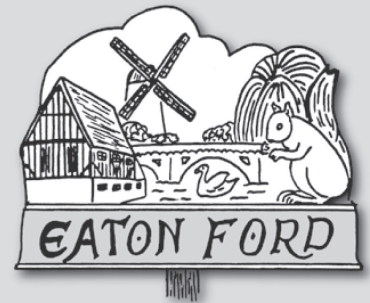




# ESCAN

Your FREE Community Newsletter



Eatons Community Association - Registered Charity No.1110148

September 2012

## May Day, Open Gardens, Church celebrations and flower festival

I've got a soggy napkin! Yes, this was a cry from one resident when they bought a burger from the BBQ at the annual May Day celebrations. Sadly there were very few dry napkins – though the food was hot and very welcoming!

May Day 2012 continued despite the rain and hundreds of people still turned out. Stallholders set up in dry conditions and took their stalls down in dry weather but the entire session in between was very wet. However, one stallholder sold out of her cakes and was so excited that she is very keen to come back next year.



Although it was wet people came out from their homes and supported the event with their umbrellas and in some cases their wellington boots. Hundreds of people enjoyed traditional 'May Pole Dancing' and 'Sweeps and Milkmaids Dances' by Heartsease Folk dancers on the tarmac by the church tower, twirling by the Sentinel Majorettes on the wet grass, dancing by the AJS Dance Academy inside the church and playing by the local live band 'Rumour has it' who sang and played many well known songs. The local VAMPS group also came along and sang some of their songs from their forthcoming production Godspell. On the village green were a BBQ, raffles and stalls, small fairground rides, and refreshments were available in St Mary's Church.

The 2012 May Queen competition was held at Bushmead Primary School and on May Day at 2pm the retiring May Queen, Lauren Whittaker, presented the crown and sash to the new May Queen Tahlia Keefe (from Bushmead), and tiaras and sashes to the two princesses Jessica Burt from Crosshall School and Holly Tokens from Bushmead School. Tahlia then presented



left to right - Jessica Burt, Tahlia Keefe and Holly Tokens

the retiring May Queen Lauren with a necklace donated by Johnsons Jewellers of St Neots.

The Eatons Community Cup was presented by last year's winner, Alison Pearson to John Wright who has been a very enthusiastic supporter of the Eaton Socon Cricket Club. Although John does not play cricket he has supported the club for many years and has spent many hours building the new pavilion. John is an inspiration to everyone at the club and the Community Association are very pleased to be able to recognise his enthusiasm and dedication. A special long service award was also presented to Colin Jackson who has supported the Community Association since its beginning and has competed at all the May Days up to 2011.



Colin Jackson on left, John Wright in the middle and Alison Pearson on right

Pictures by Angela Donnelly

### NEAT STREET

#### Neat Street Award 2012

The winner of this popular event this year is Sambar Close in Eaton Ford. This year the judges made a special mention of all the streets that were entered.

There was very little litter and many gardens were well maintained despite the unbelievable year with the weather. Three streets were so good in Eaton Ford that for the first time special certificates have been given to Hanover Close and Spencer Close as well as a plaque being awarded to Sambar Close.

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 makes the Eatons a better place to live.



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<b>Police</b>	<b>01480 456111</b>
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<b>Electricity Emergency</b>	
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EME	<b>0800 056 8090</b>
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<b>Huntingdonshire District Council</b>	
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<b>Duloe Village Hall</b>	<b>07768 303373</b>
<b>St Marys Church Hall Eaton Socon</b>	<b>01480 212219</b>
<b>Eatons Community Centre</b>	<b>01480 388911</b>
<b>Doctors Surgeries</b>	
Eaton Socon Health Centre	<b>08444 771802</b>
Cedar House Surgery	<b>01480 406677</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>



## 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>
Cambridgeshire Archives	<b>www.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>
Everyclick	<b>www.everyclick.com</b>
Pightle	<b>www.eatonsoconpightle.org.uk</b>
Bushmead School	<b>www.bushmeadprimaryschool.org.uk</b>
About my Area	<b>www.aboutmyarea.org.uk/PE19</b>
Duloe, Staploe and Honeydon	<b>www.staploeduloehoneydonparishcouncil.bedsparishes.gov.uk</b>



## Who's Who at ESCA

<i>Chairman</i>	Sue Jarrett	<b>01480 216065</b>
<i>Treasurer</i>	Dave Jarrett	<b>01480 216065</b>
<i>May Day Administrator</i>	Julia Hayward	<b>01480 210097</b>
<i>Open Gardens</i>	Collette Barnes	<b>01480 403343</b>
<i>History Co-ordinator</i>	Sue Jarrett	<b>01480 216065</b>

### New website for Eaton Socon hamlets

Did you know that Duloe, Staploe and Honeydon are in Eaton Socon's church parish? The parish goes as far as Bushmead crossroads and borders Hail Weston, Little Staughton and Colmworth. Lucy Crawford, the new clerk to Staploe Parish Council, has written to tell us of an exciting new website for our villages beyond the A1 - <http://www.staploeduloehoneydonparishcouncil.bedsparishes.gov.uk/>. This interesting website gives all kind of information for the villages and will no doubt be a focal point for the residents.

## Dates for your diary

### St Neots Sinfonia and St Neots Choral Society

Sept 22nd at St Marys Church, Eaton Socon 7.30pm **Piano recital**  
 Nov 10th at St Marys Church, St Neots 7.30pm **Concert**  
 Dec 1st at St Marys Church, Eaton Socon 7.30pm  
**Vaughan Williams** Serenade to Music, Towards the Unknown Region, **Gounod** - St. Cecilia Mass

### St Marys Church, Eaton Socon

**Week of Prayer** – 23rd - 28th Sep  
**Harvest Festival** – 14th Oct (at a local farm)  
**Light Spectacular Childrens Party in the church** – the alternative party to Halloween – 26th Oct  
**Service of Memories** – 4th Nov  
**Remembrance Day** – 11th Nov  
**Christmas Fayre** – Sat 10th Nov – 11.00am -2.00pm  
**Carol Concert** – Sat 22nd Dec – 6pm (Tickets in advance)  
 for more information contact the church office 01480 352154 or Tim Robb on 01480 212219 or website [www.eatonsocon.org](http://www.eatonsocon.org)

### Eynesbury Village Association

**Jumble Sale** – Sat 22nd Sep 1.30pm  
 Church Walk Day Centre, St Neots

## St Neots Players

The St Neots Players will be the first amateur society in Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire to present the international hit comedy "Calendar Girls" by Tim Firth. Join the intrepid ladies of Knapley Women's Institute as they dare to bare all for charity at The Priory Centre, Priory Lane, St Neots, Cambs on 20 – 22 September at 7.30 pm nightly and 2.30pm matinee on Saturday 22 September. Ticket prices - £12 (£10 cons)

Book via the Players online Box Office at [www.stneotsplayers.co.uk](http://www.stneotsplayers.co.uk) or the Priory Centre Box Office, tel: 01480-388922.

## Meet your councillor

Have you ever wanted to meet your councillor or ask a question about something concerning the town. Well now is your chance at the Eatons Community Centre, The Maltings, behind the Co-op Stores in Eaton Ford – 7.30pm – 8.30pm.

**Monday 1st October**  
**Monday 5th November**  
**Monday 3rd December**

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:

<b>Eaton Ford</b>	Bob Farrer	<b>01480 404014</b>
	David Harty	<b>01480 477202</b>
	Colin Thompson	<b>01480 477406</b>
	Graham Welton	<b>07732 131563</b>
	Neal Weston	<b>01480 403495</b>
<b>Eaton Socon</b>	Stephen Davison	<b>07752 264983</b>
	Christopher Duck	<b>01480 210740</b>
	Roger Harrison	<b>07717 666238</b>
	Andrew Jennings	<b>01480 403495</b>

### Copy date for the next edition of ESCAN for news, adverts and information – 20th October 2012.

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

## ● Chairman's Spot ●

This summer appears to have flown by and events in the town and in the Eatons have come thick and fast. How many did you attend between the showers? St Georges Day in Eynesbury saw a re-enactment group fighting at the Coneygeare and the Queens Jubilee celebrations in the town were the largest in the area. With the absence of a town carnival queen our Eatons May Queen and princesses were in the boat procession as our local royalty.

The Eatons had May Day celebrations, a successful history exhibition and new book, the Church Celebrations in June, the Eatons Open Gardens and the Big Bike Ride that passed through the Eatons in July. The local guides and scouts have also been celebrating their 50th birthday and special badges have been designed.

We have had a memorable summer of celebrations and we can now perhaps have a quieter autumn and begin to plan for next year. If you wish to be involved with our future plans then why not come along to the Eatons Community Association AGM on Oct 22nd at 7.30pm at Eaton Socon Church. Everyone will be welcome.

**Sue, ESCA Chairman**

## 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 Lauren Shepherd of Eynesbury ([lightscameradresses.co.uk](http://lightscameradresses.co.uk)) for donating the May Queen dress, Janet Endersby for the engraving of the Community Cup, Endersby Engravings for the engraving of the long service award, Pete of Black Cat Radio for compering, Johnsons Jewellers for the May Queen's necklace, St Mary's Church for the use of the church over the weekend, members of the St Neots Local History Club for their help, the Red Cross, H.E. Payne of Wyboston for the use of a lorry, St Neots Town Council and the Priory Centre for all their help, and the many volunteers who made the afternoon such a success. Thanks are also due to local shops and businesses who offered raffle prizes and tombola prizes. This year was particularly challenging with the weather but we survived and ESCA is very pleased to see so many groups involved. Lets hope for better weather next year.



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## Bell Ringers wanted

Do you fancy ringing bells – Eaton Socon needs more bellringers so if you would like to continue the English tradition of ringing in Eaton Socon we need some new recruits. Almost anyone over the age of 11 can learn to ring. You do not have to be particularly strong or musical (although it does help) or go to church. You do need to be free on Wednesday evenings and half an hour on Sunday morning. If you would like to see what we do or have a go yourself ring Wendy on 01480 212563.



## Open Gardens and Church Celebrations

The Eatons Open Gardens were held on the same weekend as the church celebrations for the 80th anniversary of the rebuilding of the church after the disastrous fire of 1930. The church held a flower festival over the weekend and the church looked amazing with some very colourful displays by church groups and other local groups including Cobbolds Funeral Directors, brownies, Posy Bowl, Churches Together, and the bellringers. A great deal of effort went into the displays which were based on hymns. Also at the church was a celebration concert, an anniversary church service and a Hog Roast.

The Eatons Open Gardens event was on the Sunday afternoon and visitors from miles around came to visit our selection of beautiful gardens with several new ones open this year. Every garden was different and all the gardeners had made a wonderful effort. Cups of tea and home made cake added to the enjoyment of the afternoon. A big thank you to all the gardeners and all the visitors. All the money raised this year from the Open Gardens will be given to the church.

## Are you a computer novice?

Would you like free friendly help to get started? St Neots library offers a walk in session every **Tuesday from 10 till 12:30, no booking required.** Whether you are a complete novice or an improver wanting to email, search the net, download your photos or start online shopping we will do our best to help.

The library has 8 computers in their upstairs learning suite staffed by two volunteers where you will always be made most welcome.

## Eatons Photograph competition

Plans are afoot to launch a photographic competition to brighten up the Eatons Community Centre. If you have not visited the centre recently it now boasts a wonderful seating area with benches and tables. A tree has been planted for the first ever St Neots Armed Forces Day and there are now a selection of old photographs showing Eaton Ford and Eaton Socon upstairs in the Rosamond Suite.

What more can be done – it has been decided to have some more recent photos of events in the Eatons to brighten up the Centre so get out your cameras and start snapping. All ages can enter and more details will be available soon.



## St Neots Knitting Group

Meets on the first Tuesday of the month. Evening meeting, all ages welcome. For details please call Angela on 01480 405639

## Bottle bank/Textile bank money

The bottle bank has gone and the textile bank has not yet produced much money but St Neots Town Council have very kindly given ESCA some money to help small groups within the Eatons. So, if you would like a few pounds to help with a small project please contact ESCA saying how much you would like and what it will be used for. Deadline – September 30th. All requests will be considered and money given out at the ESCA AGM.



## 'Bringing wildlife closer to home'

Whilst the weather has been periodically hampering the management work at Sudbury Meadow, our spirits have been boosted by receiving our second Green Flag Community Award.

The award recognises high quality green spaces in the UK that are managed by voluntary and community groups. It is part of the Green Flag Award® scheme, the national standard for quality parks and green spaces. We celebrated on 25th July at Sudbury Meadow on a very hot morning, when we were joined by volunteers from Waitrose and Paxton Pits Nature Reserve.

As I write this in early August, we are having our annual debate on when to cut the meadow vegetation and what to do with the cuttings. Grass breeding butterflies have been late emerging this year due to the awful wet and cold weather in late May-early June. To cut all the long grass now will deprive them of breeding sites, but to cut nothing will cause an already large amount of creeping thistle, bindweed and other less desirable plants to flourish. So far the compromise has been to cut the orchard area, leaving small patches of grass. However, the majority of gatekeeper butterflies seem to be in the lower meadow which desperately needs cutting!

Grass snakes have been the big wildlife news this year so far. Visitors have reported seeing them basking on the footpaths and we know they have been using the purpose made log and vegetation piles. Did they breed? We keep our fingers crossed and eyes open over the next 6-8 weeks in the hope that foot-long snakes may emerge. Do let us know if you see any when you visit the site.

As always we are looking for new volunteers to join the regulars. If you enjoy mowing lawns (yes, there are some people who really do enjoy it!) and can spare a few hours once a month, please get in touch as we are struggling to keep our formal grass under control this year.

**Alison Pearson**, Chair, Friends of Sudbury Meadow.  
01480 374792

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



## 'Cultivating Pride in our Town'

St Neots in Bloom hosted Anglia in Bloom judges Nolan Mills and Brian Gardner on 18th July for a tour of the town, which included the Eatons' floral displays. But Britain in Bloom is a year round campaign to improve the environment of communities of all sizes and shapes so the work doesn't stop just because the judging is complete for 2012! We have been busy sorting out the results and producing the certificates for our own community involvement events; the Best Front Garden competition (judged on 10th July) and our Commercial Frontage (baskets and planters) Awards, judged on 15th July. The Eatons did well again this year.

In the Commercial Frontage Awards, the winning display was at the Pig N Falcon in New Street, but it was all very close with only a few points between the Gold and Silver-gilt awards, often due to the wet weather preventing deadheading from taking place. In the Eatons there were 2 Golds (Waggon and Horses, The George and Dragon), 3 Silver-gilts (The Eaton Oak, The Crown, The Rivermill Tavern), 3 Silver (The Old Sun, The Barley Mow, Andersons) and 2 Bronze (The Gentle Touch, Ye Olde White Horse).

Meanwhile, the top three Best Front Gardens were all in the Eatons! With just a few points between them, Barbara Braybook's garden took the top prize (£50 garden voucher), Martin Cox's came second and Cynthia Hilsdon's came third. The prizes were sponsored by T. L. Cobbold this year, for which we are very grateful.

Well done to everyone and thank you for making the Eatons an even more pleasant place to live.

**Alison Pearson**,  
Chair, St Neots in Bloom



## LAWN CARE IN SEPTEMBER

The Autumn Renovation Programme begins this month; thatch and compaction are two of any lawns major problems and now is the best time to tackle them.



### Actions required in September

- Raise cutting height to 1 ½ inches (3.5-4 cm)
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## St. Neots & District Gardening Club

St.Mary's Church Hall, Brook Street, St.Neots, 8pm.

Sep 27th **AGM** - Competition - One class of Fruit or Vegetables taken from the August show schedule

Oct 25th **My Gardening Year** - A personal view by Peter Walker  
Competition - A Halloween Pumpkin

Nov 22nd **Social Evening** - Competition - A Table Decoration

Contact - Chairman David Usher Tel 01480 476671

# The Pightle Millennium Green – Eaton Socon

Well, what an eventful spring! What seems like unbroken rain since Easter has certainly not been the best for encouraging visitors to the Pightle, but many of our wild flowers have prospered and when the sun has passed by it's been a pleasure to see colourful displays. Fortunately the Pightle avoided the heavy flooding, and resulting damage, that affected other low-lying areas near the river earlier this year. However, we would very much appreciate volunteers to help with cutting back some of our more prolific plants! We were also delighted to be awarded a grant of £15,000 from the AmeyCespa Landfill Fund. This will support a number of projects that we have lined up for the remainder of the year. As I write, two new benches have been delivered and will be installed shortly, one overlooking our celebration trees and one with a lovely view of the river. We are also hoping to repair and make permanent the campfire ring. The existing boards will be replaced by a new, informative one, and two more boards will be installed to provide a welcome at the riverside entrances. The kissing gate will be altered to assist disabled visitors, and the stile in the north-east corner will be replaced.



The grant has also enabled us to purchase materials such as books, magnifiers and nets so that we can host school field trips. We have already had a class from Bushmead School enjoy an afternoon investigating our trees, flowers, butterflies and bugs, and it's a pleasure to see youngsters take such an interest in their environment! If you know of a primary school who would like to organise a trip, please get in touch.

None of this would have been possible without our retiring Chair, Bev White, who is stepping down after two years of outstanding hard work on our behalf. We're delighted Bev is remaining as a Trustee and her intimate knowledge of the Pightle will be invaluable for its future development. She will be a hard act to follow.

Our website is growing with a gallery of photos from local resident Judith Johnson charting the changing views of 2012 month by month, and we now have a presence on Twitter as @eatonspightle where you can keep up with snippets of news as we progress through the year. It promises to be an exciting time ahead.

## Julia Hayward

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

## Brian's tip of the season




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Contact Diane on 0777 566 3849  
Or Margaret on 01480 215695  
Benny on 01480 477838

# 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 Bev White (Pightle Trustee)  
69 Shakespeare Road Eaton Socon PE19 8HT

Dear Trustee Bev,

69 Shakespeare Road, Eaton Socon, St Neots, Cambs PE19 8HT

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

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Address.....

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## Eaton Socon Charities

Once again the Eaton Socon Charities are able to consider giving a small grant later this year. Formed from various church charities that once gave out coal and bread, the charities now donate small grants of money in the autumn to people living within Eaton Socon Parish which includes Eaton Ford, Cross Hall, Duloe, Staploe, Honeydon, Begwary, Tythe, Basmead, Bushmead, Goodwick and Wyboston. Forms can be collected from Oct 1st from Eaton Socon Post Office and applications will close on 21st Oct. For any queries please phone Joan on 01234 378894 or Sue on 01480 216065.

## Eaton Socon Ex-Service Club

More members wanted for this club with great facilities in School Lane with a hall, a snooker table and a pool table. If you would like to join this friendly club or find out about its wonderful facilities which can be hired for functions please contact 01480 356870 or mail [esesc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:esesc@hotmail.co.uk)

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## Big Bike Ride

St Neots may have missed the Olympic Torch Relay but we were privileged to have hundreds of cyclists riding a 201.2 km bike ride through Cambridgeshire on Sunday 8th July. The cyclists set off early in the morning from Cambridge and during the afternoon they reached the checkpoint at Eaton Socon where they had their cards stamped, a quick



drink and some food before continuing on their journey across Willow Bridge. The cyclists were surprised to find royalty waiting for them - our May Queen Tahlia Keefe and princess Jessica Burt manned the checkpoint and were helped by members of the Eatons Community Association. Although part of the day was wet the cyclists were very impressed by the smiling enthusiastic faces of our girls.

## "St Neots Riders Group"

Free cycle rides of varying lengths for all ages arranged by Sustrans Rangers, though children must be accompanied by adults. 10:30 prompt start from outside the Ambiance Café in the Riverside Park.

The new St Neots cycle map is available from ESCA, the Tourist Info spot at Barretts or Broken Spokes Cycles.

For more information about the Sustrans cycle rides contact **Richard Cooper, Volunteer Liaison Ranger** email [ranger@ridingabike.co.uk](mailto:ranger@ridingabike.co.uk) or Tel **01480 889171**.



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## ESCAN Deliveries

A very big thank you to two more people who have kindly phoned up and offered to deliver some ESCANs to nearby houses. We have a small team who count and bag the ESCANs and a larger team of over 60 people delivering the newsletters but there are still some areas not very well covered. If you have a little spare time and would like to help please let ESCA know. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

## Eynesbury & St Neots TIME BANK

Time Banking is a controlled exchange of voluntary work and no money is exchanged - this is all voluntary work. 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 banked to save up hours for bigger time consuming 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 members of the community and becoming involved in community projects and events.

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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

- Oct 5th **The history of Timber-Framed Houses** by Alan Eadex  
 Nov 2nd **The Shuttleworth Collection** by Alan Reed  
 Dec 7th **Dining at Christmas through the Ages** by Fiona Lucroft (members evening)  
**Chairperson – Elaine Donaldson 01480 217492**

### Colmworth & Neighbours History Society

Monthly meetings at Colmworth Village Hall at 7.30pm

- Sept 21st **AGM and talk in full Tudor costume – Sulgrave Manor and the Washington family** by Martin Sirot-Smith - talk starts 8.30pm  
 Oct 19th **The Pathfinders and the Lost Village** by Neil Cockburn  
 Nov 16th **Milestones and Turnpike Roads** by Michael Knight  
**Chairperson – Stephen Smith 01234 376487**

### Roxton & District Local History Group

Monthly meetings at Roxton Parish Hall at 7.30pm

- Oct 4th **Half Cut Theatre gives us "Up The Cut"** an amusing & informative history of canals by Derek Harris  
 Nov 1st **The 1878 Wreck of the Loch Ard** by David Fowler.  
 Dec 6th **A.G.M.** followed by refreshments, wine and coffee  
**Contact either P. Newell: 01234 870158 or Stella Gibbs 01480 351931**

## Do you use the bus around the Eatons? Would you like to?

The St Neots Area Bus Users Society is a new group to represent passengers in and around St Neots and surrounding villages. Set up in response to recent cutbacks which left the



George and Dragon without any buses, our aims are:

- to publicise the buses we have,
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- to work with councillors, operators and others to try to get the services that local people want.

No issue is too big or too small for us to follow up – whether it's a stop with no timetable or journeys that don't connect.

Members of the Society will receive regular newsletters and invitations to meetings with leading people within the industry and local government. We're also very keen to hear from people who would like to be actively involved in surveys, campaigns and acting as our eyes and ears! For more information see our website: <http://www.snabus.org.uk>, or contact us at SNABUS, 11 Collingwood Road, Eaton Socon PE19 8JQ.

### Puddles Stay and Play

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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, Hunts, PE19 8JQ using the form below.

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## 50 years of service



Many young girls become rainbows, brownies, guides and just a few carry on to become guiders. Once guiders reach a certain age they have to retire from being leaders but can join the Trefoil Guild and continue to help local units. Jeannette Cadney, of Eaton Socon, is one such person and has just received her 50 years Long Service Award from Tracy Foster, the County Commissioner. She was also given a Certificate signed by the Chief Guide, Gill Slocombe. Well done Jeannette.

The Long Service award was given on 16th June when St. Neots Division Girl Guides held their own event to celebrate the Queens Jubilee at the Priory Centre. Three hundred girls, leaders and friends enjoyed a day of varied activities based on Her Majesty's known interests. A competition had been held to design a badge for St Neots Division to celebrate the Jubilee and the overall winner Cerys James of 1st Eaton Socon Guides was presented with a certificate and framed badge by Jeannette Cadney, the Division President.



The Trefoil Guild served drinks throughout the day which ended with a Camp Fire singalong. Jeannette then thanked all the helpers and wished everyone a safe journey home.

## Eaton Socon Guides and the Olympic Torch



Carolyn Hare, guider from 1st Eaton Socon Guides, was privileged to carry the Olympic Torch through Bury St Edmunds on 7th July. The guides commented 'Our lovely leader, Carolyn was honoured for her commitment to Guiding by being selected to carry the Olympic Torch! This is a huge honour and is fitting for the dedication

Carolyn has shown in keeping the 1st Eaton Socon Guides Unit going and her wider support of the Guiding movement. Leading us for over 26 years, at times Carolyn has supported the Guides, Senior Section and Rangers single-handed with only parent help in order to keep the Unit from folding. Thankfully now there is more support with more Leaders coming forward to help. Carolyn has overcome illness while juggling the busy life of a mother and career woman yet still manages to give full commitment to Guides; always putting others first. Her happy smile and positive outlook on life is an inspiration to us all.

## Eaton Socon Scouts and Guides 50th birthday

More celebrations for the Eaton Socon Guides and Scouts – they have reached their 50th birthday. The Scouts have celebrated their birthday with a big camp in June and the Guides birthday is on November 1st.

Special activities have been planned during the year but a special birthday party is planned for the 8th November as their actual birthday falls during the autumn half term. If you were a Guide in Eaton Socon or know of someone who has been a guide and would like to join in with the celebrations at the Scout Hut in Mill Hill Rd from 7.15 - 8.30pm please contact the Guides by Email - 1steatonsoconguides@gmail.com or contact ESCA and we can put you in touch.

