



ESCAN

Your FREE Community Newsletter



Eatons Community Association - Registered Charity No.1110148

April – September 2014

Eatons May Day Celebrations Monday May 5th 2014 on Eaton Socon Green 12 noon – 4pm

12 noon

Stalls open

2pm

Crowning of
the May Queen

3pm

Award of the
Eatons Community
Cup

4pm

Drawing
of the Raffle



If you wish to find out more about the entertainment or stalls on May Day please contact ESCA (Eatons Community Association), 3 Collingwood Rd, Eaton Socon, St Neots, Cambs, PE19 8JQ or email eatonsca@gmail.com

History Exhibition

St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon

Saturday 3rd and Monday 5th May 10am – 4pm

'Life in the Great War' Exhibition

Launch of new book 'Eaton Socon in the Great War'
Research local archives for families and buildings



Discover what John and Ada Addington from Ford House did in the war

Also- small exhibition on the Sunny Smile Toy Factory



Eatons Events



Lock Up/Cage Opening –
Free admission
School Lane, Eaton Socon

May 25th 2pm – 4pm

Jun 29th 2pm – 4pm

Jul 27th 2pm – 4pm

Eatons Open Gardens Sunday June 8th 2pm – 5pm

Programmes available from Eaton Socon Green from around 1.30pm. Spend an afternoon exploring local gardens. All money raised goes to local Eatons good causes.

Neat Street July 2014

Entries deadline June 17th

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If you have any news or views please send to the Chairman no later than 26th July 2014 for inclusion in the next issue.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Eatons Community Centre	01480 388911
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Eaton Socon Health Centre	08444 771802
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Crosshall Infants School	01480 475980
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Useful Websites

ESCA	www.escan.org.uk
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Cedar House Surgery	www.cedarhousesurgery.net
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St Neots Time Bank	www.e-s-timebank.eu
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Who's Who at ESCA

<i>Chairman</i>	Sue Jarrett	01480 216065
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<i>ESCAN Co-ordinator</i>	Kate Norden	01480 470039

Hanover Knitters

Meets 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 405639

Dates for your diary

St Mary's Eaton Socon Church Dates

April 17th **Maundy Thursday service** – 8pm
 April 18th, **Good Friday All Age Service** – 10am.
Meditations on the Cross – 2pm
 April 20th **Easter Sunday services** 9am and 10.30am.
 June 14th – **Saturday Groundforce Day** – 9am – 1pm
 Tidying Churchyard, sausage and bacon rolls provided.
 July 13th **Sunday Summer BBQ** on the Green commencing at 12.30pm
 August 3rd **All Age Service** Remembering the outbreak of WWI – service starting at 10.30am
 Contact office for further details (352154).

Town Events

June 6th, 7th **St Neots Folk Festival**
 June 28th **Armed Forces Day** – Riverside Park
 July 26th, 27th **Edwardian Festival** – Market Square and Museum
 July 26th, 27th **St Neots Regatta** – Regatta Meadow
 August 9th **Dragon Boat Race** – Regatta Meadow

Eynesbury Village Association

St. Georges Day Event over 2 days Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th
 April held on the Coneygeare, Eynesbury.

St. Neots Choral Society

Saturday April 12th – **Beethoven Mass in C. Mendelssohn**
Come let us Sing– (Priory Centre—7.30pm)
 Saturday June 28th – **Joint concert with St. Neots Sinfonia.**
 An evening of English music – Walton Crown Imperial, Elgar – From the Bavarian Highlands. Vaughan Williams Folk Song Suite. Searle Magnificat – St. Mary's Church Eaton Socon 7.30pm

Pightle

AGM – Monday May 19th 2014 – 8pm at St. Mary's Church Eaton Socon

Textile Bank Money

If you have any textiles you cannot put in the blue bin then why not use the textile bank at Tesco Express? Money raised from these textiles will be given to ESCA to distribute to local groups. Let ESCA continue to support small groups that benefit from that little bit of extra money.



Meet your councillor

Have you ever wanted to meet your Town Councillor or ask a question about something concerning the town?

The next session to be held at the Eatons Community Centre is **Wednesday 7th May 7.00-8.00pm.**

More are planned so watch the village notice boards for more dates.

If you wish to email your councillor the details are on the Town Council website but if you have no access to computers the councillors and their details are -

Eaton Ford	Bob Farrer	01480 404014
	David Harty	01480 477202
	Bill Hodges	01480 394109
	Colin Thompson	01480 477406
	Graham Welton	07732 131563
Eaton Socon	Nick Berry	01480 471194
	Stephen Davison	07752 264983
	Roger Harrison	07717 666238
	Keith Prentice	01480 214838

Copy date for the next edition of ESCAN for news, adverts and information – 26th JULY 2014.

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

Chairman's Spot

Welcome to another copy of ESCAN, your free community newsletter from the Eatons Community Association (ESCA).

2014 is once again a year full of celebrations and festivities in Eynesbury and St Neots, and of course in the Eatons. If you have never been to some of these events why not go along and try them out?

There is always something to do, especially in the summer when it is great to explore the parks and the many footpaths, around and through the town. If you like to join groups to share ideas and plan events then ask at the library for local groups. This town has lots to offer - why not decide to try something new in the next few months. Enjoy your summer.

Sue, ESCA Chairman

St Mary's Eaton Socon Bell Appeal

A very big **Thank You** comes from Eaton Socon Church as all the funds necessary to complete the Bell work have now been raised and the work will be carried out in the next few months.

Our bells will once again ring out loudly and clearly!

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

The new CAB centre is now permanently based in a portacabin in the Tan Yard car park, near Waitrose, PE19 1AN

Advice helpline – landline 0844 2451292
– mobile 0300 3300 650

Drop in sessions Tues and Thurs 9.30-12.30



If you are a dog owner please think of others and pick up your dog's 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.

WW1 Commemorations

I am sure that you are all aware that this summer marks 100 years since the Great War began. Commemorations are planned throughout the country and churches will be holding services. There are many television programmes about the War and stories are being recorded so that we can all learn about the war and its impact.

ESCA is involved in local events and the book for this year will reveal stories from Eaton Socon Parish. If you have any memorabilia or stories of your family in the War please come along and tell us at our exhibition in May or at one of the other local events. Let's record what we can for the future.

Post Box Update

Yes, we are still aware that not all the post boxes are painted in Eaton Socon. ESCA is still persevering to get the job completed and the Post Office have been told that they did not finish the job. We sent the first request in during October 2012 - let's see how long it takes before we can be proud of our letter boxes, especially the one in Bushmead Road, seen here!



ESCAN Deliveries

Do you want to become one of our kind volunteers who like to have a walk and deliver a few newsletters? We have a growing team of volunteers who deliver and a small team who count and bag the ESCANS, so if you would like to help please let ESCA know.

Nisa helps Eaton Socon Charities

Trustees of the Eaton Socon Charities were delighted to accept a generous cheque for £275 from Queens Gardens Nisa Local Store. Surjit, owner of the store, commented that he was very pleased to be able to support the community work carried out by the Eaton Socon Charities.



Photo: Surjit (NISA owner); Sarah (NISA worker); Ben & Revd Tim (Eaton Socon Charities Trustees)

NEAT STREET July 2014

This annual popular event encourages everyone in the Eatons to smarten up the streets and be proud of your area. Last year Spencer Close in Eaton Ford was the neatest street, but this year it could be you!

Why not get together with your neighbours and enter for Neat Street 2014? Streets will be judged on (1) the absence of weeds on kerbs and gutters, (2) no litter, (3) maintained front gardens or frontages and (4) unobstructed pavements.

Contact ESCA by phone or email and enter your street by June 17th. Longer streets can be split into smaller sections.

St Neots Food Bank

The Food Bank aims to provide emergency food for three days to individuals and families identified by care professionals.



Distribution Centres open 10am - 12 noon

Tues - United Reformed Church, St Neots

Fri - St Mary's Parish Church Eaton Socon

Food Bank Office - open Mon, Tues and Friday 10am- 12noon

When you are shopping why not buy a little something extra and pop it in the Food Bank box in your supermarket. A shopping list of items can be found on the website - stneots.foodbank.org.uk

For more information please phone 01480 475 426 or email: info@stneots.foodbank.org.uk

Beware of scams!

Please be careful of people wanting to get your bank cards and their details. Banks will never ask for pin numbers and if a person phones you about a problem with your card be very wary and do not reveal any of your card details.

No one should collect your cards for whatever reason and if you are at all concerned about a possible scam please contact the police who can then investigate.

Can you play Badminton?

St. Neots Badminton Club is looking for new members. We meet at One Leisure, St. Neots on Monday and Wednesday evenings 8-10pm. If you can play badminton and wish to dust off your racquet contact Laurie Parnham on l.parnham1@ntlworld.com



Postage Stamps

Do not forget to collect your stamps and either take them into the Cat Protection Shop in Cross Keys Mall or post them to ESCA, 3 Collingwood Rd, Eaton Socon, Cambs, PE19 8JQ

LADIES, RUGBY NEEDS YOU!

Do you want to...

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'Bringing wildlife closer to home'

It's all change at Sudbury Meadow! Four Lombardy poplar trees were removed, along with an old, scrappy hedge, along the Crosshall Road boundary at the end of February. These trees failed a recent Huntingdonshire District Council safety check and it was reluctantly agreed that the best option was to remove them, along with the old hedge. A new post and rail fence along the road side of the new open space will prevent car parking.

Surprisingly, the poplars were only about 50 years old. According to local man Ivan Smith, they were planted in the 1960s by his uncle, Jack Smith, who used to live at No 6 Crosshall Road. Ivan remembers them being planted and used to look after one of the allotments immediately behind them. There were originally at least ten poplars. Two were badly damaged in a hedgerow fire in the 1990s. Poplars are well known for falling over or suddenly dropping branches as they get older, either in high winds or during droughts, so when HDC took over Sudbury Meadow in 2001, a safety check was carried out. Six trees failed and were removed in March 2002, whilst the remaining four were pollarded. The advice was that they would need pollarding or removing within ten to twelve years.

Friends of Sudbury Meadow planted a Rowan and Crab Apple tree on the eastern side of the new hedge several years ago to help fill the gap created by the felled trees. Now the remaining poplars have gone, these trees should be reinvigorated and will also be joined by several new trees.



The view in 2002

If you would like to help look after Sudbury Meadow, please come along to one of our Saturday morning work parties. More details at www.sudburymeadow.org.uk or call 01480 374792.

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St. Neots & District Gardening Club

Meetings on Thursdays at St. Mary's Church Hall, Brook St., St. Neots, at 8pm.

Apr 24th **Patio gardening and gardening in small places**, by Rodney Tibbs
Competition - A Decorated Egg

May 22nd **Cacti and Succulents** by Paul Hoxey.
Competition - one stem of a foliage plant

Jun 1st **Trip to Jordan's Mill Biggleswade**, 1st tour 3.00pm

Jun 26th **Gardens and the National Trust** by Veronica Bennett.
Competition - one stem of Rose

Jul 20th **Trip to Wisley Gardens** - leaving St. Neots approximately 9.30am

Jul 24th **Topical presentations**. A variety of speakers giving short presentations.
Competition - one pot plant

Aug 16th **Annual Summer Show** Eaton Socon Community Hall - open to visitors at 2.00pm

Aug 28th **Trip to visit Hopley's Nursery at Much Hadham**. Tour to start 2.00pm
Members £2.00, Non-Members £2.50 which includes refreshments and a raffle ticket

Contact - Chairman David Usher Tel 01480 476671

The Pightle Millennium Green – Eaton Socon

As I write we're coming to the end of another long, wet, cold winter and once again the Pightle has taken its fair share of a soaking. Perhaps not on the scale of the dramatic floods of 2013, but the ground has been thoroughly waterlogged. We owe thanks to our dedicated volunteers who have been shovelling bark around to keep the riverside area open and welcoming, rather than turning into a mud-bath!

Signs of warmer times ahead are appearing, with clumps of snowdrops, crocuses and winter aconites well in flower. They may look very delicate but they are tough when it comes to enduring the cold! Each autumn we've had a bulb-planting party brave the weather to top up our collection, and over the next few weeks you should be able to see the fruits of their labours with patches of colour everywhere. Already the daffodils are appearing around our noticeboard and down by the cowfield stile, bluebells won't be far behind and this year we can see the less well known snakeshead fritillary planted last autumn (see right).



The bulb planters haven't just been at work in the Pightle, though – keep an eye out as you go around the Eatons and you'll see a healthy crop of daffodils in the verges of Nelson Road, snowdrops in Bunny Lane, more daffodils near the water tower, crocuses on our greens, and quite a variety on the way to Willow Bridge. Each year is that bit more colourful than the last!

The Pightle has been well known for its part in the conservation of our black poplars over the years. This winter marked a big step forward as twenty-four cuttings departed, some to be grown on and replanted locally, but the majority to go to help restore a former quarry site near Bluntisham. As the black poplar grows as separate male and female trees, it is very important to plant colonies rather than single trees. It's great to see this beautiful species reappearing where it was once very common.

Finally, you may see some unfamiliar faces in our trees in the near future. Keep your eyes peeled as you wander around and all will be revealed in due course...

Julia Hayward

Chair – The Pightle Millennium Green Trust
Tel: 0777 3918223 Email: Julia@juliahayward.com
Website: <http://www.eatonsoconpightle.org.uk>



Open Gardens Sunday 8th June 2014

Last year's Eatons Open Gardens was a great success and we raised money for activities for teenagers. We are still looking for more gardens to make this event bigger and this year the date has been set for the afternoon of Sunday 8th June, so if you have a garden you would like to share with others and help to raise money for local good causes please let ESCA know at 3 Collingwood Road, Eaton Socon, Cambs or email eatonsca@gmail.com. Tickets and programmes will be available nearer the time. Watch out in the local newspapers and noticeboards for exact times nearer the event.

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 Mrs Julia Hayward (Chairman of The Pightle Trust) 11 Collingwood Rd, Eaton Socon PE19 8JQ

Dear Chairman Julia,

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.....

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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 confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for the current tax year (6 April – 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for the current tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.

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For more information about the Sustrans cycle rides contact Richard Cooper, Volunteer Liaison Ranger
email ranger@ridingabike.co.uk or Tel 01480 889171.

Help with your Computer

Have you got a computer which you find hard to use or you do not know how to log on, send an email, search the net, download your photos or start online shopping? You may not even know how to scroll, use the mouse or press the return button.

If so, go and ask at the library for free friendly advice on Tuesdays from 10 till 12:30. No booking is required, and whether you are a complete novice or an improver the library volunteers are keen to help.

St Neots TIME BANK

Time Banking is a controlled exchange of voluntary work and no money is exchanged – this is all voluntary. You deposit time in the Bank by giving practical help and support to others, then you withdraw time when you need something doing for yourself by another member. Time can be saved for bigger jobs. Age and ability are no obstacle - All you need is spare time. No money is needed other than for materials – this is VOLUNTARY. The Time Bank offers - full insurance security, access to training, the opportunity to meet other people and becoming involved in community projects and events.

If you are interested in voluntary work and banking the ‘hours’ spent so you can also benefit, then email: timevolunteers@hotmail.co.uk or Tel: 07590909057 to join or for further details.

www.e-s-timebank.eu

Battle the Boredom Website

Have your teenagers ever protested “I’m bored..”? Are you a young person yourself? If so why not look at the website that might give you answers – <http://www.battletheboredom.com/main-member.html>

For fun things, **battletheboredom** lists local clubs’ contact details for young people, runs competitions for members, and offers zones for indoors hobbies, gaming, fashion, and music. There is also advice for more serious ‘stuff’, such as bullying, health, and keeping safe online. Donna, the website designer and mum of teenagers herself, emphasises that while it is great fun for the users it can also be a source of support. She has already helped several young people with advice on bullying. More ideas are planned for the future so log on and find out what is happening near you.

Your “Library at Home Service”

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. This works in partnership with the volunteer library visitors to make sure 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 Jakki Racey 077892 73903, your library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk, 0345 045 5225 or your local library.

St Neots Coffee Pot Memory Cafe and Musical Memories

It is recognised that singing, listening to music, even playing an instrument, are pleasures that remain for people with dementia, long after everything else has gone. This accounts for the spread, and growing popularity of groups all over the country that provide an opportunity for those with memory problems and their carers, to meet at regular intervals to sing together. The group of volunteers in St. Neots that already hold a monthly drop in at the Coffee Pot Club and a Pub Lunch, with the support of local Rotarians, have started a monthly gathering to sing and socialise for anyone with memory problems and their carers. Called Musical Memories, it meets under the musical direction of Caroline Muzolf at Peppercorns Music Academy at Little End Road, on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 11am – 12.30pm. Refreshments are provided half way through. All those with memory problems and their carers, will be very welcome to come along and join in. Attendance and parking is free.

Please phone Wendy on 01480 219925, or Nell on 01480 472495 for more details.

The Memory Café – second Wednesday of the month at Berkley Street Methodist Church in Eynesbury 11am – 12.30am.

Lunch Club – first Thursday of the month at The Eaton Oak meeting at 12 noon for 12.30am



Defibs for the Eatons

Why do we need a defibrillator in our community, and where would you look for one if you needed one?

If someone’s heart stops suddenly, they suffer a cardiac arrest, and this can be caused by undiagnosed heart conditions or even something as simple as a sudden blow to the chest, (i.e from a football). Even children can be affected and up to 270 cardiac arrests happen at school, each year in the UK.

So how can a defibrillator help? It has been shown that if someone has a cardiac arrest in the community they have a 6% chance of survival, but, if a defibrillator is used within 3 minutes, their chance of survival increases to 74%.

The Crosshall Schools are fund raising for a defibrillator to be placed in a locked cabinet outside the schools and accessed by a security code. The code will be held by the schools or can be given out when you dial 999 in the local area. Anyone can use this defibrillator without any training. It will cost £2000 and will be available for everyone in the Eaton Ford community, so if you would like to donate towards this worthy cause please drop any monies into Crosshall Infant School reception stating that it is for the defibrillator.

Please support this important cause and when the defibrillator is in place, there are plans to try and raise funds for others.



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Dates for History Groups

St Neots Local History Association

Monthly meetings at Eynesbury C of E School Hall, Montagu Street,
Eynesbury at 7.30pm

Chairperson – Elaine Donaldson 01480 217492

- May 2nd **Archaeology of the Sandy area** – by Bernard O'Connor
 May 25th (Sunday) – **'Beating the Bounds'** A 14 mile walk around St. Neots parish boundary
 Jun 6th **The Cambridge Jigsaw Project** - TBC
 Jul 4th **Guided walk around Sandy town** by Barry Groom
 Aug 1st **Guided Tour of Emplins Manor House, Gamlingay** by Philip Gorton
 Sep 5th **St. Neots in the Great War** – Gleanings from the St. Neots Advertiser by Sue Jarrett

Colmworth & Neighbours History Society

Monthly meetings at Colmworth Village Hall at 7.30pm

Chairperson – Stephen Smith 01234 376487

- May 16th **Colley Farm Excavations** (Martin Wilson) and Historic Scene-Setting Introduction (Thelma Marks)
 Jun 20th **A History of Bolnhurst** by Alan Woodward
 Jul 18th **The First World War via Local Newspapers** by Sue Jarrett
 Sep 19th **AGM** – Supper & Speaker: The Battle of Britain by Dr Stephen Carver (book in advance for meal)

Roxton & District Local History Group

Monthly meetings at Roxton Parish Hall at 7.30pm

Contact either P. Newell: 01234 870158
 or Stella Gibbs 01480 351931

- May 1st **Part Two of his History of the Britannia Works** by Ken Dickens
 Jun 5th **Cracking Tales & Dark Deeds** – Guided Walk in Biggleswade with Jane Croot
 Jul 3rd **Visit and Lunch** - to be confirmed
 Sep 4th **The Air War over the Western Front and the development of the early Air Force** by Barry Tomlinson

Message in a bottle

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Eaton Socon in the Great War

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This book provides a snapshot of life in a rural parish in the Great War, which would have been similar to many villages and towns in the country. Full of information about local children, men and women this is a must for anyone who would like to find out what happened to the ordinary person in the Great War.

