



ESCA 2010 AGM

Be Part of Your Community

2010 AGM Date 18th October at 7pm in St Marys Church Hall, Eaton Socon

Come along and find out what is going on.

Did you enjoy May Day, Open Gardens, the History Exhibition or any other event ESCA puts on - then how about helping and becoming a committee member.

Urgently needed – a new Chairman, a May Day Administrator and a Minutes Secretary. These posts do not take up a large amount of time, provide a great opportunity to meet new people and you will be helping your community. If you think you can fill one of these posts please contact ESCA via email at: eatonsca@gmail.com or phone Sue on 01480 216065

Fancy Yourself as a Writer?

ESCAN is looking for a writer, someone who can spare a few hours a month to help create and edit articles for this publication. ESCAN is a highly read publication produced 3-4 times a year, so if you have a way with words we want to hear from you.



Queen for the Day

May Day was another successful event helping raise money for local community organisations as well as all having a great day. Read more about May Day 2010 inside.

Community Cup

This year the cup was awarded to Jeannette Cadney (right) for all her work in Girl Guiding for many years. Photo – last years winner Jean Searle (left) handing over the cup to Jeannette Cadney (right)



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Copy date for the next edition of ESCAN for news, adverts and information – October 2010.

Please send ESCAN Letters & Adverts to: 8 Linton Close
Eaton Socon, St Neots PE19 8GY - Email eatonsca@gmail.com.



Dog Walkers

If you are a dog owner please think of others and pick up your dogs mess and dispose of the bag either at home or in a dog bin. We have had complaints that some owners are being particularly unkind and leaving the bags in the bushes or in someone else's garden. Please keep the Eatons clean and tidy.

Bottle Bank Donations

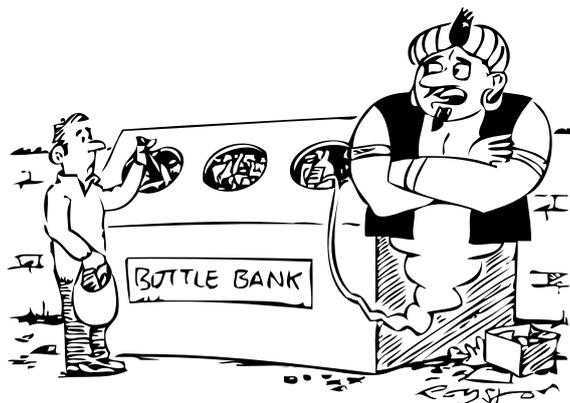
If you are a small group within the Eatons who are currently fund raising why not ask ESCA for a donation from the bottle bank. Write to ESCA at 3 Collingwood Rd, Eaton Socon, St Neots, Cambs, PE19 8JQ or email eatonsca@gmail.com saying what you are fund raising for.

Closing date for requests Sep 25th 2010

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**Recycle Your Bottles at
Tesco Express, Eaton Socon**

Remember that all profits from the bottle bank are distributed to local organisations right here in Eaton Socon and Eaton Ford. Less bottles means less money to share out!



"I'll grant you three wishes if you can get me out of here"

ESCAN delivery

Have you a little spare time and do you like walking? Then why not volunteer to deliver a few of these newsletters? The exercise is great and you may get the chance to look around a new area of the Eatons. Even a few will help us, so please contact ESCA if you think you can help. In particular delivery is needed in parts of the Queens Gardens estate.

Welcome to ESCAN

Since our last ESCAN two committee members have left. Once again I am back as Chairman as our elected chairman had to stand down so I would like to say a big thank you to Jude Burt who became chairman for a few months. I would also like to say a big thank you to Muriel Ralph who has been instrumental in the paperwork side of the May Day celebrations for several years. So we are now looking for more active committee members to fill these posts.

The Eatons Community Association does more than just May Day, the History Exhibition, the Open Gardens, the Neat Street Award and this newsletter. Why not come along to the AGM and see what we do and how you can help. We are always in need of people with new ideas.

Sue, ESCA Chairman



And the Winner Is...

This popular event was judged in July and the winning street is Minden Court. The judges remarked on how clean and tidy the whole street was, including the gardens, the pavements and the kerbing. So well done everyone in Minden Court. Thank you to all the streets who entered and who made a difference to their area. It makes the Eatons a better place to live in.

Cleaning up your area

Do not leave it to others but why not take a little time to smarten up your road. We are not asking you to clean up your entire street but why not spend a little time tidying up your garden and perhaps the kerb area in front of your house. A little brush along the pavement after mowing and perhaps clearing a little litter caught in a nearby bush will keep the Eatons tidier and will hopefully encourage others to look after their gardens and roads. We all know how we feel when we see a scruffy street or a tidy street. Let us all be proud of the Eatons.

Church dates

Sat 25th Sep Murder mystery evening and 3 course meal in Eaton Socon Church
£15.00 (bring your own drink)
Contact church office for tickets Tel: 01480 352154

Week of Prayer Oct 3rd-9th

Eaton Socon Church
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm & Sat 9am-1pm
For further info contact Rev Tim Robb on 01480 212219

2010 May Day - Thank You

A big special thank you goes to Catherine Surridge for the May Queens dress, Johnson Jewellers for the necklace for the retiring May Queen, Just Engravings for the engraving of the Community Cup, H.E. Payne of Wyboston for the use of a lorry, St Marys Church for allowing us to once again use the church, the Red Cross for providing first aid and St Neots Museum for the loan of the exhibition boards.



The retiring May Queen Grace Petrie crowned the new May Queen, Alissa King-Underwood, and the two princesses were Bethany Smith and Millie Pritchard. We would like to thank Colin Jackson for the compering, Heartsease for their maypole dances and Sweeps and Milkmaids dances, Majestic Majorettes, dancing by Highland Dancers, the Riverside Theatre Group, Sara Johnsons Dance School and AJ Dance Troupe, playing by a local boys guitar band, and the local band 'The Veas' who sang and played many well known songs

Thank You also to the shops and businesses who supported us by providing raffle and tombola prizes, to local groups who lent us tables and to groups who came along and supported us with their stalls. We would also like to thank the many volunteers who helped with the exhibition within the church, to the church for selling refreshments and to everyone who tidied up afterwards. Another great day with a village feel. Thank you everyone.

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News from the Pightle

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On behalf of the Trustees I would like to extend a warm thanks to Joan Foley for the hard work and effort she (with some help from husband, Roy) has put into the Pightle during the eight years she spent as chair. Joan has decided to resign as chair and I am left with the unenviable task of trying to fill her shoes. Fortunately Joan is remaining on the board of Trustees and has agreed to support me through my first year as Chair.

I would also like to thank the other Trustees for making me welcome and passing on their knowledge about the Pightle its flora and fauna, its history and that of Eaton Socon. Every time I talk to one of the Trustees I realise the steep learning curve I have ahead of me; in respect of running a charity and helping to manage the land.

Although my family have used the Pightle most days for the last 8 years I have only been involved with the Pightle Committee for the last two years; taking over the Chair in May 2010. I was recently reflecting on the changing use my family have made of the Pightle over the last decade. When my children were younger we used the Pightle occasionally for fishing, playing space men on the rocket (old tree seat) or playing soldiers, or hide and seek in the trees. Getting a dog (Harry) eight years ago meant we started using the Pightle more regularly as it became his short walk of the day. We then began meeting more people out walking their dogs, and somewhere to think through problems, or 'to do lists'. Walking round somewhere daily you begin to notice things, some are pleasing such as a particular clump of flowers, tree buds forming/flowering and some are not so pleasing such as the paths becoming overgrown, having to duck brambles.

It was through meeting Joan that I became aware that though there is some funding from the council which goes towards paying for the grass cutting/clearing etc and insurance requirements, it is predominantly volunteers that manage the land; arranging for the paths to be cut and who take the time to cut back the brambles, plant new trees, pick up the rubbish, clear away tents etc. Unfortunately many of the original people who helped with the general maintenance work are now getting older and are unable to do the amount of work that they were once able to. This has left the Pightle with a shortage of people willing to lend a hand, which we desperately need in order to maintain the Pightle in its current state.

If you, like myself, use the Pightle and would like to get involved we would be very grateful for any support you can offer. Whether you would like to remain an anonymous helper and pick up any rubbish, or take a pair of secateurs on your walk and cut back any overhanging brambles. Maybe you could commit to one of the tidy ups we have twice a year where some of the bigger jobs are tackled. Or perhaps you can see a task that needs tackling but would rather work on your own in your own time at your own pace. If you are interested in volunteering your time and services, we would be very grateful for your support. For further info you can contact me on 01480 353054.

Bev White – Chair. The Pightle

Open Gardens



Missed these at our Eatons Open Gardens in June? Then why not come along next year and have a good look around. Thanks once again to the residents who opened their gardens and provided some wonderful home made cakes and refreshments.

St Neots & District Gardening Club

All Open Meetings at St Marys Church Hall, Brook Street, St Neots at 8pm

Sep 23rd A.G.M

Comp.Largest Sunflower head,flower or seed

Sep 26th Sunday visit to Swiss Gardens ,Old Warden at 2pm. Approx.cost £5.50 per person

Oct 28th A Kenyan Safari by Peter Walker
Comp.Halloween pumpkin

Nov 25th Social Evening

Contact – Chairman David Usher Tel 01480 476671



Bring your secateurs and rakes and trim and tidy the Pightle with us



Handy Man
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gardening etc.

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Brighten up your area

Brian Payne, of Monarch Rd, has once again brightened up his area. With the help of Bob Farrer, who donated some large containers, and HDC who helped to fill them with soil and plants, Brian has kept the new display weeded and watered. Brian does not get paid for this. He says 'I would like to encourage others to get up and do something for their local area. The Eatons look so much brighter and cleaner if we all take a part'.

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3Bs at Sudbury Meadow!

It was meant to be **B**ees, **B**utterflies and a **B**ig Lunch picnic at Sudbury Meadow on 17th July, but the cool breeze and heavy showers suggested an alternative of bees, beer and the Barley Mow! Butterflies were reluctant to feed in such conditions, as they need sunshine and a temperature of around 21°C to be warm enough to fly. However, there were plenty of bumblebees to intrigue the dozen or so people who came along to help celebrate Sudbury Meadow's tenth year.



Tree Bumblebee

Bumblebees are fascinating insects. They are able to shiver to warm themselves up, so can fly in much cooler conditions than honeybees. There are six common species (Common Carder, Red-tailed, White-tailed, Buff-tailed, Early and Garden) and a potential seventh, the Tree Bumblebee. This species has only been recorded in this country since 2001, but is already becoming common in gardens. It prefers to nest in holes in trees and is quite a large bumblebee. Friends of Sudbury Meadow members, John and Lin Collier, have a Tree Bumblebee nest in their garden and we also found a specimen at Sudbury Meadow on 17th July (See picture right).

There are many more species of bumblebee and hundreds of solitary bee in the UK. You can find them feeding on flowers in your garden as well as at conservation sites, so it is well worth investing a little money on a good guide book and taking some time out from your busy lives to look for these fascinating insects.

Of course, you could go one step further and help us look after Sudbury Meadow too. You are welcome to come along to our regular work parties and help us, help our local wildlife. If you still don't know where Sudbury Meadow is, aim for the Barley Mow pub on Crosshall Road, Eaton Ford, (great for post work party refreshments!) look for the tall Lombardy Poplar trees almost opposite and behind them is Sudbury Meadow.

Alison Pearson - Chair



Eatons In Bloom!

Winner of The Best Commercial Frontage (baskets and containers) was The Rivermill Tavern (picture above).
Well done Jan and Trevor.

This competition was one of several organised as part of St Neots in Bloom this year. This year proved particularly challenging with a cold spring and the In Bloom committee would like to thank everyone who made an effort to put out baskets and planters throughout the town.

Library volunteers

Having difficulty getting to the library? If you love reading but struggle to get to your local library because of health or mobility problems, help is available: you can be matched with a friendly volunteer from Cambridgeshire Libraries Doorstep Service who will visit you once a month with a supply of the kind of books you enjoy. To find out more about getting this amazing free service or becoming a volunteer for it, contact Anne Evans, the co-ordinator, by phoning 01480 375023 or by emailing anne.evans@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



Tiddlers & Toddlers

Do you know that there's a children's Group running every Friday morning?

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Littlehey is a low security category C prison and there is also a new Youth Offenders block close by. Both groups use the same Visitors Centre, but at separate times.

A group of paid and volunteer staff help to ensure that vital links are maintained which can assist in reducing re-offending. Refreshments, play facilities for children and support for families with advice and information is available. Some visitors may leave early for a long journey to reach Littlehey at Perry, and finding a friendly and non-judgemental reception makes it much less intimidating. Volunteers may work in any or all of these activities. They do not ever have contact with the prisoners.

If you would like to commit a few hours on a regular basis to help in this valuable work please phone 01480 335136 or email lve manager@btconnect.com

Biddenham Fun Run

If you like running and wish to support Sue Ryder Care, why not enter the Biddenham Fun Run on **Sunday 26th September 2010.**

For more details visit: www.biddenhamriverrun.co.uk
email: biddenhamriverrun@googlemail.com

Sign up now and register your place on-line
Registration closes 20 September

St Neots Sunday Riders Group

Local Volunteer Rangers from Sustrans organise cycle rides around our countryside monthly on Sunday mornings, usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Participation in our rides is free and fund raising is optional. We are just keen to encourage more people to cycle more often. Riders of all ages are welcome, though children must be accompanied by adults.

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SPEAKABILITY HUNTINGDON

There are an estimated 300,000 people in the UK who are suffering aphasia or lack of speech after a stroke or head injury, as well as the accompanying physical disabilities. There are many in Cambridgeshire, maybe living near you, or part of your family or circle of friends. You will realise how difficult life can be if you find it hard to make yourself understood. To go out in public is daunting, but even at home, lacking any degree of fluent speech is a most frustrating experience.

There is a Group, Speakability Huntingdon, which exists solely as a self-help social group for those suffering aphasia and their carers and families. We are an affiliated group of the 30 year old national charity, Speakability, which provides a free phone helpline, useful leaflets and books and even training as well as a website.

Speakability Huntingdon meets on the second Tuesday of the month, usually at the Medway Centre, Huntingdon, from 1.45-3.45pm. Anyone who has speech difficulties or cares for someone who does is most welcome to join us. We are informal and friendly and meet to enjoy games, quizzes and chat with refreshments. Carers may, if they wish, use another part of the Medway Centre for a little respite with tea or coffee and the opportunity to talk with people in a similar position. Volunteers or carers will organise activities for the rest of the group. Occasionally we invite a speaker for the afternoon, from organisations such as Trading Standards or the Woodland Trust. We take any and every excuse to have a celebration, be it a birthday, anniversary, or Valentines Day, and we hold a large public Tea Party in October to which we invite all the local Mayors, and any other interested organisations.

Every third month we go out for lunch at a pub or interesting venue: garden centres, the Raptor Foundation and Grafham Water have hosted us in the past. These enjoyable afternoons usually last from midday to about 3.00pm

Anyone may refer a potential member to us, doctors, Hinchingbrooke Hospital Speech and Language Therapy Department, social workers, the Carers Support Team, the Stroke Association, friends or family. Please ring me on 01480 891977 for more information.

Anna Bratby (Mrs)

Secretary, Speakability Huntingdon

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Nov 5th The work of Huntingdonshire Archives
Service by Lesley Ackroyd

Dec 3rd Members Evening – Christmas
Superstitions and Traditions by B Jones

Chairperson – Nell Marshall 01480 472495

Colmworth & Neighbours History Society

Monthly meetings at Colmworth Village Hall at 7.30pm

Sep 24th AGM and talk/demonstration by 'The
Ale Wife', contact Stephen Smith

Oct 15th What was Bedfordshire really like 1685
– 1735 by James Collett-White

Nov 19th Upstairs Downstairs by Anna Mercer

Chairperson – Stephen Smith 01234 376487

Roxton & District Local History Group

Monthly meetings at Roxton Parish Hall at 7.30pm

Oct 7th The Berlin Airlift by Allan Palmer

Nov 4th The Mayflower Girl by Jacqui Painter

Dec 2nd A G M and refreshments

Chairperson John Rogerson 01234 871150

Local History Books and Information

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

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

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To the Glorious Memory (Eaton Socon War Memorial)

This year we produced a book about the lives and families of the soldiers listed on the Eaton Socon War Memorial and those linked to Eaton Socon Parish. This book contains information on more than 120 soldiers, and what happened to their families before and after the two World Wars. Read about the agricultural labourers who went off to fight and die abroad, the men born in Ireland, Moscow and those who were born into families owning land and property. Find out about the young men who emigrated to Canada from Eaton Socon and are listed in the Peace Tower in Ottawa, and the men who died in India and the Far East. Whether you are an old Eaton family or new to the area this book is of interest to everyone.

Eatons Community Centre

This new centre in the Eatons is now open and if you have had a chance to look around there is a large hall and a variety of smaller rooms. In April the rooms upstairs were named after our local hero, Matthew Rosamond, who won one of the very first Victoria Crosses. Matthew grew up in Eaton Socon in a poor family, joined the Indian Army and won the Victoria Cross during the Indian Mutiny. An achievement we should all be proud of.



Are you older than Eaton Socon Church ?

This is not a trick question. Eighty years ago, in February 1930, the church burnt down and was left with no roof and very little standing masonry. During the next two years there was a great deal of fund raising and many men worked to rebuild the church and in June 1932 the church was rededicated. So the 'new' church celebrated its 78th birthday this June.

So are you older than the church ?

If you would like to find out more about the fire and the rebuilding of the church ESCA has written a book: Recalling 75 years On, cost £3.