



ESCAN

Your FREE Community Newsletter



Eatons Community Association - Registered Charity No.1110148

www.escan.org.uk

January to April 2025

WE NEED YOU

Committee Spot

At ESCA's AGM in October, you failed to elect a Chairman, a Treasurer, and an ESCAN editor, as there was very little response to our plea in the last issue. Therefore please do not expect the remaining committee members to be able to provide the same service to the community as they have for the last 45 years. If you would be interested in any of the vacant positions, or helping in any other way, please contact the committee via email: eatonsca@gmail.com

ESCA Annual Grant Presentations

At the recent Eatons Community Association Annual General Meeting, held on Monday 21st October at Eaton Socon St Mary's Church, the Association handed out over £1,500 to various well-deserving local causes. The total amount included funds given from St Neots Town Council to ESCA to distribute to local Eatons organisations on behalf of the Council, where the groups concerned do not qualify for standard grants from the Council. This year donations were presented to, among

others, Eaton Socon Brownies, Eaton Socon Guides, Eaton Socon Pre School, The Pightle, the Friday Friendship Club, the Wednesday Welcome Club, the Church Craft Group, Little Miracles, St Neots Acorn Cancer Support, and some of the local artistes who came along to entertain the crowds on May Day such as Black Cat Radio, Bushmead School, St Neots Sentinels Majorettes, and Tenyo Dojo. The presentations were made by May Queen Audrey Chikavhanga and May Princess Ajagbe Oluwabusayo.



AGM presentation 2024



St Neots Initiative Sue Jarrett Award for Services to the Community

Thank You

Each year the St Neots Initiative presents an award, in memory of the late Sue Jarrett, to someone from St Neots who has given exceptional voluntary service to the community. This year's winners and runner-up were both from the Eatons.

The winners were Jim and Pam Fitzgerald for their work with the River Church, especially for organising the Christmas Lunch, and the runner-up was our very own Julia Hayward, for her many years of service with ESCA, notably as May Day Organiser.



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Let's make a difference

My carers tell me the paths are getting slippery now the leaves are falling down. They also tell me the road sweeper has been seen in the village on at least 3 days after my letter to the council.

If a group of volunteers could get together, clean the paths and the tops of the drains, and put the rubbish in green bins, what a difference it would make to our village.

From a local resident


C & A Hurst Opticians
Registered Opticians
& Contact Lenses
359, Great North Road Eaton Socon
Telephone: 01480 406002

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 388 911
Police	01480 456 111
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 388 388
Out of Hours Emergencies	01480 434 167
Fly Tipping	01480 388 640
Local Halls	
Jubilee Hall	01480 392 733
St Marys Church Hall Eaton Socon	01480 352 154
Eatons Community Centre	01480 388 922
Eaton Socon Sports Assoc Hall	07917 017 048
United Reformed Church	07366 058 861
Doctors Surgeries	
Eaton Socon Health Centre	01480 210 000
Cedar House Surgery	01480 406 677
Almond Road Surgery	01480 473 413
Eaton Socon Children's Centre, Bushmead Rd	01480 358 340
Bushmead School	01480 375 375
Crosshall Infants School	01480 475 980
Crosshall Junior School	01480 475 972
Community Car Scheme	01480 476 047
Foodbank	01480 475 426



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

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

Dates for your diary

Services at St Mary's Eaton Socon

For all enquiries, please contact the Church Office
office@eatonsocon.org
 Tel: 01480 352 154 (Tues-Thursday 9:00-11:30am)
 Please visit the Church's website www.eatonsocon.org
 for more details.

Weekly services

Sunday 9am (Traditional)

Sunday 10.30am (Contemporary)

Wednesday 9am (Reflective)

Sundays: 26 Jan; 23 Feb; 23 March; 27 April

6pm – Sharing Life through Learning

An opportunity to go deeper into God's word.

Sundays: 19 Jan; 16 Feb; 23 March; 27 April

2pm – HIVE

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

Thursdays: 30 Jan; 27 Feb; 27 March; 24 April

12 noon – Thursday Lunch Club

Fellowship and Food with a two-course meal.

£5pp for adults. Booking essential.

Easter Services

April 17 – Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30pm.

April 18 – Good Friday Family Service at 10:00am
with Hot cross Buns.

April 18 – Reflections at the Cross.

Come along at 2:00pm and reflect on the meaning of Easter.

April 19 – Easter Eggstravaganza Family Event. Come and join us at 2:00pm for Easter themed fun and games.

April 20 – Easter Day Communion at 9:00am.

April 20 – Easter Day Family Communion at 10:30am.

Easter Sunday at River Church

We invite you to celebrate our Risen Saviour at River Church on Easter Sunday.

We will be meeting at 10:30am on Sunday 20 April at The Eatons Centre, St Neots, PE19 8ES.

For more information visit

www.riverchurchstneots.co.uk

Visitors are welcome!

St Neots Choral Society and Sinfonia

Sat 8 March – concert by St Neots Sinfonia at 7.30pm

St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon.

Programme: Sinfonia in D by CPE Bach, Czech Suite by Dvorak, Clarinet Concerto in A by Mozart, Symphony No. 85 (La Reine) by Haydn.

Tickets are available from Eileen Raggatt on 01480 213884.

Sat 5 April – St Neots Choral Society concert is on at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon.

Programme: Cantata 192 by JS Bach, Crucifixion by Stainer. Tickets available from Jean Searle on 01480 212298.

Concerts conducted by Reg Searle.

Copy date for the next edition of ESCAN for news, adverts and information – Monday 24th February 2025

Please send ESCAN letters and Adverts to ESCA, 3 Collingwood Road, Eaton Socon, St Neots, PE19 8JQ Email: eatonsca@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.

Cricket for 1.5-8s

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...

info@littlecrickets.fun

07305 003044

little-crickets.class4kids.co.uk



Little Paxton Gardening Club

"Where gardening and friendships blossom"

Our monthly club meetings resume in Little Paxton Village Hall at 8pm
Visitors are always very welcome.

We'd love to have you with us!

For more information and fees, please contact:
Paula Haywood **07717 846 712**



Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

Adviceline: 0800 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.org.uk

Information also available on our website at www.citizensadvice.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.



Wednesday Welcome

Meets on Wednesday afternoons (term time only) 3-4pm 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 (generally Term Time)

Eaton Socon Church Hall

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



'Although no words can take away the sorrow that you bear, may it be comforting to know that we are there to care.'



Available
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At Serenity funerals, we understand that planning a funeral involves making difficult decisions. We are here to make that process as clear, open and straightforward as possible. Our goal is to ensure that you receive the best possible service and support, to honour your loved one's memory in the most fitting and dignified way.

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Contact us serenity@serenityfuneralservice.co.uk / www.serenityfuneralservice.co.uk
Independent, local funeral directors based in St Neots covering Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and Peterborough.

Walk & Talk 4 Men – St Neots



SUPPORTING
MENTAL HEALTH

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

For more information, email:
walkandtalk4menstneots@gmail.com

St Neots Probus Club

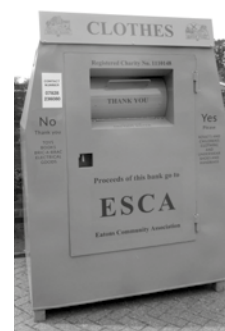
A luncheon club for retired or semi-retired business or professional people, normally aged 60 or over, which meets monthly.

If you are interested please contact the Secretary **01480 812 938** or email stneotsprobusssec@gmail.com

Textile Bank

In the current calendar year we have received £730 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.





Girlguiding Eaton Socon

We had a Christmas concert and the girls all did well performing their Christmas songs to their parents. We also joined other units in St Neots at Cineworld, to watch the Moana 2 film.

Rainbows

Rainbows have been up to a variety of activities from making passports for their teddies, so they can go on their travels, to making scary masks near Halloween.

They also did an amazing job selling poppies at Aldi before Remembrance Sunday.

Brownies

The Brownies have done some paper aeroplane engineering to see how far their planes would travel. They have made some sock puppets and put on a show for the rest of the unit. They had fun for Halloween playing different games.

We are also going to be opening a new unit on Mondays in Eaton Socon, which will give opportunities for more girls to get involved in Guiding. The unit will be opening in January.

Guides and Rangers

We stayed overnight at Shepreth Zoo, where we got to see behind the scenes of the Zoo at night and in the morning, before opening times. The girls made a scent towel by spraying a collection of perfumes on a towel for the marmoset as a sensory activity. They have all had a memorable experience.

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 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.

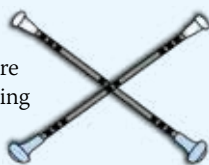
Everyone is welcome to join the u3a, we only have one stipulation, you should not be in full-time employment, we charge a modest annual fee (circa £20) and there is a fee for every meeting (circa £1).

Lots more information can be found on our website <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 311 828**, 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.

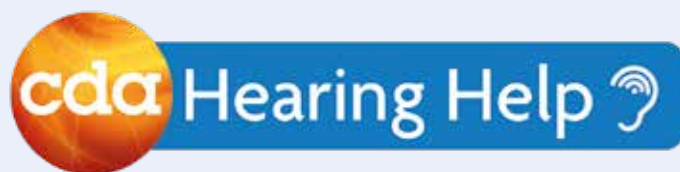
Join us for:

- 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



Cambridge & District YOUTH FOR CHRIST cambridgeyfc.uk/st-neots



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. Open 1:30-3:30pm. 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!**





As previewed in the previous issue of ESCAN, there was an official opening last month of Derek Giles memorial bench, by Sandie Giles and our mayor, Richard Slade. Many of Derek's family attended along with friends and colleagues from the Council.



Over the last few weeks, we have planted several more memorial trees. With winter fast approaching we will now pause until Spring.



Small plaques are allowed, and spring bulbs can also be planted around the base of the trees.



Last year the local community helped us to plant a mixed hedge alongside the path to the Willow Bridge. The whips have grown significantly.

Next Spring we will plant a similar hedge along our boundary with the moorings, using more whips supplied by the Woodland Trust. We hope that a good crowd will turn out to help us again. Watch out for dates and times.



If you would like to have a tree planted, a bench installed, or you 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

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



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.

On Tuesday mornings there is 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 **10:00am-12:00pm**, 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 in when open:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30am-5:00pm
Wednesday 1:30pm-7:00pm and Saturday 9:30am-4:00pm

FREE Twilight at the Museum

FREE event - explore the museum by torchlight
Friday 21st February 1600 to 2000 - book online



St Neots MUSEUM

Tues - Sat
11 - 4pm

stneotsmuseum.org.uk
#stneotsmuseum



St Neots Museum
Friday 21st February

St Neots Museum, 8 New Street, St Neots
Tel: 01480 214163
Admission Free to Local Residents
Other visitors:
Adults £5.00, Seniors £4.00, Children £2.00
f @stneotsmuseum

Family

Walks

Events

Exhibitions

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).

We are in the winter observing season, if the skies are clear then telescopes will be set up outside with a laser guided sky tour. If cloudy there will be an astronomical talk.

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.



Eaton Socon Trefoil Guild


Trefoil Guild
Eaton Socon

Eaton Socon Trefoil Guild celebrated their 10th Anniversary this year by planting a sweet chestnut tree on The Pightle, the light was fading but the setting sun made a good backdrop for our subsequent walk. We would like to thank Peter Bradford for his help with selecting and planting the tree and for showing us around and explaining the history of The Pightle.



We meet on the **1st Tuesday of the month** and will start

2025 with a zoom call in January to plan our activities for the year. We are hoping to try indoor kurling in February and will be holding our AGM in March with a speaker from Huntingdonshire Society for the Blind talking about vision loss and the charity's work.

If you would like further information about Trefoil Guild or are interested in attending a meeting please email eatonsocontrefoilguild@gmail.com for more details.

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 £2 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@huntsvc.org.uk or telephone **01480 476 047**

EATONS HOME, GARDEN & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE Co.

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Contact Don Morizzo (your local handyman)

Tel: **01480 406 130**

Mob: **07718 957 281**

Email: d.morizzo@ntlworld.com



ESCAN Deliveries

ESCAN is delivered to 6000 homes three times a year, by a small army of volunteers, and assembled by a very small team, to whom we are very grateful!



However, Carole and Julia are retiring and we're looking for volunteers for two very important jobs – first, staying in touch with the deliverers and making sure they get their bags of ESCANs, and second collecting up all the articles and adverts that make ESCAN an interesting read. If you can help our team, please do contact Julia on **(01480) 210 097** or Carole on **(01480) 218 755**



British
Gymnastics
Foundation

Love to Move

When?

NEW! EVERY MONDAY
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
A gentle, fun, seated movement to music programme that will make you smile.
Stay for a cuppa.

Dates for History Groups

Roxton & District Local History Group

Thursdays Roxton Village Hall

January – Christmas Meal

6 February – 'Fine Healthy Leeches' Victorian Medicine in St Neots – *Liz Davies*

6 March – Erik the Bald to Nigel de Albini: the Domesday Book in Bedfordshire – *Brian Kerr*

3 April – Secret Bedfordshire

Colmworth and Neighbours History Society

Fridays Colmworth Village Hall 7.30pm

17 January – Agent Zo: The Life of Elzbieta Zawacka – *Clare Mulley*

21 February – Bletchley Park – *Nick Cooke*

21 March – What Happened Next: The Continuing Story of Colmworth Church – *John Hutchings*

11 April – Overstone Northampton: Excavations from 2019 – *Simon Markus*

St Neots Local History Group

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

10 January – Another day in St Neots 1949, Part 4, a new talk – *Rodney Todman*

7 February – Mrs Cromwell's Cookbook – *Stuart Orme* [+AGM]

7 March – Archaeological Excavations on the A428, Caxton to the Black Cat – *Simon Markus*

4 April – The History of the Bedford and Cambridge Railway – *Stephen Owen*

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

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.



Your FREE Community Newsletter

Would you like to advertise in the next issue of Escan?



Then contact us here: 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 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.

Our meetings restart Thursday 23 January at 7:30pm, members £3.00, Non members welcome £4.00.

23 January: Bulbs, Corms and Tubers, a talk by Barry Gayton

27 February: Burghley Gardens, Past, Present and Future, a talk by Joe Whitehead

27 March: Closer to Nature, a Wilder Garden, a talk by Jim Paine

24 April: How to Make the Most of a Small Garden, a talk by Margaret Nimmo-Smith

5 May: Look for our plant stall at the **Eaton Socon Mayday festival**, we will be selling unusual varieties of Eastern European tomato plants again plus many other plants.



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