



# ESCAN

Your FREE Community Newsletter



Eatons Community Association - Registered Charity No.1110148

October to December 2021

## Chairman's Spot

Last Christmas I'd looked forward to 2021 as the year we bounced back from COVID and resumed normal life – it certainly didn't turn out that way and while we may not have so many limits on what we can do, many people are being understandably very cautious about venturing out and getting involved with community events; not just the largest ones, even little things like opening the Cage up on a Sunday afternoon have fallen rather by the wayside. The saddest part for me is spending so little time out and about with familiar faces.

In the meantime, family and work ties mean that I'll be retiring as Chair this year at the AGM. Fifteen years, starting out as a very raw town councillor, have left me with a lot of very happy memories – from May Days in both sunshine and pouring rain to serving drinks to thirsty concert-goers, from planting bulbs and trees and installing handrails to counting my way through 6,100 ESCANs... it's been tremendous fun and I've made a lot of friends along the way. We're always on the lookout for new volunteers – it is a tremendous experience, with a chance to make a difference to the community in such a variety of ways, and I'm looking forward to seeing what new things ESCA gets up to in the future.

Julia Hayward, Chair

## Grants & AGM

Sadly our hopes of running a belated May Day were dashed – with COVID not retreating as fast as hoped, and plenty of restrictions still strongly advised if not actually compulsory, many volunteers and stallholders were very hesitant to commit to coming. We're really disappointed that we've now not had any meaningful fundraising events for the second summer in a row, but 2022 must surely be more promising?

### In better times, giving out the cheques at the AGM



Still, we do have some income from the Textile Bank – about which, more later – and St Neots Town Council, so we will be going ahead with making some grants at our AGM to community groups based in the Eatons. Many groups have gone somewhat into hibernation in recent times, but whether you've been ploughing on throughout the pandemic or just reopening again, we'd love to hear from you if a small grant of £100 or so would make a real difference to you. Just drop us a line at [eatonsca@gmail.com](mailto:eatonsca@gmail.com) and let us know what you would use it for!

Our AGM will be on the 21st October at 7.30pm, all being well in St Mary's Church – although we will have Zoom as a fallback if required. Please do let us know if you plan to come, so that we can confirm details close to the time.

## NEAT STREET

We're delighted to announce that the winners of Neat Street 2021 are... Spencer Close. Perhaps it shouldn't be a surprise as they've won twice before, in 2013 and 2016, and clearly take a lot of pride in not just keeping everything tidy, but maintaining some lovely displays of flowers. The bar for next year is being set very high! A plaque is on its way, and we hope to have an informal presentation later in the autumn.

If you'd like your street to take part next year, we'll start taking nominations in the spring, but it's never too soon to make a bit of a difference. And having said that, it's time for me to go and remove some weeds from the side of Collingwood Road...



## Lots more news inside.

Deadlines for all contributions  
1st December 2021 for inclusion  
in the next issue.

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<b>Electricity Emergency</b>	
24 Seven	<b>0800 783 8838</b>
EME	<b>0800 056 8090</b>
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Out of Hours Emergencies	<b>01480 434167</b>
Fly Tipping	<b>01480 388640</b>
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Jubilee Hall	<b>01480 392733</b>
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Eatons Community Centre	<b>01480 388922</b>
Eaton Socon Sports Assoc Hall	<b>0791 7017048</b>
United Reformed Church	<b>01480 215913</b>
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Eaton Socon Health Centre	<b>01480 210000</b>
Cedar House Surgery	<b>01480 406677</b>
<b>Eaton Socon Children's Centre, Bushmead Rd</b>	<b>01480 358340</b>
<b>Bushmead School</b>	<b>01480 375375</b>
<b>Crosshall Infants School</b>	<b>01480 475980</b>
<b>Crosshall Junior School</b>	<b>01480 475972</b>
<b>Community Car Scheme</b>	<b>01480 476047</b>
<b>Foodbank</b>	<b>01480 475426</b>



## Useful Websites

ESCA	<b>www.escan.org.uk</b>
St Neots Town Council	<b>www.stneots-tc.gov.uk</b>
Eaton Socon Health Centre	<b>www.eatonsoconhealthcentre.co.uk</b>
Cedar House Surgery	<b>www.cedarhousesurgery.net</b>
St Neots Archives Group	<b>www.st-neots.ccan.co.uk</b>
Paxton Pits	<b>www.paxton-pits.org.uk</b>
Sudbury Meadow	<b>www.sudburymeadow.org.uk</b>
St Marys Church	<b>www.eatonsocon.org</b>
Pightle	<b>www.eatonsoconpightle.org.uk</b>
Bushmead School	<b>www.bushmeadprimaryschool.org.uk</b>
Duloe, Staploe and Honeydon	<b>www.staploeduloeandhoneydonparishcouncil.bedsparishes.gov.uk</b>
St Neots Time Bank	<b>www.stneotstimebank.org.uk</b>
River Church	<b>www.riverchurchstneots.co.uk</b>
St Neots Children's Centres	<b>www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/childrenscentres</b>



## Who's Who at ESCA

<i>Chairman</i>	Julia Hayward	<b>01480 210097</b>
<i>Treasurer</i>	Dave Jarrett	<b>01480 216065</b>
<i>May Day Administrator</i>	Julia Hayward	<b>01480 210097</b>
<i>ESCAN Co-ordinator</i>	Carole Robson	<b>01480 218755</b>
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<i>Editor</i>	Sara Foyle	

## Dates for your diary

### St Mary's Eaton Socon

#### Come and join us for our Sunday Service.

This service begins at 10am, lasts for up to an hour and is live-streamed. Please book your 'free' ticket to attend for Track and Trace purposes. If the tickets are already booked out, please book a Waiting List Ticket, and we will contact you if space permits. Each person requires a ticket, so if you're a couple, you would book 2 tickets; if you're a family of 4, you would book 4 tickets. Masks are required – please ensure you have one, or they can be obtained on the door (for a small donation). On arrival at church, please follow the instructions to help keep everyone safe and well. Any seating that will appear in the live-stream will be marked accordingly.

[www.eatonsocon.org](http://www.eatonsocon.org)

### Update on River Church – St Neots

As a result of The Eatons Centre being used as the Mass Vaccine Centre we are not holding our Sunday Meetings as normal. We look forward to returning to The Eaton's Centre when possible.

Until then we are meeting in-person at various venues and are hosting online services. Please visit [www.riverchurchstneots.co.uk](http://www.riverchurchstneots.co.uk) for more information on where and when we are meeting.

The best is yet to come!

- **St Neots Sinfonia** autumn concert, 7.30pm, 6th November.
- **St Neots Choral Society** autumn concert, 7.30pm, 27th November.
- **Sinfonia + Choral Society Carol Concert**, 6pm, 18th December

All will be held in in St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon. The Sinfonia concert will not have an interval and there may be some COVID precautions for the audience. The Choral Society celebrates its 50th anniversary this coming season!

- 9th October – **Groundforce morning**. Come along and help tidy the Churchyard at 9:00am to 12:00noon.
- 10th October – **Harvest Festival Services** at 9:00 and 10:30am
- 14th November – Combined **Remembrance Sunday Service** at 10:00am
- 14th November – **Community Remembrance Service** at 3:00pm.
- 5th December – **Christingle Event** at 3:30pm.
- 12th December – **Christmas Carol Service** at 6:00pm.
- 19th December – **Instant Nativity Play** at 10:30am.
- 24th December – **Family Carol Services** at 3:00 and 5:00pm.
- 25th December – **Christmas Day Celebration** at 10:00am
- 26th December – **Christmas Family Celebration**

For further information, please visit our website: [www.eatonsocon.org](http://www.eatonsocon.org)

### Support ESCA while you shop online

We are now registered with Amazon Smile! You can nominate your favourite charity at [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk) and after that, every time you shop through Amazon via that link, a proportion of what you spend will be donated to that charity. Of course we hope you'll choose us, as everything we raise supports local projects in the Eatons! But even if you have another favourite it's a great way to make your online shopping do a bit more good. Money raised so far is £12.07. You can find a link on our website [www.escan.org.uk](http://www.escan.org.uk)

**Copy date for the next edition of ESCAN for news, adverts and information – 1st December 2021**

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

### EATON FORD

Sandra Giles – 07530 125720  
Gordon Thorpe – 07956 878780  
Nicola Presland

### EATON SOCON

Barry Banks – 07710 209950  
Colin Maslen – 07810 481941  
Derek Giles – 01480 731321

Councillors' surgeries: Cloisters, Priory Centre  
see Town Council website: [www.stneots-tc.gov.uk](http://www.stneots-tc.gov.uk)

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEARING HELP

### Hearing Aid Users

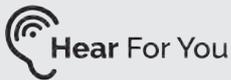
Run by Cambs Hearing Help group this friendly group is for those people with hearing loss, their family and friends. It meets on the 3rd Wednesday of June, September and December at the Cloisters in the Priory Centre 11am-1pm. Speakers are invited and the group aim to help each other to manage hearing loss.

For more information contact Norman on **07514 914664** or email – [norman@normanaldridge.plus.com](mailto:norman@normanaldridge.plus.com).

For more information on the charity

Cambs Hearing Help see website –

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



## Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

For free helpful, impartial advice on many matters please go along to the CARC portacabin in the Tan Yard car park, near Waitrose, PE19 1AN

Drop-in Sessions - Mon, Tues, Thurs, 9.30am to 12.30pm  
(NB. sessions may close early depending on demand or volunteer availability)

**Wed** – Open for pre-arranged debt appointments only.

**Appointments** – follow up appointments if needed are only made after a drop in or telephone interview.

**Advice helpline** – Mon to Fri 9:30am to 3:30pm

Tel: **0344 245 1292** Website: [www.ruralcambscab.org.uk](http://www.ruralcambscab.org.uk)



## Get your streets sorted out!

You may have noticed signs that the street repair teams have been out and about recently, cutting back overgrown traffic islands, repairing bollards and other small jobs. If you see a minor problem that needs fixing, it's now even easier to send a report in online; just go to the County Council website [cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://cambridgeshire.gov.uk) and search for "Highways Faults" – you can then pick out the precise location on a map of the Eatons, as well as seeing what else has been reported recently! Do let us and your councillors know if we can help, either with making reports or following up if nothing happens in a few weeks. You can also report trouble with street lighting by ringing **0195433330**.



## Help with your Computer/ Tablet/ipad

Are you lucky enough to have been given a gift of a computer/tablet/Ipad, or perhaps just treated yourself to a new one but can't quite get to grips with it? Help is at hand. Just pop into the library where volunteers will be happy to give some free helpful advice on how to find information, read and send emails buy from ebay or google for something. Whatever your skill level there will be someone to help you. No booking required – just turn up for free sessions every Tuesday 10:00am – 12.30pm.

## Textile Bank

We already have £1,526 so far this year 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

Thank you if you have offered to deliver our newsletters. It would be wonderful to have one or two more volunteers – especially in the Dukes Road/Kings Road and parts of Wyboston. 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) 210097** or Carole Robson on **(01480) 218755**



## Cambs Backgammon Club

Come and play the world's oldest board game! Normally we meet at the River Mill on alternate Monday evenings from 7.15, though we're temporarily getting together online instead. Everyone from beginner to Grandmaster is welcome. Drop us a line at [julia@juliahayward.com](mailto:julia@juliahayward.com) to find out more.

## Café on the Green

10am-noon every Monday (from 6th Sep)  
Eaton Socon Church Hall  
Why not pop in and have a chat,  
a cuppa and cake



## St Neots Woodcraft Group

Calling all young people age 5-16! St Neots Woodcraft Folk groups meet up every Thursday evening during school term time at Paxton Pits to take part in activities around cooperation, international understanding, the environment and peace. At our groups our young members develop self confidence, make lifelong friends and explore the social and natural world around us through games, crafts, bushcraft activities, drama, debates and outdoor activities. Our groups are split by age, Elfins age 5-9, Pioneers age 10-12 and Venturers age 13-16. Woodcraft Folk is a national educational movement for children and young people and being involved means making friends near and far both at group night and taking part in exciting camping trips and days out throughout the year. Get in touch to find out more [lauren@woodcraft.org.uk](mailto:lauren@woodcraft.org.uk) or look us up on Facebook/Twitter.

## Bikes, lights and bells

Now that the nights are drawing in and it's getting darker earlier' please remember to put on your lights when necessary, and use your bell when passing pedestrians – it is very scary and dangerous to suddenly find a bike passing while walking along and cars cannot see you on your unlit bike. Mark of Broken Spokes Cycles in New Street, St Neots is happy to sell you lights and bells and to service your bike ready for the wintry weather. So add lights, wear bright clothing, use a bell and stay safe !!



Are you aware that there is a thriving branch of the **u3a** in St Neots?

Wondering what we do and curious to know how this might be of interest to you? Well essentially the **u3a** provides

the opportunity for residents who are no longer working full-time to "Learn Laugh & Live". We have about 60 Group Activities to choose from and members can attend as many or as few as they wish. The choice seems almost endless, covering Walking to Wildlife, Geography to Golf, Dancing to Discussion, Egyptology to Exercise, Crafting to Quizzing and many others.

Annual membership fees are less than £20 per member and Group Activity fees are from as little as a £1 per meeting, or get together, which is fantastic value for money.

Every **u3a** is run by its members for its members and each Group Activity is run by 1 or 2 Group Leaders who plan and organise the Group's activities. Activities could take place outdoors or indoors, at pre-set locations or at a variety of different locations they plan to visit.

In addition to our regular activities we have a monthly Meeting at the Priory Centre on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 2pm. At these events guests can pop in for free and say hello, listen to the Guest Speaker, chat to members and enjoy a cup of something.

Alternatively visit our website <https://u3asites.org.uk/st-neots/home> or Google St Neots **u3a** and follow the links to find more.

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[u3a.org.uk](https://www.u3a.org.uk)

## St Neots Gardening Club

**Thursday 23rd October:** 7.30 talk on Alpines by Michael Sullivan

**25th November:** subject to be announced later

Meeting at St Mary's Church Hall, St Neots.

Visit the web site at [www.stneotgardenclub.org.uk](http://www.stneotgardenclub.org.uk) for more information and latest news.

## Eaton Socon Trefoil Guild

In July 2021 we held our first face to face meeting since March 2020. We met in St Ives for a visit to Holt Island Nature Reserve. It was a nice tranquil evening and we spotted some of the wildlife and plants shown on the noticeboards round the island. In August we had a small Garden Party with time to chat and catch up. We tested our brain power with identifying sayings from Dingbats pictures; "Name 5" Game where we each got given a category and had to name five different things associated with it and a summer quiz. We enjoyed a lovely evening which finished rather later than usual as we had been so busy chatting. September talk on Viking History should also have taken place by the time you read this.

If you would like to join us anyone over 18 is welcome. Our monthly evening meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month usually starting at 7.30pm; venue does vary depending on what we are doing. Our plans for rest of 2021 are below but meetings could be subject to change, so please check if you want to visit.

- **5th October** – Fish & Chip supper fundraiser for RNLI
- **2th November** – Christmas Crafts
- **December** – Christmas get together and meal date to be confirmed
- **4th January 2022** – planning for 2022 monthly meetings / other activities



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

## Guiding is back in the Eatons!

After a long break from face to face meetings and lots of zooming, we are finally back!



Our **Brownie** unit was able to meet outside before the summer and is now back at the Church hall. Our amazing leaders are busy with a fun packed programme and are already planning a Pack Holiday for 2022! **Rainbows** are finally re-opening after a long break and we are looking forward to lots of fun with them!

**Guides** and **Rangers** are going strong after a long time on Zoom.

They managed a few weeks before the summer holidays litter picking, gardening at the Church, and just playing in the park. The term was rounded off with a family picnic.

This term's plans include a coffee evening for MacMillan, Parliament week, a Carol Service on 7th December and a visit to the Panto!

If you would like to get more involved in local groups and 'give something back' maybe Guiding is for you. We are looking for helpers and potential leaders for all units.

**Why not come along and see what we do?** If you are interested, please contact [esdistrictcomm@gmail.com](mailto:esdistrictcomm@gmail.com) or find out more and register here: <https://bit.ly/3zsP1DP>

## Little Paxton Gardening Club

We are an established, friendly village club for people who share an interest in all types of gardening.

We hold regular Zoom meetings with talks from visiting speakers on a wide range of subjects, organise visits to local nurseries, garden centres, beautiful gardens, demonstrations, social events and plant sales.

We have a new and exciting programme for 2021.

If you would like to join the club or would like further details of the above events please contact us:

Jane Hill, Chair person: **01480 218805**

Margaret Rowland, Secretary: **01480 383989**

Club email: [ipgardenclub@hotmail.com](mailto:ipgardenclub@hotmail.com)





# News from the Pightle (pronounced:- Pie . t. hul )

The approaching autumn is a time of change in the Pightle, as the leaves darken and the summer flowers recede. A wander through the "orchard" reveals a lot of very healthy fruit trees with a crop of really quite tasty apples coming along nicely – and I just had to try one of the deep red variety to make sure! Our first pears are also now visible. Please do help yourselves to any fruits that are ready, they will only go to waste otherwise. A lot of our trees have been planted to mark the lives of friends and family who have come to love the Pightle's tranquility and abundance of life; while we're always happy to hear from anyone who would like to have a tree planted and a plaque with it, the next few months are the most suitable time to do the planting to give the tree the best chance. As you can see from our pictures, what looked little more than large twigs ten years ago have matured into really substantial trees.



You may also have noticed that the lower part of the Pightle near the river is enchanted... tread carefully and you may spot some fairies who have made their home there! In late October there might well be something rather more spooky to see... we're delighted that so many young children have taken pleasure in both getting creative and getting an appreciation of nature while decorating the Pightle temporarily. We hope that a bit of fun outside will be welcomed by children and parents alike. Look for "Enchanted Forest Eaton Socon" on Facebook to see plenty more pictures!



*Julia Hayward*

Trustee: The Pightle Millennium Green Trust

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

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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!**



## Pal of the Pightle

The Pightle here in Eaton Socon is enjoyed by many and relies on volunteer help to keep it maintained for the enjoyment of us all. The Pightle is NOT a Council owned facility and therefore has to rely on volunteer help.

We need regular finance to pay for items like grass cutting, maintaining the paths, planting new bulbs and trees as well as the annual insurance that has to be paid.

### Can you help by becoming a "Pal of The Pightle"?

A "one off" donation or a small regular monthly contribution would be of great benefit for the long term success of The Pightle. Please send this off to ESCA, 3 Collingwood Road, Eaton Socon, St Neots, PE19 8JQ

Dear Chairman Peter Bradford,

I would like to become a "Pal Of The Pightle"

- A) Please accept a donation of £\_\_\_\_\_ as a "one Off" donation to help maintain The Pightle.
- B) I would like to donate £\_\_\_\_\_ per month to help maintain The Pightle. Please can you supply me with the Pightle bank account details so that I can set up a standing order from my bank.

Name.....(surname and initials)

Date.....

Address and Postcode.....

Email.....

Please make any cheques payable to 'The Pightle Millennium Green Trust'. If you would like to Gift Aid your contribution so that The Pightle trustees can claim back a tax contribution from The Government please read and sign below.

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

Signed.....

## Community Car Service



Do you need a lift in a car to get to the doctors, hospital, shops or to meet friends where no suitable public transport exists or you have mobility difficulties? If so, then phone St Neots Volunteer Centre on **01480 476047** to book transport or leave a message on the answer phone. Please also mention, at the time of booking, if a wheelchair needs to be transported and do give as much notice as possible (minimum 3 working days). Volunteers use their own cars to provide transport and a small charge of 40p per mile is made, based upon mileage travelled by the driver (minimum fee of £1.50 for short journeys). If you would like to volunteer – please phone **01480 476047** for more details.

## Computer Ink Cartridges



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

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Tel **01480 406130**

Mob **07718 957281**

Email **d.morizzo@ntlworld.com**



## Events at St Neots Library



There's something for everyone at St Neots Library! We have a wide selection of adult fiction and non-fiction including Local History books, as well as children's books, board books, picture books, early readers and information books. We also have a range of large print, audio books and DVDs for all ages. And with a library card, you can access all our online services free too! There are computers available to book, as well as plenty of study space, and if you need help with your digital skills we can help you, or there are free courses you can take. We can also help you apply for or renew your concessionary bus pass. Find out more and check opening times on **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/libraries**

Or ring **0345 045 5225**, or find us on social media.



Cambridgeshire Libraries can now accept new referrals to the Revised Library@Home Service. This is open to Cambridgeshire Residents who fit a set criteria:

**The service is for anyone who usually relies heavily on reading books or listening to audiobooks AND who is either housebound or shielding/isolating due to age or health conditions under the current COVID-19 Government guidelines.**

People accepted for this service will be contacted by a member of the Library@Home Team who will arrange a doorstep delivery of specially chosen books/audiobooks. Deliveries will be monthly (by prior arrangement) and previously loaned books/audiobooks will be picked up when new ones are delivered.

To enquire about the Revised Library@Home Service contact us:

By email: **volunteers@cambridgeshire.gov.uk**

By phone: **07342 700308** or **07789 273903**

A member of Library@Home Team will respond to the referral.



## St Neots TIME BANK

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

If you wish to be involved:

email: **time.volunteers@outlook.com**

or Tel: **07590 909 057**

**www.stneotstimebank.org.uk**

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## 'Let's make a difference'

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



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## Defibs in the town

There are more than 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.



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# Dates for History Groups

## Roxton & District Local History Group

Meetings are at Roxton Village Hall (in the High Street) 7.30pm

## Colmworth & Neighbours History Society

Friday 15th October – Paddy Lambert on some aspect (still to be agreed) of Roman Britain

Friday, 19th November – Christopher Bennett on the Antarctic explorer Apsley Cherry-Garrod  
For details visit [colmworthhistory.org.uk](http://colmworthhistory.org.uk)

## Visit St Neots Museum

- Discover our Edwardian police cells
- Covid-19 safety measures in place
- Friendly local museum
- Free entry for all local people
- Museum craft & gift shop
- Walks: pubs, crime, ghostly
- On our website:



Local history blogs & KS2 local history videos  
Online exhibitions & Museum 'What's On' info

8 New Street, St Neots, PE19 1AE / **01480 214163**

Open: Tuesday to Saturday, 11.00am – 4.00pm

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

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## Eaton Belles WI

We meet regularly on the second Tuesday of each month, with guest speakers to delight us!

### Join us and enjoy our various activities:

- With **walkers** to keep fit;
- Our **Crafty Belles**, who are currently working on a variety of arty projects;
- and our **Budding Belles**, who are busy sharing planting tips and creating a new garden for 2022.



For more information please contact Jo Shirreffs.

Email: [joshirreffs@gmail.com](mailto:joshirreffs@gmail.com)

## Groups in the Eatons

Do you get bored? If so, then why not try these:

**Eaton Belles WI** – Tel Gillian on 07802 545814

**Eaton Socon Trefoil Guild** – Tel Judith on 07704 575311

**Café on the Green** – Mon 10-12am at Eaton Socon Church

**Lunch at the Methodist Church** – 2nd Tues in the month – 12.30

**Wednesday Welcome** – Wed 3pm at Eaton Socon Church

**Evergreen Club** – Ex-Service Club, School Lane Tel 01480 356870

If you would like your group mentioned please email ESCA:

[eatonsca@gmail.com](mailto:eatonsca@gmail.com)

## Groups in Eaton Socon Parish Church

You may be surprised to know that there are many active groups within Eaton Socon church for all ages – art and craft groups, bellringers, men's groups, prayer meetings, life groups, toddlers, children's and youth groups. There is also a 'Café on the Green' every Monday morning and a social group for older people on a Wednesday afternoon (Wednesday Welcome).

To find out more about all these groups please see the church website [www.eatonsocon.org](http://www.eatonsocon.org)

## ESCA Local History Books and Information

Now that the evenings will be getting darker earlier, sit back in the warmth and comfort of your home with a cup of tea or a glass of something and enjoy reading the fascinating history of The Eatons.

All these booklets are available for reference in the St Neots and Huntingdon Reference Libraries and the County Archives offices in Bedford and Huntingdon. They are also available to buy at St Neots Museum.

The ESCA books are written by ESCA for anyone with an interest in the Eatons. All profits are used to support ESCA projects within the Eatons and no profits go to Committee members. If you wish to buy these books they can be obtained from "ESCA", 3 Collingwood Road, Eaton Socon, St Neots, PE19 8JQ using the form below.

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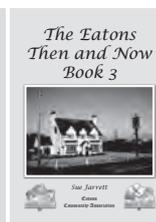
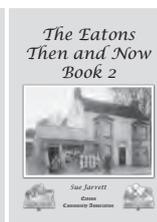
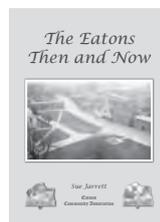
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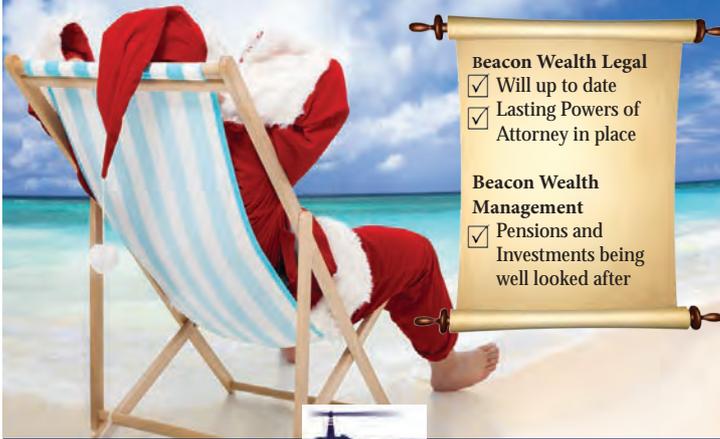
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Eaton Socon Censuses and Electoral Registers are available on request (Postage and Packing free to Eatons and St Neots residents)

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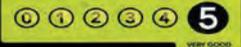


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