



# ESCAN

Your FREE Community Newsletter



Eatons Community Association - Registered Charity No.1110148

Autumn 2013

## May Day (Photos by Angela Donnelly)



What a wonderful day we had in the sunshine. Hundreds of people joined us for our annual May Day Celebrations on the green with our traditional 'May Pole Dancing' and 'Sweeps and Milkmaids Dances' by Heartsease Folk Dancers, twirling by the Sentinel Majorettes, dancing by Fantazee Dancers, Sara

Johnsons Dance School and AJ Dance Academy, playing by the 'Three Steps' and the local band 'Rumour has it' who sang and played many well known songs. At the end of the afternoon people were encouraged to join in with line dancing led by Sheila Favell of the St Neots U3A. Also on the village green were a BBQ, raffles and stalls, small fairground rides, and refreshments and activities were available in St Mary's Church.

At 2pm the retiring May Queen, Tahlia Keefe, presented the crown and sash to the new May Queen Eve Peacock and tiaras and sashes to the two princesses Laura Hurley and Charlotte Payne (all from Bushmead). Eve then presented the retiring May Queen Tahlia with a necklace donated by Johnsons Jewellers of St Neots.



left to right - Laura Hurley, Eve Peacock and Charlotte Payne

The Eatons Community Cup was presented this year to Ian Bygraves who lives in Duloe but runs several football teams for all ages in Duloe, which include many children from Eaton Socon and Eaton Ford. One year Ian applied to ESCA for a donation towards some football equipment and we were able to help him. Since then the activities and facilities have grown in Duloe. The teams train regularly and new members are always welcome. ESCA are very pleased to be able to recognise his enthusiasm and dedication. Ian commented 'I am usually giving out the cups but I thank you all so much for this cup.'



## Open Gardens

The Eatons Open Gardens was held on Sunday 16th June 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 groups who work with teenagers.

## ESCA AGM

October 21st - 7.30 pm Eaton Socon Church



## Festival of Britain Village sign

What is our link with Wyboston and why is this sign important?

Come along to Eaton Socon Village Green at 10am on 18th September to find the answer to these questions and to see our new historic Eaton Socon village sign unveiled.



See inside for details of Eatons Photograph competition

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If you have any news or views please send to the Chairman no later than 20th October 2013 for inclusion in the next issue.

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Out of Hours Emergencies	<b>01480 434167</b>
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## Useful Websites

ESCA	<a href="http://www.escan.org.uk">www.escan.org.uk</a>
St Neots Town Council	<a href="http://www.stneots-tc.gov.uk">www.stneots-tc.gov.uk</a>
Eaton Socon Health Centre	<a href="http://www.eatonsoconhealthcentre.co.uk">www.eatonsoconhealthcentre.co.uk</a>
Cedar House Surgery	<a href="http://www.cedarhousesurgery.net">www.cedarhousesurgery.net</a>
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St Marys Church	<a href="http://www.eatonsocon.org">www.eatonsocon.org</a>
Everyclick	<a href="http://www.everyclick.com">www.everyclick.com</a>
Pightle	<a href="http://www.eatonsoconpightle.org.uk">www.eatonsoconpightle.org.uk</a>
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## Who's Who at ESCA

<b>Chairman</b>	Sue Jarrett	<b>01480 216065</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	Dave Jarrett	<b>01480 216065</b>
<b>May Day Administrator</b>	Julia Hayward	<b>01480 210097</b>
<b>Open Gardens</b>	Collette Barnes	<b>01480 403343</b>
<b>History Co-ordinator</b>	Sue Jarrett	<b>01480 216065</b>
<b>ESCAN Co-ordinator</b>	Kate Norden	<b>01480 470039</b>

### 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

**Copy date for the next edition of ESCAN for news, adverts and information – 20th October 2013.**

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

## Dates for your diary

### ESCA Dates

- Unveiling of historic village sign on Eaton Socon Green**  
Wednesday 18th September – 10am
- Lock up opening in School Lane**  
Sunday 29th September – 2pm - 4pm
- ESCA AGM in St Marys, Eaton Socon**  
Monday 21st October – 7.30pm
- Bunny Lane Tidy up**  
Saturday 16th November – meet at Drake Road at 10am  
all welcome, bring clippers and loppers and litter pickers
- Bulb Planting**  
Sunday 17th November – meet Eaton Socon Village Green at 10am, several areas to be planted

### St Mary's Eaton Socon Church Dates

- Ground Force Day – maintenance of the churchyard**  
Saturday 28th September – 9am - 1pm
- Christmas Craft Fayre**  
Saturday 9th November – 10am - 2pm

### St Neots Sinfonia and St Neots Choral Society

- Saturday 9th November – **Beethoven's Violin Concerto** at St Marys Church, St Neots – 7.30pm
- Saturday 30th November – **Britten – St Nicholas**, at St Marys Church, Eaton Socon – 7.30pm
- Saturday 21st December – **Carol Concert** at St Marys Church, Eaton Socon 7.30pm (buy tickets in advance)

## St Neots Players

The St Neots Players will be performing 'The Importance of being Earnest' where two young gentlemen living in 1890's England have taken to bending the truth in order to put some excitement into their lives. Jack Worthing has invented a brother, Ernest, whom he uses as an excuse to leave his dull country life behind to visit the ravishing Gwendolen. Algernon Moncrieff decides to take the name 'Ernest' when visiting Worthing's young and beautiful ward, Cecily at the country manor. Things start to go awry when they end up together in the country and their deceptions are discovered - threatening to spoil their romantic pursuits.

The play will be performed at the Priory Centre from 19th – 21st 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 7th October** **Monday 4th November**  
**Monday 2nd 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	01480 404014
	David Harty	01480 477202
	Bill Hodges	01480 394109
	Colin Thompson	01480 477406
	Graham Welton	07732 131563
<b>Eaton Socon</b>	Nick Berry	01480 471194
	Stephen Davison	07752 264983
	Roger Harrison	07717 666238
	Keith Prentice	01480 214838

## ● Chairman's Spot ●

This summer has flown past by and events in the town and in the Eatons have come thick and fast.

St Georges Day in Eynesbury was once again a success as well as the Medieval Fayre in the market square and the various new events hosted by the Town Council – the business showcase, a food and wine festival, the national play day, dragon boat races and the summer festival.

The Eatons have had their May Day celebrations, a successful history exhibition and new book, the Eatons Open Gardens, the Neat Street Competition and the village Lock up has been open on several occasions. In July we also joined in with the Medieval Fayre and we dressed up in dresses, aprons, mop hats and bonnets, at least the ladies did. The men were also suitably dressed with straw hats. The May Queen and princesses came along and two medieval gentlemen bowed to them – a memorable occasion. To add to the fun of the day we produced a small booklet of true stories from Eaton Socon Parish (see back page).

I am sure that we have all enjoyed our summer sunshine, and are now looking forward to a quieter autumn.

Hope to see you there,

**Sue, ESCA Chairman**

## 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.

## 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 Janet Endersby for the engraving of the Community Cup, 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 Society 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's history exhibition included a large amount of information and exhibits from the firm of Jordan and Addington who once owned a bakery on Eaton Socon Green and the mill on the river, as well as various properties in and around St Neots. Judith Addington very kindly loaned the items on display and came along for a memorable two days where she met many old friends.

## Textile Bank Money

Thank you for putting textiles into the textile bank. We have received a few hundred pounds this year which will be shared out between local groups and the Town Council have also kindly given us some money to help small groups. 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.



## Eatons Photograph competition

What are we looking for – photographs to brighten up the Eatons Community Centre

The photos can be – scenes in the Eatons, eg the river mill, the park or a scenic spot  
– activities eg children playing, rowing, fishing, summer fun

Age categories – children aged 11 and under  
– 12 - 18 years  
– adults

Entries are encouraged from all residents of the Eatons or who work or attend school in the Eatons.

A4 hard copies of the photographs (not emails) should be sent to Steve Barrett, The Priory Centre, St Neots, Cambs, PE19 2BH.

Winners will have their photos enlarged and displayed in the Eatons Community Centre.

Please put name, address and age on the back of the photo (also email address if you have one)

Closing Date 30th September 2013. The judging will be carried out in late October by users of the centre.

## St Mary's Eaton Socon "Bell Restoration" Project

In 1932, St Mary's Eaton Socon Bells were rehung following the great fire two years earlier. Over the past 80 years, these bells have played an important part in reminding the community of the Church's presence and helping people to celebrate various Life events.

During this time, the Bells have not received any professional maintenance – and now the time has come where, due to 'normal wear and tear', the Bells require a complete overhaul to ensure they continue sounding out in the community for the decades to come.

Because Churches are self-funding Charities and do not receive any Government support (except Income Tax reclaim), **we would like to invite YOU to support this exciting project.**

**This work will cost approximately £13,000 (£1625 per bell).**

Only with your support can we together enable the Bells to continue playing an important role in the life of our community. (If you are a taxpayer, we are able to reclaim an additional 25p for every £1 you donate.)

**For further details or to find out more information, please contact: The Church Office on (01480) 352154 or the Vicar Rev'd Timothy Robb on (01480) 212219**

## Have you spotted a red post box!

As I write this, I have again attempted to contact the Post Office to find out what is happening to our dreadful tatty post boxes in Eaton Socon and Eaton Ford. I have been told that the job now has a job number – so there is hope that something will happen. If by any chance you spot a box being painted please take a photograph and/ or phone ESCA on 216065 and we will record the event for posterity!



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## Hot day, Hot colours!



Anglia in Bloom judges admiring one of Eaton Ford's flower beds with St Neots in Bloom's Alison Pearson, Ian Webb and Stuart Carter.

The 2½ hr tour finished at The Priory Centre, after taking in all the Town Council and most of the District Council floral displays, Priory Park and St Neots Bowling Club. Much needed refreshments were provided by volunteers from around town, for which St Neots in Bloom is most grateful.

The results for this year's Anglia in Bloom will be announced in September at an awards ceremony in St Albans. Fingers crossed for a good result!

The visit to the Eatons continued to Eaton Socon Green, taking in the floral displays on the Green as well as the wonderful baskets at the Waggon and Horses, The Gentle Touch, and Andersons premises. The route also took in residential areas, including Burwell Road and Crosshall Road, as well as Sudbury Meadow which was nominated for a Biodiversity award.

**Alison Pearson**

Chair, St Neots in Bloom.

01480 374792. [alison.pearson@dpconsultant.co.uk](mailto:alison.pearson@dpconsultant.co.uk)

That was the verdict of Anglia in Bloom judges, Brian Gardner and Oliver Deeming when they joined St Neots in Bloom volunteers, Alison Pearson and Lin Buck on Wednesday 17th July, for a tour of St Neots on one of the hottest days of the year.

Arriving at Eaton Ford Green, Brian and Oliver were delighted with the colourful impact of the floral display. All the flower beds were admired, and St Neots Town Council praised for its efforts to enhance the area.

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Kathy Reeves of Collingwood Rd, Eaton Socon – winner of the front garden competition

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## NEAT STREET

### Neat Street Award 2013

The winner of this popular event this year is Spencer Close in Eaton Ford. The judges once again commented on how clean the streets were and the effort everyone had made, especially with the kerbs which had been well weeded in many cases. The final decision about the neatest street came down to one or two gardens that had not been quite so well maintained. 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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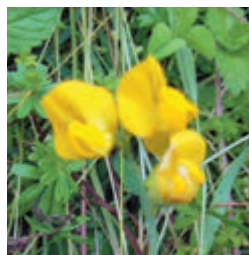
# The Pightle Millennium Green – Eaton Socon

In the last ESCAN I was looking forward to a colourful time ahead – and although most things are running late this year, with a warm and sunny time since Easter we have certainly been well rewarded. Early spring bulbs such as daffodils and bluebells have since given way to wild meadow flowers such as field scabious and cranesbill. And our new bed along the main fence, which earlier in the year looked like a rather sorry dead strip of grass, is awash with cornflower, tansy, poppies and more.

A careful walk round should reveal thirty or more species, and we are still discovering and identifying the occasional newcomer such as Common Broomrape. Keep an eye on our noticeboard, where we're putting up pictures of the flowers of the season, together with their interesting stories – most were encouraged to grow in centuries past not just because they looked beautiful, but also were believed to be good for our ancestors in some way.



The wild flowers bring plenty of visitors to the Pightle, especially bees. You should have no problem finding them working away; honeybees from nearby hives, solitary bees who have moved into our purpose-built bee-boxes tucked away in sheltered corners, and the unmistakable bumblebees. All have had difficult times recently; the well-publicised problems of pesticides and parasites combined with windy, rainy summers reduced their numbers. But we're certainly seeing more



this year. And if you wonder why we don't systematically remove dead trees and fallen wood in some areas of the Pightle, it's because they provide plenty of natural hidey-holes for the wild bees to hibernate in. As an aside, did you know bees can see ultraviolet colours that we can't? Many flowers that look like a single plain colour to us are brightly patterned to them, just begging them to come and visit.

We were very saddened to have one of our commemoration trees vandalised over the summer; a young rowan that had been carefully tended for over a decade, crudely hacked down in an attempt to make firewood. Hopefully it will survive and we'll do everything we can to help it. Thank you to everyone who has sent in messages of support and encouragement. Many were not aware that we do this – subject to there being enough room, if you would like a native English tree to be planted to mark the life of a loved one or a significant anniversary, please do get in touch.

## Julia Hayward

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



## St. Neots & District Gardening Club

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

Sept 26th A.G.M.

Oct 24th **Climbers for all Aspects** by Nick Hamilton  
Competition A Halloween Pumpkin

Nov 28th **Social Evening**

Contact – Chairman David Usher Tel 01480 476671

## Obituary

Did you visit Andy Rush and his amazing train set in his garden during the Open Gardens events? Sadly Andy died unexpectedly in August so we will not have the privilege of seeing his trains travel around his mountains and lakeside set in his garden in the future. This garden will not be forgotten by visitors who came from far and near to see his unusual garden feature! ESCA sends its condolences to his family. We will certainly miss his unique garden.

## 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.....

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.

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## A Visit to our unique village lock up

"Do I live in Bedfordshire, Huntingdonshire or Cambridgeshire?" was one of the questions asked when we were opening the Cage, or Lock Up, as it is known locally. We soon explained the history of boundary changes between Beds and Hunts with the later role of Cambridgeshire. The gentleman was very interested and promised to bring his family to the Eatons' May Fayre next year.

Another gentleman said that he was driving to St. Neots when he spotted the Cage as he drove past School Lane and he just had to stop and take a look. Was he in a traffic jam? He took photos of the Church too, while his lady companion decided to take a look after all.

There was a couple from Canada who were very excited, especially the lady. They took many photos and asked lots of questions. The lady was so impressed that the Cage was 50 years older than Canada!

Then there were people, like me, who had lived here for many years but not looked inside, until this year! Mary and I met lots of interesting people, answered their questions and learnt a bit more local history ourselves.

**Jeannette Cadney**



## CAMTAD demonstration of Hearing Aids

**Sep 26th Priory Centre 10am – 12.30pm**

If you feel your hearing is not as good as it once was then call in to see a large variety of hearing aids demonstrated at this drop in session in the town. CAMTAD cannot sell equipment but will tell you where to go to get equipment. CAMTAD is a charity that helps with local volunteers who advise on how to manage hearing loss and service NHS hearing aids. Training courses for new volunteers begin on 24th Sep.

For more information phone 01223 416141 or check the website

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



## Computers at the library



**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.

## "St Neots Riders Group"

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

## Eynesbury School 1950's - Where are you now?

Eynesbury Village Association (EVA) has been contacted by Stuart Tootell who went to school in Eynesbury in the late 1950's. He recalls one of his teachers as Harry Naylor and the head teacher at the time was Jackson. **Were you there too?** Stuart now lives and has lived in Thailand for the last 20 plus years, If you remember him or would like to contact other former Eynesbury school children please contact EVA on 01480 404184 with your memories.



## St Neots Coffee Pot Memory Cafe

To lose one's memory is a sad and frightening thing – our memories make us who we are. It's not only traumatic for the person concerned, but also for those closest to them, and they can soon find their relationship turning from a spouse, son or daughter to that of a carer. As the memory loss increases, the family can become more isolated and friends may find it difficult to cope with the changed situation.

If you find yourself in this situation why not come along to the St Neots Coffee Pot Memory Café. Run by volunteers who have all experienced someone close to them suffering from memory loss, the group aim to provide support for those embarking on the same journey. Over a cup of tea or coffee and cake there will be a friendly ear and support. This club is supported by the St Neots Rotary Club.

The Memory Café meets on the 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

For more information or for a friendly chat please contact Wendy P (212563), Wendy I (212295), Mary (475920) or Nell (472495)



## 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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[www.e-s-timebank.eu](http://www.e-s-timebank.eu)

## 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 to people in the parish who might benefit, the charities now donate money in the autumn.

Grants 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 please ask at the Eaton Socon Post Office for a form or if you have any queries please telephone Joan Squire on 01234 378894.

Closing date for entries – 21st October 2013

## 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 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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## 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

Oct 4th **Gamlingay Wood and other Ancient Woods**  
by Peter Walker

Nov 1st **Archaeology in Cambridgeshire** - Highlighting Recent Discoveries by Stephen Macaulay

Dec 7th **A Medieval Christmas** by Mike Brown

### Colmworth & Neighbours History Society

Monthly meetings at Colmworth Village Hall at 7.30pm

Chairperson – Stephen Smith 01234 376487

Sep 20th **AGM** plus Supper and Social

Oct 9th **A special meeting – Sonecha's Story** – the story of 19 yr old Sonecha who fled Moscow in 1924 to go to America, and was exiled in Shanghai with 30,000 White Russians

Oct 18th **'Pillar to Post – Historic Street Furniture'** by Alan Cox

Nov 15th **St Neots Community Archive Group** – Film Archives

### 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

Sep 5th **'One of the Few'** – a talk based on his father's wartime exploits as a Spitfire pilot' by John Shipman

Oct 3rd **'WW11 Prisoner of War Camps in Bedfordshire'**  
by Ken Lewis

Nov 7th **'Festive Fun'** – a look at the History of Christmas Celebrations by Dianne Bell

Dec 6th **A.G.M.** followed by refreshments, wine and coffee

## Food Bank

The St Neots Food bank will be officially launched in October and ten churches in St Neots, Eynesbury and the Eatons are involved in this project. The food bank aims to provide emergency food supplies for three days to individuals and families identified by care professionals so if you are in need of help or would like to help in this very worthwhile scheme please keep an eye on the local newspapers for more details.

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## Local history Books and Information

**Why not buy one of the ESCA local history books? The larger books will provide you with hours of reading and re-reading as you learn about the history of the houses and the families who lived in the Eatons.**

All these booklets are available for reference in the St Neots and Huntingdon Reference Libraries and the County Archives offices in Bedford and Huntingdon. They are also available to buy at St Neots Museum. The ESCA books are written by ESCA for anyone with an interest in the Eatons. All profits are used to support ESCA projects within the Eatons and no profits go to Committee members. If you wish to buy these books they can be obtained from "ESCA", 3 Collingwood Road, Eaton Socon, St Neots, Hunts, PE19 8JQ using the form below.

<input type="checkbox"/> Eaton Socon at Work	£2.50
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<input type="checkbox"/> To the Glorious Memory - Eaton Socon War Memorial	£9.95
<input type="checkbox"/> The Eatons Then and Now	£5.00
<input type="checkbox"/> The Eatons Then and Now Book 2	£5.00
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for meat - no clean white stainless steel counters but meat hung outside the shop on hooks. Eaton Socon had more than one butchers shop and several bakers so villagers could get what they wanted without needing to walk into St Neots.

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Launched at the St Neots Mediaeval Fayre, this booklet engages the reader with tales of long ago.

Buy yours from the Museum or ESCA and enjoy a good read.



*Chaos at the Castle' illustrated by Alliya Trueblood*