b>
<b>Doctors Surgeries</b>	
Eaton Socon Health Centre	<b>01480 210 000</b>
Cedar House Surgery	<b>01480 406 677</b>
Almond Road Surgery	<b>01480 473 413</b>
<b>Eaton Socon Children's Centre, Bushmead Rd</b>	<b>01480 372 700</b>
<b>Bushmead School</b>	<b>01480 375 375</b>
<b>Crosshall Infants School</b>	<b>01480 475 980</b>
<b>Crosshall Junior School</b>	<b>01480 475 972</b>
<b>Community Car Scheme</b>	<b>01480 476 047</b>
<b>Foodbank</b>	<b>01480 475 426</b>



## Useful Websites

ESCA	<a href="http://www.escan.org.uk">www.escan.org.uk</a>
St Neots Town Council	<a href="http://www.stneots-tc.gov.uk">www.stneots-tc.gov.uk</a>
Cedar House Surgery & Eaton Socon Health Centre:	<a href="http://www.lakesidestneots.co.uk">www.lakesidestneots.co.uk</a>
Cedar House Surgery	<a href="http://www.cedarhousesurgery.net">www.cedarhousesurgery.net</a>
St Neots Archives Group	<a href="http://www.st-neots.ccan.co.uk">www.st-neots.ccan.co.uk</a>
Paxton Pits	<a href="http://www.paxton-pits.org.uk">www.paxton-pits.org.uk</a>
Sudbury Meadow	<a href="http://www.sudburymeadow.org.uk">www.sudburymeadow.org.uk</a>
St Marys Church	<a href="http://www.eatonsocon.org">www.eatonsocon.org</a>
Pightle	<a href="http://www.eatonsoconpightle.org.uk">www.eatonsoconpightle.org.uk</a>
Bushmead School	<a href="http://www.bushmeadprimaryschool.co.uk">www.bushmeadprimaryschool.co.uk</a>
Duloe, Staploe and Honeydon	<a href="http://www.staploe-pc.gov.uk">www.staploe-pc.gov.uk</a>
River Church	<a href="http://www.riverchurchstneots.co.uk">www.riverchurchstneots.co.uk</a>
St Neots Children's Centres	<a href="http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/childrenscentres">www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/childrenscentres</a>



## Who's Who at ESCA

<b>Chair</b>	Lisa Coyne	<i>Committee</i>
<b>Secretary</b>	Sheila Kent	Christine Andrews
<b>Treasurer</b>	vacant	Barry Chapman
<b>May Day administrator</b>	Lisa Coyne	Rosemary Chapman
<b>Acting ESCAN co-ordinator</b>	Kasia Jenkinson	Kasia Jenkinson
<b>Magazine design</b>	Sara Foyle	Paul Rayner
<b>Town Council Reps</b>	Colin Maslen 01480 214493,	
	Vivienne Hitchin	

## Dates for your diary

### Services at St Mary's Eaton Socon

#### Weekly services

**Sunday 9am** (Traditional)    **Sunday 10.30am** (Contemporary)  
**Wednesday 9am** (Reflective)

**Sundays: 25 May; 22 June; 28 September (6pm) – Sharing Life Through Learning**

An opportunity to go deeper into God's word.

Refreshments from 5.50pm.

**Sundays: 18 May; 15 June (2:00-3:30pm) – HIVE**

This group is aimed at children (of any age) who have additional needs or disabilities and their siblings and parents/guardians.

**Sundays: 11 May; 8 June; 13 July; 10 August; 14 September (3:00-4:30pm off site) – 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 5 May**

Come and join us for May Day festivities from **12noon until 4pm**. Activities for all the family.

**Mondays (term time 10am-12pm) – Café on the Green.**

Come and join us for tea, coffee, cake, chat and friendship.

**Monday: 19 May; 16 June; 21 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 12 May; 2 June; 7 July; 4 August; 1 September (9:30-12:30pm) – Creation Care Working Party.** Come along and help tidy our lovely churchyard, drink coffee and chat.

**Thursdays 29 May; 26 June; 25 September (12noon) – Thursday Lunch Club.**

Fellowship and food with a two-course meal. £4.00pp for adults. Booking essential.

**Holiday Club: 28 July to 1 August (9am-12pm)**

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](mailto:cfcw@eatonsocon.org)

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

Tel: **01480 352 154** (Tues-Thursday 9:00-11:30am)

See website [www.eatonsocon.org](http://www.eatonsocon.org) for full details of events.

### Little Barford Church

Ascension Day Service Thursday 29th May at 7pm. This is a pretty little Church in Little Barford and opens for services twice a year at Christmas and Ascension. It has no electricity or heating, so the services are candlelit. You may need to wear something warm if it's chilly.

### St Neots Sinfonia and St Neots Choral Society Summer Concert

**Sat 28 June at 7:30pm** at St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon.  
 Joint concert with St Neots Choral Society, to include works by Sullivan, Vivaldi and Handel

Tickets £10 on the door (cash only), or in advance by phone (**01480 213 884**) or via TicketSource ([www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-neots-sinfonia](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-neots-sinfonia) – additional charge applies).

**Copy date for the next edition of ESCAN for news, adverts and information – Monday 8th February 2026**

Please send ESCAN letters and adverts to: [eatonsca@gmail.com](mailto:eatonsca@gmail.com) or address: ESCA, 9 Byng Close, Eaton Socon PE19 8PS



## 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.

## St Neots Folk Club

A club for acoustic, traditional, roots and contemporary folk music. Professional quality guests from the folk and festival circuit, plus local singers and songwriters. We meet every **Tuesday evening 7:30-9:45pm**. At the Eatons Community Centre, The Maltings PE19 8ES. We have a very comprehensive programme on the go at the moment. Please contact us for further information on [www.stneotsfolkclub.co.uk](http://www.stneotsfolkclub.co.uk)

## Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

**Adviceline: 0808 278 7807**

Monday to Friday 9:30am-3:30pm

**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](http://www.citizensadvice.ruralcambs.org.uk)**

Information also available on our website at

**[www.citizensadvice.ruralcambs.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.ruralcambs.org.uk)**

or at **[www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://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.



## Little Paxton Gardening Club

*"Where gardening and friendships blossom"*

May is our last monthly club meeting before we break for our Summer Club Visits Programme, so join us as usual at **Little Paxton Village Hall at 8pm**

### Wednesday 7 May: Nigel Start – Getting to Grips with Pruning.

Nigel, a self-employed garden designer and lecturer will talk about pruning techniques for fruit and other garden trees; the correct tools to use and when, how and where to prune your trees.

### Saturday 17 May: 10am-2pm – Gardening Club Spring Plant Sale, Grove Road, Little Paxton.

Vegetables and summer flowering plants, at bargain prices!

### Saturday 12 July: 12-5pm, Plant Sale at Paxfest, QE11 Playing Fields. A wide variety of plants for sale, plus find out more about our club.

Visitors are always very welcome – £4 per meeting (£1 for members) which includes light refreshments.

For further information, please contact  
**Paula Hayward: 07717 846 712**



## Cricket for 1.5–8 year olds

Fun sessions for boys and girls that will give your child an introduction to cricket whilst also developing co-ordination, agility, athleticism and confidence!



Get in touch with us...

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## Walk & Talk 4 Men – St Neots

We offer a safe space for men to talk whilst taking a leisurely walk. Our gatherings occur every Saturday at 9.15am outside the Ambience Café in Riverside Park, where we have a leisurely 2-3 mile walk and chat followed by a warming cup of coffee. There's no need to book, just turn up.

Follow us on Facebook **Walk & Talk 4 Men St Neots** or visit our website [www.walkandtalk4menstneots.co.uk](http://www.walkandtalk4menstneots.co.uk)

For more information, email:  
[walkandtalk4menstneots@gmail.com](mailto:walkandtalk4menstneots@gmail.com)

## St Neots Probuss 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 812 938** or email [stneotsprobusssec@gmail.com](mailto:stneotsprobusssec@gmail.com)

## Textile Bank

In the current calendar year we have received £916 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.



## ESCAN DELIVERIES

**We're looking for volunteers.** We need a **Delivery Coordinator** and a **Content Coordinator** to help keep ESCAN running! Get involved by emailing [eatonsca@gmail.com](mailto:eatonsca@gmail.com) now!

My name is Amy and I am a leader, Barn Owl, at the **5th Eaton Socon Brownies pack** in St Neots. My mission is to involve the children in a host of activities to not only advance their skills but also their impact in the community.

Over coming weeks we are following the East Anglian Air Ambulance's Challenge Badge workbooks. We have already learnt First Aid skills, made flags about the four counties supported by the East Anglian Air Ambulance, designed our own uniform and helicopters and played helicopter games. We are going to undergo CPR training, as I believe everybody should know this lifesaving skill. The girls are really enthusiastic about taking part in this challenge as they feel they are helping their community - it is an added bonus that there is a badge to go alongside!

The East Anglian Air Ambulance is an amazing cause to support and that's where you come in. We are looking to raise money for the charity and are therefore going to be completing some fundraising activities. As a group we have many ideas - my favourite is the sponsored silence although I am not sure how long that will last.

If possible, we would love for you to donate any amount to our cause by either scanning the donate QR code below or by typing this link (<https://bit.ly/4iDzmcn>) into a search engine.

We really appreciate your generosity. Thank you.



Scan me

**New** - local Brownie unit open on Mondays, for 7-11 year old girls, at Crosshall Infant School.

If you would like your child to join (who can be attending any school) register your interest by scanning the QR code.



## Youth Cafe

All term time only

**Mondays 3:30-5pm**

**St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon PE19 8EJ**

**Tuesdays 3:30-5pm**

**St Neots Evangelical Church, Cambridge Street PE19 1PL**

For both cafes, we have **5-5:30pm** faith exploration groups

Our Youth Cafes are free for those in School years 7-13, with supportive adults on hand for a chat. Join us for:

- games
- cafe
- crafts
- a space to hang out with friends
- homework area

For more information, scan the QR code or email Ange on [ahoile@cambridgeyfc.uk](mailto:ahoile@cambridgeyfc.uk)



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**Anna Hayward** (she/her) MNCS(Accred.)

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## 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.

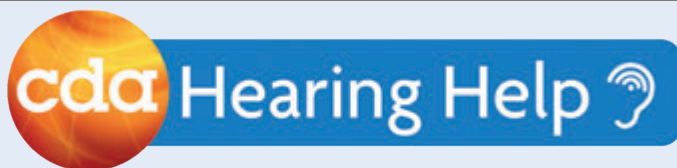
If you are struggling with modern technology there is an IT help group. In fact there are so many groups and topics covered that the list seems endless. Of course if there is something you are interested in, there is always the possibility of starting up a group covering that topic.

In addition to these groups, that generally meet once a week, there is also the Monthly Meeting (2:00pm at the Eatons Community 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

<http://stneots.u3asite.uk/welcome>



## 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, 2-4pm, New Street Baptist Church, 22 New Street, Saint Neots PE19 1AE. No appointment necessary, just pop in.

Interested in volunteering with us?

Visit [www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk](http://www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk) or phone: 01223 4166 141



We have recently been awarded a Grant from the HDC **Biodiversity For All** project. The Grant is to develop a wetland "Bog Garden" within the Pightle. This will provide a different type of habitat, and we hope to increase the number of frogs, newts, snakes etc that thrive in wetland areas.

The Grant followed on from an Ecological Survey of the entire site carried out by HDC Ecologists last year, which has provided detailed information on the flora and fauna in the Pightle, and ideas on how we can better support nature. We are extremely grateful for this support from our District Council.



The Bog Garden will be developed in Giles Gardens, down towards the Moorings and to the South side of the path to the Willow Bridge.

Over the next few months, we will excavate the area, add a gravel drainage layer under a membrane, refill with soil, and then plant a wide selection of "boggy" plants.

We aim to make the new garden easily accessible to everyone.

If you would like to have a tree planted, a bench installed, or would like to help to maintain and develop the Pightle please contact Peter Bradford:

Email: [chair@eatonsoconpightle.org.uk](mailto:chair@eatonsoconpightle.org.uk)  
or call: 07747 807 002.



## 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](http://www.eatonsoconpightle.org.uk/Pals.aspx) then send this, or your donation, to ESCA, 3 Collingwood Road, Eaton Socon, St Neots, PE19 8JQ



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

Library membership is free.

We have a large selection of books, free online books, magazines, newspapers and audiobooks, to borrow.



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. Plus a knitting group and regular talks for adults.

Tuesday mornings **10am-12pm** (no booking required) we hold an IT drop-in session for those needing a little help with technology, such as mobile phones, tablets and laptops. 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](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library) or pop in when open:

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30am-5pm**

**Wednesday 1:30pm-7pm and Saturday 9:30am-4pm**

Be there for cats  
by becoming a

## fosterer volunteer



St Neots, Huntingdon and 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.

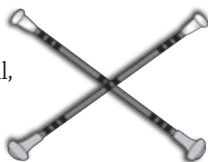
E: [volunteering@stneots.cats.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@stneots.cats.org.uk)  
[www.cats.org.uk/stneots/volunteering](http://www.cats.org.uk/stneots/volunteering)



## Sentinels Majorettes

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

For more details contact Ann Steel on  
**07401 421 363**, or email: [steel1932@outlook.com](mailto:steel1932@outlook.com)



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Mob: **07718 957 281**

Email: [d.morizzo@ntlworld.com](mailto:d.morizzo@ntlworld.com)



## Defibs in the town

There are 10 defibs in the town and some are more accessible than others as some are in shops or other buildings which may be closed. If you think you need to use a defib then phone 999 and they will tell you where the nearest one is that is accessible and the

code to open the cabinet to get the defib.

If one is not available then this is recorded on their system and they should not send you to that location.

## 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 it's a bank holiday).

**12 May:** Things with Rings by Paul Fellows

**2 June:** Solar observing, plus Our nearest star The Sun by Hugh Philps

**7 July:** Solar observing plus "Amateur studies of Mars 2024-2025" by Richard McKim

**4 August:** Meteorites by Andrew Morse

Checkout our website for our Solar watches which have an earlier start time: **SNAA.co.uk**

Non Members welcome – the first visit is free.



## Eaton Socon Trefoil Guild



Trefoil is open to everyone aged 18 and over and is a fantastic opportunity to make new friends for life. Trefoil members get involved in an exciting programme of activities, learn new skills, or listen to fascinating speakers.

Eaton Socon Trefoil Guild meets on the **first Tuesday of the month** at **7:30pm** in a variety of locations.

Our programme for the coming months follows:

**6 May:** Ice cream and fudge making

**3 June:** Environmental conservation action with Grow Wild St Neots

**1 July:** Penny Hike Mystery Tour and chips!

**5 August:** bring and share picnic with campfire singing St Neots Riverside Park;

**2 September:** Axe throwing, Peterborough

If you would like to make new friends and are interested in joining our meetings please email for more details:  
[eatonsocontrefoilguild@gmail.com](mailto:eatonsocontrefoilguild@gmail.com)

We will also be present at the May Day celebration, do stop by and say hello.

## St Neots Community Car Scheme

This service is for anyone who needs to make essential journeys – such as shopping, medical appointments, and social visits – where no suitable public transport exists.

Volunteer drivers use their own vehicles, and we cover St Neots and the wider Huntingdonshire area. Please let us know at the time of booking if you require assistance, use a wheelchair or scooter, or have an assistance dog. We recommend booking at least five days in advance, though we understand this isn't always possible.

Costs: 45p per mile (min £2) plus a £2 booking fee, payable to the driver.

We are looking for volunteer drivers and administrators.

Drivers can choose their own availability and receive 45p per mile. Administrators assist with bookings and provide a friendly voice for clients.



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## Committee Spot

Key roles have been temporarily filled, but ESCA still relies on volunteers to keep things running. To ensure our community association thrives, we need more people to get involved.

If you can help in any way, please contact the committee at  
[eatonsca@gmail.com](mailto:eatonsca@gmail.com)



## Dates for History Groups

### Roxton & District Local History Group

Thursdays Roxton Village Hall  
7pm for 7:30pm start

- 1 May: Life at Norman Cross – *Stuart Orme*
- 5 June: Work of an archivist – *Pamela Birch*
- 3 July: History of St John's Ambulance – *Gill Price*
- 4 September: Pioneering Woman in Motoring – *Debbie Land*

### Colmworth and Neighbours History Society

Fridays Colmworth Village Hall 7:30pm

- 16 May: Wrest, Women and Inheritance – *Adam Smith*
- 19 September: A Lapful of Windfalls – *Mark Steinhardt*

### St Neots Local History Society

Normal meetings held at Eynesbury Primary School,  
off Montagu Street, Eynesbury starting at 7:30pm

- 2 May: Stranger Roman Things at Alconbury – *Paddy Lambert*
- 6 June: Tempsford, Willington, the Danes and some Bedfordshire Moats – *Stephen Coleman*
- 5 September: Harpur's Bedford – *Pamela Birch*

## Bellringing

We have continued to ring from 10.00-10.30 for service at St Mary's most Sunday mornings and also manage to practice most Wednesday evenings from 8.00-9.00pm. We do have to rely on ringers from other towers to achieve this. We have not had any national events to ring for this year.

If you feel you would like to try bell ringing we would be happy to teach anybody from the age of 12 years upwards, please contact me by email on michael-j-matthews@hotmail.com

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Michael and Sue Matthews

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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 9.00am-1.00pm and Thursdays 1.00-5.00pm**

**Find us at Cemetery Road, St Neots PE19 2BX**

## St Neots & District Gardening Club

Meet at St Mary's Church Hall, Brook Street, St Neots.

All open meetings are on **Thursday's at 7:30pm**, members £3.00, non-members welcome £4.00

**22 May: Hanging Baskets**, a presentation by Karen Clearly of Bootsies Plant Nursery

**26 Jun:** TBA

**24 July: Chemical Warfare (and Cooperation) in the Garden**, a presentation by Dr Gwenda Kyd

**Saturday, 16 Aug: The Annual Summer Show** in The Jubilee Hall opens at 2pm

**25 Sept: The Annual General Meeting** and suggestions for open meetings and visit.



**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.

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