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Your FREE Community Newsletter



Eatons Community Association - Registered Charity No.1110148

September – November 2018

May Day Celebrations

(photos by Tony Summerlin)

What a wonderful day. Once again people flocked to the annual May Day Celebrations on Eaton Socon Village Green. Hundreds of people enjoyed our traditional 'May Pole Dancing' by local children from Bushmead School, dancing from Heartsease Folk dancers, twirling by the Sentinels Majorettes, dancing by Langdale Dance Arts, SJ School of Dance, line dancing by St Neots U3A, dancing and singing by Riverside Theatre, singing by Jamie Gilman-Lewis and live music by the local band - 'Rumour has it' who sang and played many well known songs. Also on the village green were a BBQ, raffles and stalls and small fairground rides. Inside Eaton Socon Church were refreshments, children's activities and the history exhibition.



At 2pm the Heartsease Folk Dancers led the May Court procession to the arena and last year's May Queen, Alicia Ferguson, presented the crown and sash to the new May Queen Ella Webb who was escorted by the two princesses Phillippa Laundon and Sophie Hills, all from Bushmead School. The Mayor, Derek Giles, then presented the retiring May Queen with a special framed photograph and Ella gave her a necklace donated by a committee member.

At 3pm the Eatons Community Cup was presented by the May Queen to Ivan Hewlett, chairman of the Riverside Miniature Railway. Volunteers have worked very hard for many months and have successfully completed a circular track in the Riverside Park. This venture is continuing to provide fun for thousands of families and ESCA was delighted to be able to award the community cup to such a worthwhile group.



Open Gardens

Another brilliant day - the sun shone and many people from miles around came to visit our selection of beautiful gardens. If you opened your garden we thank you very much for all your efforts. Every garden was wonderful and with cups of tea, home made cake and glasses of prosecco the afternoon passed very quickly and lots of money was raised. One of the most unusual things found was part of an aeroplane and those visited that particular garden will not forget the sight. A big thank you to all the gardeners and all the visitors. All the money raised this year from the Open Gardens will be used to improve our environment working with local children to encourage a pride in the Eatons.



NEAT STREET Award 2018

Well done Crecy Court – the winners of this year's Neat Street Award. This year once again the roads were difficult to judge and after a lot of thought the overall best street was considered to be Crecy Court. Once again there was very little litter and many people had tried hard to keep cars off the pavements and their gardens maintained. Well done if you made an effort with your street – and a very big well done if you are keeping your street weed free along the kerbs, which are very difficult to keep clean.

Thank you to all the streets who entered and who made a difference to their area. And a big thank you to anyone who picks up the odd bit of litter on our streets. It shows that we are proud of the Eatons and it makes the area a better place to live.



ESCA AGM

Monday 22nd October 2018 – 7.30pm – Eaton Socon Church

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Lots more news and views inside.

If you have any news or views please send to the Chairman no later than 20th October 2018 for inclusion in the next issue.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Huntingdonshire District Council General Enquiries Out of Hours Emergencies Fly Tipping	01480 388388 01480 434167 01480 388640
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Eaton Socon Children's Centre, Bushmead Rd	01480 358340
Bushmead School	01480 375375
Crosshall Infants School	01480 475980
Crosshall Junior School	01480 475972
Community Car Scheme	01480 476047
Foodbank	01480 475426



Useful Websites

ESCA	www.escan.org.uk
St Neots Town Council	www.stneots-tc.gov.uk
Eaton Socon Health Centre	www.eatonsoconhealthcentre.co.uk
Cedar House Surgery	www.cedarhousesurgery.net
St Neots Archives	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.staploeduloehoneydonparishcouncil.bedsparishes.gov.uk
St Neots Time Bank	www.stneotstimebank.org.uk
River Church	www.riverchurchstneots.co.uk
St. Neots Children's Centres	www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/childrenscentres



Who's Who at ESCA

<i>Chairman</i>	Sue Jarrett	01480 216065
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<i>Open Gardens co-ordinators</i>	Steve & Sue Georgiou	07863 763056
<i>History Co-ordinator</i>	Sue Jarrett	01480 216065
<i>ESCAN Co-ordinator</i>	Carole Robson	01480 218755

Hanover Knitters

Meet on the first Tuesday of the month at Hanover Close in Eaton Ford. Evening meeting, all ages welcome. For details please call Angela on 01480 534680

Dates for your diary

St. Neots Choral Society and Sinfonia

Nov 12th 7.30pm – **Concert to include - Mendelssohn - Overture, "Heimkehr aus de Fremde"; Searle - from "A Fitzwilliam Suite"; Beethoven - Piano Concerto No 3 in C Minor and Haydn - Symphony No 100, "The Military"** at St. Mary's Church Eaton Socon
Dec 1st 7.30pm – **Brahms - A German Requiem** at St. Mary's Church Eaton Socon
Dec 22nd 6.00pm – **Joint Carol Concert** - at Eaton Socon Church
(Buy tickets early)

St Mary's Eaton Socon

Oct 13th – **Harvest Quiz Night**
Oct 14th 10.00am – **Combined Harvest Celebration Service**
Oct 28th 5.30-7.00pm – **Light Night Family event**
Nov 4th 6pm – **Service of Memories**
Nov 11th 10.00am – **Combined Remembrance Service**
Nov 11th 3.00pm – **Community Remembrance Service**
Nov 17th 10.00-2.00pm – **Christmas Fayre**

Events in the Town

(see Town Council website for more details)
Sep 16th – **Mayor's Civic Sunday Service**
Nov 11th – **Official beacon lighting and fireworks to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI, Regatta Meadow**
Nov 25th 5.00pm – **St. Neots Christmas Lights switch on**
Dec 15th – **Mayor's Carol Concert**

ESCA

Sept 23rd 2.00 -4.00pm – **Lock Up open**, School Lane
Oct 22nd 7.30pm – **AGM** - Eaton Socon Church

Café on the Green

10am-noon every Monday (from 3rd Sep)
Eaton Socon Church Hall

Why not pop in and have a chat, a cuppa and cake



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

Derek Giles – 01480 731321
Sandra Giles – 07530 125720
Charles Rogers – 07813 897949
Gordon Thorpe – 07956 878780

EATON SOCON

Barry Banks – 07710 209950
Derek Eyre – 07779 296801
Colin Maslen – 07810 481941

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

May Day Thanks

May Day cannot take part without a large amount of work behind the scenes from the committee and all those who help to make the event special. Thanks are due to Karen Morrizzo of Endersby Awards for the engraving of the Community Cup, Mark Hansard and Clair Slade for compering, Tony Summerlin for the photographs, St Mary's Church for the use of the church over the weekend, members of the St Neots Local History Society for their help, St Johns for the First Aid, Eaton Socon River Mill for the BBQ fuel, H.E. Payne of Wyboston for the use of a lorry, St Neots Town Council and the Priory Centre for all their help, and many volunteers who made the afternoon such a success. Thanks are also due to local shops and businesses who gave raffle and tombola prizes.

Textile Bank

Don't forget to use your local textile bank (situated at Tesco express opposite St. Mary's Church). You can donate clothing, shoes, bedding and towels. So far over **£1900** has been received since last September. All money received comes to ESCA and will be shared by local groups in the Eatons.



Copy date for the next edition of ESCAN for news, adverts and information – 20th October 2018 .

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

● Chairman's Spot ●

This summer has flown past and events in the town and in the Eatons have once again come thick and fast. We are very fortunate in this town to have so many events during the summer, such as the Folk Festival, Armed Forces Day, a History Festival, the annual Regatta, the Dragonboat festival and the Inland Waterways Festival of Water. The Eatons have had their May Day celebrations, a successful history exhibition, the Eatons Open Gardens, the Neat Street Competition and our unique Lock Up has been open on several occasions. In July our May Court joined in with the Armed Forces Day and the History Festival where the girls ran bagatelle games and a wonderful old fashioned skittle game, made by a local carpenter. In August as I write this, other events are planned and I am sure that when we have all enjoyed our summer sunshine, we can look forward to a quieter autumn. If you would like to be more involved with the Community Association then why not come along to our AGM and see what we do.

Sue Jarrett, ESCA Chairman

ESCAN Deliveries

We need more people to deliver ESCAN. We deliver to over 6,000 homes, three times a year, and this will increase as new houses are built. 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 ESCA at 3 Collingwood Road, Eaton Socon – Tel 216065 or Carole Robson on 218755.

St Neots Food Bank

Hungry and don't know where to go for help?



If you are hungry then you could qualify for the Food Bank. You will need a voucher and these can be obtained from Bushmead or Crosshall School, your Housing Association, Eaton Socon Health Centre, Pre Schools, The Children's Centre in Bushmead Road, Social Services or your Support Worker. Failing any of these you can obtain a voucher from the CAB in Tan Yard car park near Waitrose or the St. Neots Locality Team in The Bargroves, Cromwell Road.

Vouchers can then be exchanged for sufficient food for 3 days at these distribution centres -

Mon – 4 - 6 pm, Open Door Church, Suites 2-6, 31A St Neots Road, Eaton Ford

Tues – 10 -12 noon, United Reformed Church, High Street, St. Neots

Thurs – 4 - 6pm, Berkley Street Methodist Church, Eynesbury

Fri – 10 – 12 noon, St. Mary's Church, Eaton Socon

For more details see website – www.stneots.foodbank.org.uk

Eaton Socon Charities

Once again the Eaton Socon Charities are able to consider giving donations later this year. Formed from various church charities that once gave out coal and bread to people in the parish who might benefit, the charities now distribute funds and hampers just before Christmas. These donations are available to people living within Eaton Socon Parish which includes Eaton Ford, Cross Hall, Duloe, Staploe, Honeydon, Begwary, Tythe, Basmead, Bushmead, Goodwick and Wyboston. If you would like to be considered for a small grant and/ or hamper please ask at the Eaton Socon Post Office for a form or if you have any queries please telephone Joan Squire on 01234 378894. Forms available from 1st October. Closing date for entries - 24th October 2018



Bingo at Hanover Close

Bingo is held twice a week at Hanover – Mon and Wed - 2pm – 3pm

If you would like to play bingo go along, play a few games and then enjoy a cup of tea afterwards with new and old friends. Everyone is welcome to sessions which are held in the lounge. If you fancy helping out with the calling of numbers please go along and offer to help, especially on a Monday afternoon.

**For more information please contact
Denise Gable, Estate Manager, Tel 01480 406 438**

ST. NEOTS & DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB

www.stneots-camera-club.org.uk

OPEN EVENING AND START OF OUR NEW SEASON

Tues 18th Sep - 7.30pm

St. Neots Bowling Club PE19 1AP (St Anselm Place - beside Tennis Courts)

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PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION Sat 20th Oct 10am - 4.00pm

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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 – 12.30.

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 -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



Hearing Aid Users

Free monthly hearing help drop in session in the Tesco community room on the 3rd Friday of each month, from 2- 4pm. NHS hearing aid users can receive free replacement batteries and have their hearing aid cleaned and retubed. Free advice is also offered on hearing aid use.

For further details please see – www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk

Walking Football

Every Monday evening 6-7 pm at St. Neots Leisure Centre.

Recommended age is 35+ but all ages can take part, especially good for those recovering from injury. There is also a very lively social side, where people meet for various meals or drinks etc.

For more information please go onto their facebook page, **Huntingdonshire Walking Football Group.**



Hall/Function room for Hire

Eaton Socon Sports Association at River Road has a clubhouse which can be used for functions such as birthday parties, meetings etc. Very reasonable rates. One-off hire or regular bookings considered.

For further details please contact Stuart Ross on 07917017048 or email - stuart.ross3@ntlworld.com

* DONATIONS FROM ESCA *

Once again, after our fund raising efforts we have money to share with local groups so if you meet in the Eatons and would like a small donation please write to ESCA, 3 Collingwood Rd, Eaton Socon, St Neots, Cambs, PE19 8JQ or email eatonsca@gmail.com and let us know how much you would like and what it is for. We will consider all requests, however small. Deadline for requests 30th September 2018 and donations will be given out at our AGM in October.

Fire alarms

Are you concerned about your fire safety or anyone in your neighbourhood who may need support or assistance? The fire brigade can help with a free smoke alarm service for anyone with disabilities or if you're over 65. Contact us on 08009179994 (this is an answerphone service), email: firefire@cambsfire.gov.uk or the website www.cambsfire.gov.uk to book an appointment.

The Eatons Community Centre



The Maltings, Eaton Socon, PE19 8ES
priory.centre@stneots-tc.gov.uk

- Wedding Receptions
- Community Events
- Community Groups
- Private Functions
- Childrens Parties

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Riverside Miniature Railway

The Riverside Miniature Railway has proved to be a great success with both adults and children enjoying a ride around part of the beautiful riverside park. Please go along and give it a try, you won't be disappointed. The train will be running in September on Saturday the 1st, Sundays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th and then in October Sunday 21st and 28th.

Urgently needed are volunteers each time the train is running – driving a train, station duties and maintenance of the track and rolling stock. Training can be given and volunteering can be great fun resulting in lots of smiling faces as families enjoy themselves.

For more information please contact the website on www.riversiderailway.co.uk



St. Neots Gardening Club

Meetings on Thursdays at St.Mary's Church Hall, Brook St. St.Neots

Sep 27th **Annual General Meeting**

Oct 25th **From the Mystical to the Purely Misguided**, by Twigs Way

Nov 22nd **Social Evening**

Little Paxton Gardening Club

at Little Paxton Village Hall at 8pm

Oct 3rd **Lessons from Great Gardeners**, by Matthew Biggs 'The people's gardener' (entrance by ticket only – contact Jane Hill 01480 218805 or John Greig 01480 215201)

Bushmead Secondary School Reunion

July 20th 2019

Did you ever go to Bushmead Secondary School, built when Eaton Socon was in Bedfordshire and took children from Eaton Socon, Wyboston, Roxton, Chawston, Colmworth and Great Barford? Two bus routes collected the children from the villages.

Next year, in 2019, it is 50 years since the children were transferred to Longsands School in St Neots, after part of Eaton Socon Parish became Huntingdonshire. The building was then adapted and used for primary school children who moved here from the school in School Lane.

Photographs are beginning to appear of pupils and teachers and information is being checked, but we would like more. Can you help us with more photographs and names ?

A school reunion is planned for July 20th 2019 – so pass the message around and put the date in your diary.



Bollards

Have you seen our new colourful bollards? Bushmead School and the Eatons Community Association (ESCA) teamed up to have a competition to design some colourful bollards. These bollards are in front of one of the shops in Nelson Road, Eaton Socon and were looking very dismal. Thanks to a team of Bushmead pupils who won the competition the winners were able to paint the bollards with paint supplied by ESCA. Why not pop along to see our fantastic colourful bollards?



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The Pightle

Future investment or just encouraging apples?

Part of the ongoing management of the Pightle is to encourage commemorative trees in the west of the Pightle (the bit near the large wooden seat).

Trustees have always encouraged residents to plant fruit trees in this 'orchard' area. Over the years pear, cherry and plum trees have been planted. However, it has always been the dream of the present chairman of Trustees to grow and form a cider apple orchard. (Could this be that chairman Derek is a CAMRA member of long standing?)

So when a kind supporter of The Pightle donated a whopping £250 for community trees, the donator did not need a lot of persuading to share Derek's vision of eventually being able to produce our very own Eatons Cider. With the help of St Neots Town Council who helped prepare the soil by removing some fly ash and replacing it with proper soil we now have 14 young cider apple trees to complement our three other apple trees. Old varieties of apples with the names of Foxwhelp, Gilly, Dabinett, Red Streak, Michelin, Katy, Russett and the ever popular Kingston Black are now putting down roots in our Pightle.

It will take a few years of tending and nurturing to get these trees established before the first pressings take place. However, there are many apple trees here in gardens in The Eatons so perhaps we should consider organising an 'Apple Day'. Hiring a press and having a funday for all. Anyone interested?

Why not become a Pal of The Pightle and get involved in whatever way you can to help keep our (yes OUR) Pightle looking nice. Please make yourself know to any of the volunteers who work on various projects or contact Barry Banks, 2 Wheatsheaf Road who will welcome your input.

Why not sign up to donate an amount of money each month to help with new plants and bulbs (see Pal of the Pightle form on the right). As a Pal of The Pightle you will get to eventually sample The Pightle cider!

Derek Giles

Chairman – The Pightle Millennium Green Trust

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

Tel: 01480 731321 Email: info@eatonsoconpightle.org.uk

Local members of the Royal British Legion at the WW1 Commemorations in Belgium

Members of the Eaton Socon branch of The Royal British Legion joined thousands on a pilgrimage of Remembrance to WW1 battlefields culminating in a parade and ceremony in Ypres as part of the end of the First World War centenary commemorations.

The Royal British Legion event, known as Great Pilgrimage 90 (GP90), took place between the 5th and 9th of August and was one of the largest in the charity's history. GP90 marked 90 years since the original Royal British Legion Pilgrimage in 1928, which saw 11,000 WW1 veterans and war widows visit the battlefields of the Somme in France and Ypres in Belgium, a decade after the conflict ended. The 1928 Pilgrimage culminated in a march through Ypres to the Commonwealth War Grave Commission's Menin Gate Memorial for a ceremony to commemorate the launch of The Hundred Days Offensive and in remembrance of those who never returned.

Local Legion members, Michelle Allison and Hazel Allison represented the Eaton Socon Branch and the local community at the event. They toured some of the same battlefields and cemeteries visited by those on the 1928 Pilgrimage, before marching along the original route to the Menin Gate on the 8th August, Michelle bearing the branch standard and Hazel laying a wreath on behalf of the Eaton Socon and St Neots community.

They joined more than 2,200 other Legion representatives and dignitaries, including Civic and military guests from the UK, Commonwealth and Northern Europe. Albert Hayes of the Eaton Socon Branch of The Royal British Legion, commented: "Great Pilgrimage 90 is a unique opportunity for the Legion community to come together and bear our Standards along the same route in Ypres taken 90 years earlier by the veterans and widows of WW1."

If you want to find out more about GP90 or how your local Royal British Legion branch works in our community, then please contact Stuart Allison at ally2tank@yahoo.co.uk.

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WATER FOR HEDGEHOGS

With temperatures continuing to soar and Britain's landscape drying out, an animal charity has issued a plea to the public to think about helping wildlife. People are being urged to place shallow bowls of water in their gardens and, if possible, some hedgehog food or meaty cat or dog food.

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 Sue Jarrett, 3 Collingwood Road, Eaton Socon, St Neots, PE19 8JQ

Dear Trustee Sue,

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 send me your bank details so I can set up a standing order)

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.



"St Neots Riders Group"

Free cycle rides of varying lengths for all ages guided by a Sustrans Rangers (children must be accompanied by adults).

WHEN - every third Sunday, starting at the Ambiance Café at 10.30 am
For more info see - www.bit.ly/snbikerides and for the next bike ride see www.bit.ly/snnext or phone Richard Cooper, Volunteer Liaison Ranger, email - ranger@ridingabike.co.uk or Tel 01480 718818.



Puddles Groups

These groups are run by the River Church and meet at the Eatons Community Centre, behind the Co-op. **The Puddles Stay and Play** group for toddlers and carers meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30-11.30 when a snack and drink are provided and tea/coffee for carers. There is also the **Puddles Tea and Play** - an after School Club for primary school and reception children meeting on Thursdays from 3.30-5.30pm. A light meal is provided and Mums get a chance to catch up while activities are provided for the children. These groups are free but donations are asked for to help cover costs. Please contact Jim Fitzgerald on 07545 175837 for more information.



Duloe Playing Field and Duloe Village Hall

Have you ever considered hiring the village hall or the playing field at Duloe? These facilities are not far away and well worth taking a look at. The field is approximately 100m x 125m in size and is currently maintained by Staploe and Duloe Football Club in return for use of the pitch. The Football Club will be moving on 31st May 2018 and the Parish Council are seeking alternative hirers to use the field after that date.

The field is next to Duloe Village Hall (PE19 5HR) which is available for hire at a rate of £7 per hour for regular hirers (£25 minimum charge for occasional users). There is a play area and parking is available.

For further information please contact the Parish Clerk lucy_crawford@hotmail.com / 01480 471 526. To book the hall please call 07768 303 373

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Your "Library at Home Service"

If you are stuck at home and would like to read a book then why not ask the library for help - Cambridgeshire Libraries offer a home delivery service for people who can no longer use the library because of mobility problems, ill health or because they have full time (unpaid) caring duties. Volunteer library visitors will ensure that people who have particular problems in visiting a library do not miss out on a regular supply of books or audio books. Books can be chosen by the reader and delivered free of charge to your home by volunteers.

For more information contact Liz Sheppard email - your.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk tel 0345 045 5225 or ask at your local library



Fusion Youth Club

FUSION - the club for teenagers aged 13-18 to chill out and mix with friends in a safe environment. Set up by Barry and Denise Cathrall at St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon, Fusion meets on alternate Fridays from 8pm to 9.30pm. There is a wide range of activities and refreshments will be provided - all you need to do is turn up at 8pm and pay £1 for entry. For more details contact Barry & Denise on 07707 301640.



Tiddlers & Toddlers

Every Friday in term time
at Jubilee Hall, 9.30am-11.30am
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Lose the Label

Promoting person first language

This new group in St Neots works with families with children and adults with Downs Syndrome - encouraging a more positive language when

describing people with this label. Activities are planned to provoke more thought about how we should think about Downs Syndrome and how we can all work together to promote a better understanding of everyone.

If you would like to know more about this group - please see the website www.losethelabel.co.uk or contact info@losethelabel.co.uk

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Dates for History Groups

St. Neots Local History Society

Monthly meetings at Eynesbury C of E School Hall, Montagu St, Eynesbury at 7.30pm
Chairperson – Elaine Donaldson 01480 217492

- Sept 7th **Curse Tablets in Roman Britain**, by Paddy Lambert
Oct 5th **Loves Farm – Excavation Update**, by Mark Hinman
Nov 2nd **Doc Rowlett**, by Liz Davies

Colmworth & Neighbours History Society

All meetings held in Colmworth Village Hall, Fridays from 7.30pm to 9.30pm unless advised differently.

Chairperson – Chris Walker 01234 771536

- Oct 19th **Bedford and its River**, by Bob Ricketts
Nov 16th **Archaeological findings from the Biddenham Loop and Northern Bypass excavations**, by Mike Luke

Roxton & District Local History Group

Meetings are at Roxton Village Hall (in the High Street) 7.30pm on the first Thursday of the month,

- Sept 6th **My Year as High Sheriff**, by Colin Osborne OBE
Oct 4th **Atishoo, Atishoo we all fall down. The 1918 Influenza Outbreak**, by Maurice Nicholson.
Nov 1st **The War to End All Wars**, by Norman Keightley
Dec 6th **A.G.M.**



Roxton Thatched Chapel

The Congregational thatched chapel at Roxton has been successful in its application for Heritage Lottery funding for re-thatching and repair of roof timbers. Work will begin next spring. Fund raising continues and a very successful Art Exhibition "Painting in the Pews" was recently organised for the chapel by three members of St Neots Art Group. Many visitors came and were delighted to see the unique Cottage Orne chapel building. Group visits can be arranged or you can attend one of the planned events. This Autumn we are holding an expert led day when the North Beds building method of wattle & daub and thatch is explained both at the chapel and with a short walk around the village centre.

For more information please see the chapel website – www.roxtonchapel.btck.co.uk
Stella Gibbs (Deacon)

Eaton Socon Trefoil Guild

Following on from a wet and chilly winter, we have been blessed with some wonderful weather for our Spring and Summer programme.



At Grafham Water

During the last few months we have had walks in Hayley Wood, where some of us braved the ladders up to the hide, and around Grafham Water and then met in the pub in Perry to have a look at the achievements of one of our members Erica, who has achieved her Bronze Voyage award (well done!). In July we followed the trail of St Neot and the

history of the Prior, where we found the location of the pillars of the old Priory in the Waitrose car park which none of us could say we had noticed before!

In September we are having a talk from a member of Gamlingay Senior Section about her trip to Fiji with Girl Guiding and other autumn meetings will be a talk on the RNLI and fish supper, Cake decorating for Christmas cup cakes and our Christmas meal.

The venues for our meetings vary depending on what we are doing so if you are interested in joining us for any of our events please email: eatonsocontrefoilguild@gmail.com for more information. We look forward to meeting you!



ESCA Local History Books and Information

Now the evenings are drawing in enjoy time sitting in a comfortable armchair and a nice cup of tea or glass of wine reading one (or more) of ESCA's local history books.

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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Poppy Trail

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We are planning to place the plaques on the graves, provide a trail leaflet to show where the graves are and put more information on the soldiers on the St Neots Community Archive website.

We are also planning to provide plans of the burial grounds at the entrances to show where the graves are.

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