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Bottle Bank Money

ESCA AGM 2009 approx £1900

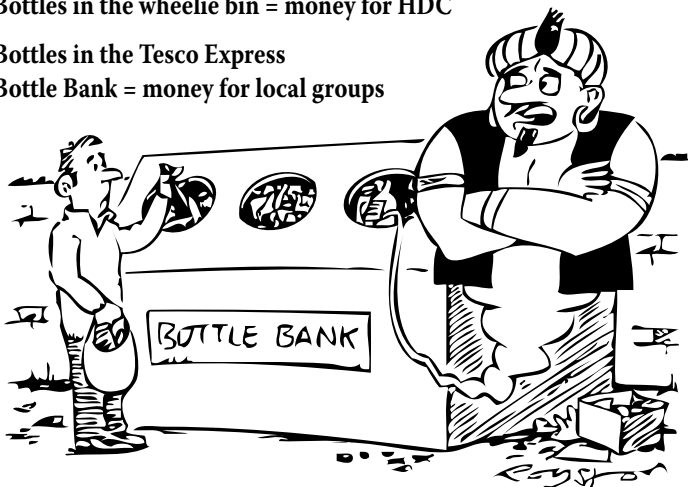
ESCA AGM 2010 approx £1300

This is the amount given to us by HDC from the bottles collected by the Tesco Express Bottle Bank. All this money is given out to groups at the ESCA AGM but what will next year bring ?

Already we know that less bottles are being put in the bottle bank as they are now going in the blue wheelie bin. If you can, please take your bottles to the Tesco Express Bottle Bank and help us to give money out to local groups.

Bottles in the wheelie bin = money for HDC

**Bottles in the Tesco Express
Bottle Bank = money for local groups**



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



The May Queen and May Princesses came along to the AGM and handed out the cheques. The Bottle Bank Money this year went to – Eaton Socon Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers, two local football clubs, the Evergreen Club, the Welcome Club, St Marys Church and Eaton Socon Charities.



YOGA

Term Time:
Friday 1.30pm to 3.00pm

Jubilee Hall,
Eaton Socon

Contact Cherie
01480 394150

Christmas Carols around the Tree on Eaton Socon Green – 10th December 6-6.30pm

Join with us in singing carols around our Christmas Tree on Eaton Socon Village Green. Wrap up warmly, bring a torch and enjoy a warm mince pie after the carols. Children are very welcome.

**ESCA wishes everyone a Happy Christmas and a
Prosperous New Year**



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Doctors Surgeries Eaton Socon Health Centre Cedar House Surgery	08444 771802 01480 406677



Useful Websites

ESCA	www.escan.org.uk
St Neots Town Council	www.stneots-tc.gov.uk
Eaton Socon Health Centre	www.eatonsoconhealthcentre.co.uk
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Please send ESCAN Letters & Adverts to: 8 Linton Close
Eaton Socon, St Neots PE19 8GY - Email eatonsocon@gmail.com.

Church Xmas Services Dates

St Marys Church, Eaton Socon

Sun 19th Dec	10.30am	Family Worship
Sun 19th Dec	6.30pm	Carol Service
Fri 24th Dec	4pm	Family Carol Service
Fri 24th Dec	11.30pm	Midnight Service
Sat 25th Dec	10.30am	Family Communion
Sun 26th Dec	10.30am	Family Communion

Eaton Ford Methodist Church, St. Neots Road

Sun 19th Dec	10.30am	Morning Service with Carols
<i>Preacher - Mr Peter Adams from Great Gransden.</i>		

Berkley Street Methodist Church, Eynesbury

Sun 19th Dec	10.30am	Nativity Service (all-age worship) <i>(Rev Tricia Williams)</i>
Sun 19th Dec	6pm	Evening Service with Carols <i>(Rev Tricia Williams)</i>
Fri 24th Dec	11.30pm	Midnight service
Sat 25th Dec	10.30am	Christmas Day Service

Dates in 2011

Thomas Plant Antiques Valuation Day

Sat Feb 19th St Marys Church, Eaton Socon,
Watch the newspapers and noticeboards for more details.

Organ Concert in St Marys Church, Eaton Socon

If you love to listen to organ music why not come along to hear the music in this special concert on Sat February 5th.
See newspapers and noticeboards for details nearer the time.

St Neots Sinfonia and Choral Society

Haydn – Trumpet Concerto Mozart – Symphony No 41
Sat 5th March at 7.30pm at St Marys Church, Eaton Socon

ESCAN Deliverers

A very big thank you to the couple who kindly phoned up and offered to deliver some ESCANs to nearby houses. We have a small team who count and bag the ESCANs and 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 on the Queens Gardens estate, or elsewhere in the Eatons please let ESCAN know. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

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

● Chairman's Spot ●

Another year closes and another ESCA AGM has taken place. We were very pleased to be able to hand out over £2000 to local groups. This money was raised from May Day, the Bottle Bank at Tesco Express and at the ESCA Open Gardens. As cuts bite and funding gets tight we know this money is welcome to all our local groups. Next year there will be a lot less money from the bottle bank but we hope that we can continue to support small groups in the Eatons.

We hoped that more people would come along to the ESCA AGM to offer their help but the committee remains much as it was. If you think you can help in some way please let us know. We are always looking for more people with new ideas to help in any way, so if you would like to help please let us know.

When you read this you will no doubt be thinking about Christmas and hoping that during December you will get everything bought and wrapped ready for Christmas. The ESCA Committee would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.

Sue Jarrett Chairman

Merrymakers

WANTED: SINGERS TO JOIN THE MERRYMAKERS ENTERTAINMENT GROUP

The Merrymakers are an entertainment group which has been running for about 10 years. We meet twice a week at the Methodist Church, Eaton Ford on a Tuesday and Friday evening. We go out and entertain Residential Homes, Care Homes, Wl's, Over 60's Clubs, Golf Clubs, Lunch Clubs etc, we perform lots of different things including, group singing, solo singing, duets etc, comedy, monologues, poetry, comic songs, country and western, we have also been known to act a pantomime in 2 minutes!!!

There are no subs to pay, and we charge a modest fee to whoever books us, we get lots of bookings over the year especially at Christmas when we perform our Christmas show. We are always striving to put new songs and acts into the show, we have recently been performing some 60's songs which go down very well. We do many sorts of songs all depending where we are performing. We have performed in many places, including St Neots, and surrounding villages, Huntingdon, Ramsey, St Ives, Warboys and we even entertained at the Twinning Association Mayors dinner in the Commemoration Hall in Huntingdon.

We have lots of fun and we have social evenings as well.

We are currently looking for new members men or women, we are all of a certain age!! so do come along if you are interested all we ask is that you can sing in tune.

Come and meet us and have a cup of tea we are all very friendly.

Spending Open Gardens Money

The 4th Eaton Socon Brownies used money from the 2009 ESCA Open Gardens towards expenses for a day at Flag Fen, when 400 Cambs West brownies took part in their centenary celebrations. The girls were shown how to make clay pots, they collected natural growing bits and made a collage on sticky card, and they helped make a mosaic picture of the event which was then presented to Flag Fen to keep.

They also listened to a story about the dragon of Flag Fen and they all came together at lunch time for a camp fire singing.



Stamps –

Any used stamps can be taken to the Cats Protection League shop in the Cross Keys Mall in St. Neots.

Plough Monday Comes To Eaton Socon

On Monday 10th January 2011, there will be a Plough Monday Celebration in Eaton Socon, beginning at the Church at 7.30pm with the Blessing of the Plough, followed by Molly dancing and singing. Then moving on to The Wheatsheaf public house(tbc) for more dancing and refreshment, then to The White Horse to finish the evening with dancing, singing and a music session. We hope to have two dance sides attending and the possibility for audience participation. For further information please contact Roger & Patti Pitt on 01234 376278.

This event was previously held in Fenstanton and was moved to Eaton Socon last year.



Blessing the Plough



Old Hunts Molly dancers



The assembled company

Plough Monday pictures from 2010 by Patti Pitt

The Pightle Millennium Green - Eaton Socon

It does not seem that long since I sat down to write the last article for the ESCAN magazine, however quite a lot has occurred since my last contribution.

The Pightle, which means small field or enclosure, was purchased for the people of Eaton Socon in 1999 as a Millennium Green. The land was purchased at a time when there was talk of developing the Bedfordia Fields (the cow field). By purchasing the land and placing it in Trust meant the people of Eaton Socon would have permanent green access to the River Ouse, irrespective of any future housing developments. The Town Council was one of three purchasers of the land, and since the purchase they have helped enormously with funding, advice and with some of the maintenance. The Pightle is managed by a small group of Trustees who work hard to maintain the area as a natural green open space.

Since 1999 the Pightle has received funding from the Town Council, which has allowed the Trustees to insure the Pightle and employ individuals to cut the meadow grass and another group to come in and carry out basic maintenance of the Pightle. Unfortunately this year the grant has been reduced considerably and the Pightle trustees have only been allocated a maximum of £300 which must be used towards a new gate.

Fortunately, we have enough funds to see us through until the end of this year, but once we have paid the years insurance we have very little money left. We are now actively searching for funding and have been given advice from Helen King, the Town Clerk, and other local experts and we are hopeful that some of the leads we have will prove fruitful in helping us to gain future funding.

The funding crisis has helped to highlight the desperate shortage of volunteers we have to call upon to help with the basic maintenance jobs which need doing in order to stop the Pightle becoming overgrown and the scrub and brambles taking over. So if you use the Pightle and would like to get involved with helping to maintain the space for others then please get in touch with either myself or one of the other Trustees, we would greatly appreciate any help you can give.

On a similar theme we are also looking for people who have any knowledge of flowers, birds or reptiles and would be prepared to help with surveying the site in order to find what the Pightle currently supports during the year and what we may be able to do in order to encourage a wider variety of flora and fauna into the area. These surveys should enable us to see how we can develop the site and draw up a plan for the future management.

Just before we found that our funding was cut we had managed to get the meadow grass cut and BTCV, a Bedford based voluntary group, came in two days later to

rake the grass up. Raking the grass prevents the nutrients from going back into the ground, helping to leave the soil nutrient poor, in the hope that a greater variety of wild flowers and grasses will be encouraged over time. This was the first time I had been involved in raking the grass and I was surprised at how long it took just to get the top half of the field raked; nine people working for five and a half hours and we still ran out of time and had to leave the bottom third of the field. The area has never seemed quite as big as it did that day! Though the job was made considerably easier by the sunny weather and good company; I'm not sure what we looked like from outside the Pightle but one of the lads from BTCV was asked if we were gypsies while he was brewing up for lunch!

We also had one of our Trim and Tidy days in September. I'd like to say thank you again to the three people who turned up to help. I have also been spending quite a bit of time at the Pightle over the last few months; cutting back some of the bramble and scrub and also painting the fence. I was hoping to finish getting the fence painted before the cold weather sets in but work and family commitments keep getting in the way, so I will probably finish it next year and spend the winter months tackling some more of the overgrown scrub. I'd like to say a big thank you to Molly who persuaded her Nan to stop and let her help with the painting; she did a fabulous job on the section she helped with, even though she managed to get paint spots all over her new clothes!

I am writing this just as Autumn has arrived, with a few early frosts this week which will help to finish off the last of the Blackberries, which were plentiful this year. Although the frosts probably haven't been hard enough yet, I have been informed that Sloes are at their best once they have been exposed to frost; apparently the frost helps them to soak up the alcohol. Sloes are said to enhance the taste of Gin and while it doesn't appear that you can do much else with Sloes other than put them in Gin, it does appear that once made it can be used as a marinade, in jellies, as a addition to cranberry sauce, or plum pudding, drunk neat or added to cocktails. Apparently if picked now your Sloe Gin will be ready for Christmas and can make an ideal Christmas present.

The Pightle has now launched has its own website, thanks to Julia Hayward. This is a very new development and more information and links will be added as time goes on. The site can be found at <http://www.eatonsoconpightle.org.uk/>. We are also planning to set up a 'Friends of the Pightle' scheme – more news will follow on the website soon, and in the next ESCAN.

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

- Jan.27th. The A to Z of Victorian Farming by Mr.Peter Ibbett
Comp. - Flower/s of the Month
- Feb.24th. Self-sufficiency from your Garden by Mr.Nigel Start
Comp. - Snowdrops
- Mar.24th. Zonal and Regal Pelargoniums by Mr.Graham Parnwell
Comp. - A stem of a Flowering Shrub
- Apr.28th. Chrysanthemums My Way by Mr. Jim Osbourne
Comp. - A Decorated Egg

Contact – Chairman David Usher Tel 01480 476671

Brian's tip of the season

When the leaves are falling from the trees why not collect up a bag full or more and compost them in your garden. It will help keep the leaves off the streets and prevent people slipping on them, and also benefit your garden.



Name that Bridge

Here is your opportunity to name the new cycle and footbridge. If you can think of a name for the new bridge please let ESCA know by email or by letter. The suggestions will be collected and taken to a meeting in January. The person/persons whose winning name is chosen will be invited to the official opening ceremony so please send us your suggested bridge name with your name and contact details. The bridge name will be decided in time for project boards to go up early next year before construction starts in earnest on site. The latest news is that work will start in early 2011. The land either side of the river will be cleared and sometime early next year work will begin on the actual bridge. The latest information is

that the bridge span will have an overall length of about 346 metres. There will be approach ramps on either side of the bridge to make sure it is still usable during normal flooding and the bridge has been designed in agreement with the Environment Agency to ensure the effects of flooding in the area are minimised as much as possible.

The bridge will connect Eaton Socon and Eynesbury. In Eaton Socon the bridge will be sited near the cricket field, just off Shakespeare Rd and footpaths will connect with St Neots Community College, Eynesbury Manor Estate and to Tesco's.

Watch out for more information in newspapers and your next ESCAN.



"St Neots Sunday Riders Group"

Local Volunteer Rangers from Sustrans organise cycle rides around our countryside monthly on Sunday mornings, usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Participation in our rides is free and fund raising is optional. We are just keen to encourage more people to cycle more often. Riders of all ages are welcome, though children must be accompanied by adults. The pace is easy so no one is left behind.

One autumn cycle ride was carried out in glorious sunshine. After a planned stop in Thurleigh the group continued to Bedford with a slightly

unplanned stop at the BMX cycle track in Mowsbury Park. Soon everyone was going over the humps, bumps and round the banked corners. So why not get out your bikes, get them in good working order and head out for a Sunday cycle ride.

Normal 10:30 start from outside the Ambiance Café in the Riverside Park.

For more information contact Richard Cooper, Volunteer Liaison Ranger
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Eaton Socon Evergreen Club

If you are over 55 and enjoy meeting others why not join the Eaton Socon Evergreen Club which meets every Tuesday from 1.30 – 4pm at The Ex Services Club in School Lane, Eaton Socon. The group has various activities such as playing cards and bingo, raffles, outings, lunches and Christmas parties. They are a very friendly group of both ladies and gentlemen, so if you are over 55 please go along and say hello. No joining fee but you are asked to pay a small amount each week towards refreshments. Why not go along, make new friends, and have a cup of tea.



The Evergreen group are planning to use their Bottle Bank money to help pay for a trip out in the next few months.

Scottish Dancing

Scottish Country Dancing is much the same as an English Barn Dance and just as easy. If you want to get some modest exercise in a friendly atmosphere, why not give it a try? You don't need to bring a partner, you don't need any experience, you don't need to be Scottish and you don't need to wear tartan!

St Neots Scottish Country Dance club meets at St Mary's Primary School in Eynesbury (near St Mary's Church, Eynesbury) every Monday evening during the school term. Just turn up any Monday at 7.30pm to give it a go.

For more information call Eileen on 01480 213884 or see

www.polaris.co.uk/snscdc.htm

Struggling to get to the Library

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

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We would like to say thank you, once again, for your support.

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Roxton & District Local History Group

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- Jan 8th Group New Year Party – members only
- Feb 3rd The History of the Eatons – What the buildings can tell us, by Sue Jarrett
- Mar 3rd The History of the Papworth Trust, by Ian Burton
- Apr 7th Women in Intelligence, Espionage and Resistance: with particular reference to Tempsford, by Hugh Davies
- May 5th The Golden Age of the Ouse (Bedford to St Ives), by Bridgette Flannagan

Contact either **John Rogerson Tel 01234 871150** or **Stella Gibbs 01480 351931**

St Neots Local History Society

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

- Jan 7th Eaton Socon War Memorial, by Sue Jarrett
- Feb 4th Old St Neots and its River, by Rodney Todman
- Mar 4th Restoration of Bridge House in Buckden, by Christopher Bates
- Apr 1st St Neots and Eynesbury 1911 Census, by Peter Ibbett
- May 6th Aviation Archaeology in Cambridgeshire, by Julian Evenhart

Chairperson – **Nell Marshall 01480 472495**

Colmworth & Neighbours History Society

Monthly meetings at Colmworth Village Hall at 7.30pm

- Jan 20th Bedford Rocks! The History of Rock and Roll in the Bedford area, by Nick Wilde
- Feb 17th Prince Rupert's Bluecoats : Bedford in the Civil War by Andy George
- Mar 17th Charlemagne - the Founder of Europe ? by Stephen Smith

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Over the years, vast changes have been made to improve and design new, simpler and better equipment for the hard of hearing for use with or without hearing aids.

- Listening devices to help you hear general conversation, the television, radio or hi-fi.
- Alerting equipment such as doorbells, vibrating alarm clocks, baby monitors and smoke alarms.
- Conventional and cordless telephones with amplification and special features will all be on show together with information about how and where to buy.

People undervalue their hearing and often accept these limitations and inconveniences, not knowing that there is a lot of help available at very reasonable prices.

Mike Friend from CAMTAD in Hunts and a team of trained volunteers will be there to assist visitors to make the right choices. CAMTAD will not be selling equipment but will be able to direct visitors to retailers.

For further information, contact the CAMTAD office 01223 416141 or visit the website **www.camtadcambs.org.uk**

Staploe & Duloe Football Club

This group has grown and grown and we are pleased that ESCA once again donated money to this active group. There are now five football teams playing and many of the children come from the Eatons. Duloe is not far from Eaton Ford – go through the painted underpass and the village is not far away.

The group are also keen to involve Mums and Dads and any youngsters over 16 who would like to get involved in coaching the teams. Courses are available through the Football Association which the club would assist with.

For further details please contact: Ian Bygraves
 07880544924



NEAT STREET

Cleaning up your area

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



Want a Christmas Present with a difference ?

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.

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I enclose a cheque for _____ made payable to ESCA.

Name _____

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Eaton Socon Censuses and Electoral Registers are available on request

(Postage and Packing free to Eatons and St Neots residents)



Why not have a glass of your favourite tipple at Christmas with one of our special limited edition 9oz glasses. Available from ESCA and St Neots Museum

To the Glorious Memory, written by Sue and Dave Jarrett

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

All the ESCA books and the special limited edition glasses can be obtained from ESCA (see form on the left) or St Neots Museum.



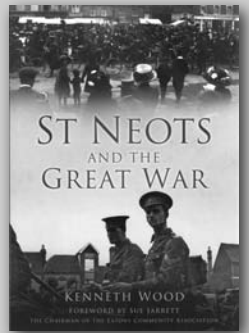
St Neots and the Great War by Kenneth Wood

The town of St Neots, which includes the three parishes of St Neots, Eynesbury and Eaton Socon, is fortunate that Ken has written this book which details the events of the Great War in chronological order and puts the lives and deaths of local men in their context within the War. More than 180 men from the three parishes lost their lives and Ken has been able to add snippets of life which continued within the local area while the men fought in the battlezones of Europe and beyond.

Ken is a local historian who has led tours around the battle fields and his knowledge of the Great War provides a deeper understanding of the effect that the War had on the families living within the town of St Neots and its surrounding villages and farms.

Ken's book is written from a completely different viewpoint to the ESCA book and the two books complement each other so for a fuller understanding of the Great War why not buy both.

**St Neots and the Great War – Waterstones and St Neots Museum
Cost £14.99**



The Secret Life of St Neots Station - “a microcosm of the world in which we live” by John Slack

Written by a local author, this book on St Neots Railway Station is full of information and illustrations from 1844 to the present. Find out about the building of the railway line, the 3 railway schemes into the town centre, the involvement of Octavius Wilkinson and how Eaton Socon nearly became the Crewe Junction of the East. Information is given on how industry in the town thrived, including how Paine's Brewery and George Bower's iron foundry flourished, and how one of Bower's products caused a major accident at Offord. Sections chronicle the trials and tribulations of St Neots' commerce from 1850 to the present.



Accounts are given of the Duke of Manchester's use of St Neots Station and the passage of 19th Century royalty through St Neots. A detailed account is given of the Flying Scotsman Express's 1895 crash in the station, and its subsequent Board of Trade Inquiry; how the town responded to the General Strike of 1926; and the people who used the station in WW2 including the SAS.

Illustrations include many award winning photographs taken by Joe Doncaster who worked at the station from 1931 to 1970.

Available (end of Nov/early Dec) – Waterstones, St Neots Museum, St Neots Station or direct from John Slack, 2 Field Cottage Rd., Eaton Socon.

Cost £14.99