



# ESCAN

Your FREE Community Newsletter



Eatons Community Association - Registered Charity No.1110148

August 2011

## May Day

The sun shone and hundreds of people came along to the annual May Day Celebrations on Eaton Socon Village Green run by the Eatons Community Association. Entertainment included Maypole and Sweeps & Milkmaids dances by Heartsease, twirling by the Sentinel Majorettes, and lots more entertainment by the Riverside Theatre Group, Sara Johnson Dance School, and AJS Dance Academy. Live music was played by a local boy band and the local band Group Therapy & The Harmonettes. Also on the green were a barbecue, raffles and stalls, small fairground rides, and refreshments were in St Mary's Church.

The 2011 May Queen competition was held at Bushmead Primary School and on May Day the retiring May Queen Alissa King-Underwood presented the crown and sash to her successor, 11-year-old Lauren Whittaker, and tiaras and sashes to princesses Lucy Marshall and Alisha Kandekora. Lauren then presented Alissa with a necklace.



The Eatons Community Cup was presented by last years winner Jeannette Cadney to Alison Pearson, who has been tireless for many years in environmental activities throughout Eaton Socon and St Neots. A certificate was also presented

to Bev White, chairman of the Pightle Millennium Green Trust to recognise all her hard work on the Trust.



*Pictures by Angela Donnelly*

## History Exhibition

In the last ESCAN we asked who lived here in 1911 – the answer is George Bradshaw and his wife Sarah Elizabeth. George was listed in the census as a Steam Plough and Thrashing Proprietor and he kept traction engines in a large building on his land. The corner on which the house stood became known as Bradshaws Corner. The land is now occupied by Eaton Socon Health Centre.



## T NEAT STREET

### Neat Street Award 2011

The winner of this popular event this year is Blackwood Rd in Eaton Socon. The judges remarked on how clean and tidy the whole street was, including the gardens, the pavements and the kerbing. So well done everyone in Blackwood Rd. 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.



## Open Gardens

In June we had a very wet and soggy afternoon but quite a few came along and enjoyed their trip around the gardens with their coats, umbrellas and Wellington boots. Collecting their programmes from Eaton Socon village green many visitors went first to Mill House and ended their trip at Crosshall Manor in Eaton Ford. Every garden was different and all the gardeners had made a wonderful effort. Cups of tea and home made cake, sometimes in the rain added to the fun of the afternoon. A big thank you to all the gardeners and all the visitors.

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## Lots more news and views inside.

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AGM date 17th October 7.00pm Eaton Socon Church

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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>
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## Who's Who at ESCA

<i>Chairman</i>	Sue Jarrett	<b>01480 216065</b>
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**Copy date for the next edition of ESCAN for news, adverts and information – 20th October 2011.**

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

## Dates for your diary

**ESCA AGM** – 17th Oct Eaton Socon Church – 7pm

**Xmas Carols round the tree** – Dec 16th – 6-6.30pm  
(Eaton Socon Village Green)

**Official Willow Bridge Opening** – Wed 21st Sep – 3pm

**Souvenir Passport day at the new bridge**  
see noticeboards and local papers

**Unveiling of blue plaques** – Sep date  
see noticeboards and local papers

## St Marys Church, Eaton Socon

**Harvest Festival** – 25th Sep (at a local farm)

**Light Party in the church** – the alternative party to  
Halloween – Oct 31st

**Christmas Fayre** – Sat 12th Nov – 11.00am -2.00pm

For more details on these and other events please look on the church website ([www.eatonsocon.org](http://www.eatonsocon.org)) for more information or collect a Grapevine magazine from the church.

## Eynesbury Village Assoc

**Christmas Bazaar with Father Christmas** – Nov 26th –  
4pm-9pm Methodist Hall, Berkley Street

For a stall please contact Georgina at [eva.voice@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:eva.voice@hotmail.co.uk)

## Sue Ryder

**Golf Day at Wyboston Lakes Golf Centre** – Friday Sep 23  
Breakfast, 18 holes, 3 course meal followed by an auction and raffle.  
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e-mail [paresh.nar@sueryder.org](mailto:paresh.nar@sueryder.org)

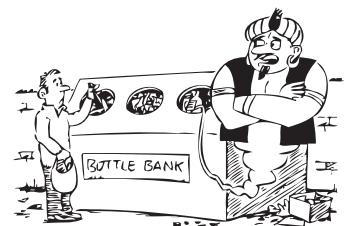
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e-mail [joy-cooper-watson@sueryder.org](mailto:joy-cooper-watson@sueryder.org)

**New knitting and crochet group** – starting 6th Sep 7.30pm  
Tel Angela on 01480 405539 for more information

**Car Boot Sales at the White Horse every fortnight (Saturdays)**  
Tel 01480 470853 for more details

## Bottle Bank Money

The bottle bank at Tesco Express has gone and now sadly we are to give out the last amount of money gained from the bottle bank. This year we have just a few hundred pounds so if you are a group who have never asked for money before why not write in to ESCA and ask for a donation of between £50 and £100. Deadline – September 30th . All requests will be considered and money given out at the ESCA AGM.



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

## Wednesday Welcome Tea Party

One of the donations from the bottle bank last year went to the Wednesday Welcome Group at St Marys Church in Eaton Socon.

This group meets every Wednesday afternoon and holds various activities as well while enjoying a cup of tea and cakes. The Bottle Bank money helped the group to visit Waresley Garden Centre and have an enjoyable and delicious tea party.



## ● Chairman's Spot ●

Welcome to the summer edition of ESCAN. This summer appears to have flown by and events in the Eatons are coming thick and fast. First came the Easter events at the church. What a lot there was on offer and a good variety too. Next came ESCA's May Day and the History Exhibition, both of which were well attended and enjoyed, soon followed by the Eatons Open Gardens, a wet but enjoyable afternoon. In July came the church BBQ on the green when burgers, salad and ice cream were eaten between showers and the bouncy castle also added to the fun for the younger members of the family.

In between these events the village lock up was open on several occasions and walks were organised around the village to learn about its history.

September looks to be just as exciting with the official opening of the new bridge (Willow Bridge), the unveiling of 2 new blue plaques and a special souvenir passport for the new bridge. The exact dates for these events in September are not yet fully fixed so keep an eye on newspapers and noticeboards.

Finally in October ESCA will be holding its popular AGM. If you would like to be part of ESCA and would like to be involved with local events please come along and find out what we do. We are always in need of people with new ideas.

Sue, ESCA Chairman

## Currency Card

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## Stagecoach Buses 65/66

Are you aware that these two buses pass through Eaton Socon on their way to Hinchingsbrooke and Huntingdon. More details can be found on timetables.

## May Day thanks

Hundreds of people turned up for May Day – the event that makes us feel like a village. A big thank you goes to lightscameradresses.co.uk of Eynesbury for the May Queens dress, Johnson Jewellers for the necklace for the retiring May Queen, Just Engravings for the engraving of the Community Cup, H.E. Payne of Wyboston for the use of a lorry, St Marys Church for allowing us to once again use the church, the Red Cross for providing first aid and St Neots Museum for the loan of the exhibition boards.

We would also like to thank Colin Jackson for the compering, and the local entertainment by many people of all ages – see front cover for more details. Thank You also to the shops and businesses who supported us by providing raffle and tombola prizes, to local groups who lent us tables and to groups who came along and supported us with their stalls. We would also like to thank the many volunteers who helped with the exhibition within the church, to the church for selling refreshments and to everyone who tidied up afterwards. Another great day with a village feel. Thank you everyone.



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## The Doorstep Service

Do you enjoy a good read? The Doorstep Service, a free service from Cambridgeshire Libraries in partnership with local volunteers, brings together two groups of enthusiastic book-lovers. People who can't get to a library because of health or mobility difficulties are linked with a volunteer who goes to the library on their behalf and then visits them once a month.

If you'd like to find out more about volunteering or having your favourite type of books (in standard print, large print or talking book format) delivered, contact Anne Evans by ringing 01480 375023 or e-mailing her at [anne.evans@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:anne.evans@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)



## 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 on the Queens Gardens estate, or elsewhere in the Eatons please let ESCA know. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

## Luminus and the Eatons

We should thank members of Luminus, a Police Community Support Officer and some young people of the Queens Gardens estate who jointly had a litter pick on the 17th August. They set off in all directions through the estate and picked up what they could find.

All those who took part had their name put in a draw and the winner won a family ticket to the cinema.

Not a huge amount of litter was collected which shows how we are keeping the Eatons clean. Thank you to everyone who took part.



## 'Cultivating Pride in our Town'

Congratulations to Jeff Collins at the Waggon and Horses, in Eaton Socon, for receiving the top award in St Neots in Bloom's Commercial Awards this year. Eight Gold awards were made this year, including one to Andersons Butchers opposite and The Eaton Oak and The Barley Mow in Eaton Ford. Thank you to all businesses with floral displays for making our area look so eye catching.



Photo shows St Neots In Bloom Chair Alison Pearson, Waggon and Horses landlord Jeff Collins and St Neots In Bloom treasurer Mike Van de Kerkhove.



## 'Bringing wildlife closer to home'

Friends of Sudbury Meadow held a flag unfurling event on 30th July, to celebrate receiving a Green Flag Community Award\*. It is a national award which recognises quality green spaces in England and Wales, which are managed by volunteers. Members and supporters were joined by Huntingdonshire District Council's Immediate Past Chairman Councillor John Davies, St Neots Mayor Barry Chapman and his wife Lindsay.



Photo shows left to right - Gerald Wilkinson, Mayor Barry Chapman, Chair Alison Pearson, Lindsay Chapman and Councillor John Davies.

## Eatons In Bloom

People in the Eatons should be proud that our local businesses made such a great effort this year. In particular the Great North Rd looked beautiful with flowers at the Waggon and Horses, the Gentle Touch, Andersons Butchers, Alpha Tiles and at The Old Sun.

This collection of flowers made an impression on many local people and travellers so a big thank you to the owners of those businesses and those elsewhere in the Eatons who made an effort to keep our area so clean, tidy and beautiful.



## St. Neots & District Gardening Club

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

Sept 22nd A.G.M

Oct 27th **Cacti and Canyons**, by Peter Walker

**Comp.** A Halloween Pumpkin

Nov 24th **Social Evening**

**Comp.** A table decoration

Contact - Chairman David Usher Tel 01480 476671

## AUTUMN LAWN CARE



This Autumn most lawns are in need of "A Renovation". Time spent tending your lawn at this time of year will pay dividends next year. Compaction, thatch, dead grass and a lack of nutrients will lead to an unsightly lawn unless you take heed and act now.

### Aerating A Lawn - Benefits

- Loosens compacted soil and increases the availability of water and nutrients.
- Enhances oxygen levels in the soil, stimulating root growth and enhancing beneficial bacteria in the soil to multiply and feed the grass.
- Allows water to drain away from surface reducing the incidence of moss.
- Increases drought tolerance and improves overall health.



### Scarification

- (1) Scarify to remove any moss and thatch, open up the surface and allow grass to breathe
  - (2) Aerate using a mechanical aeration machine.
- It also provides an excellent opportunity to over sow with a quality grass seed to improve the quality of the lawn.

### Top Dressing & Over Seeding

In addition to aerating, apply a sterilised turf dressing (sand: soil mixture) to help keep the holes open longer, grass healthier and cover any seed sown.

### Autumn Feed

Feed with a fertiliser high in Phosphate and Potassium with additional Iron for that dark green look.

### Actions required in Autumn

- Scarify lawn
- Aerate lawn by machine
- Apply a turf dressing to improve soil and over seed to improve grass quality
- Apply an autumn feed

Some of these tasks may need some professional intervention.

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# The Pightle Millennium Green – Eaton Socon

I would like to say a big thank you to the residents of the Eatons who joined 'PALs of the Pightle' and made a financial contribution which helped us to raise the £1,500 the trustees require to maintain the Pightle and apply for funding grants. Thanks to the community, we raised just over our target and have put in a bid for external funding. We are currently awaiting confirmation that our bid has been successful. Hopefully soon we can put up information boards with details of what can be seen and heard during the year.

Dog Poo is an ongoing problem in the Pightle, which appears to have increased over the last few weeks. It is the major complaint I receive from members of the public; a number of whom have said they will not take their children or grandchildren with them for a walk round the Pightle. This is unfortunate as it results in a section of the population being excluded from using the Pightle because of another group's selfish action. However, I can't say I blame them; there is nothing worse than stepping in dog muck and then having to get it off your shoes/equipment when you get home; it is not always possible to look where you're putting your feet.

Unfortunately we do not have access to a dog poo Fairy who will pick up your dogs mess for you, so we ask again that people take a bag with them (freezer bags are ideal, 50p for 50 from most supermarkets), please pick up your dogs mess and dispose of it in one of the two nearby bins. You can also purchase containers for a little as £2.00, which clips onto your dogs lead, ensuring that you never leave home without a bag.

On a lighter note, it looks like it may be a good year for blackberries; the fruits are forming nicely on the bushes and should be ready for picking by the end of August. Unfortunately I cannot get my children to help me pick them any longer, though they will still eat the results. There are lots of free recipes on the internet for blackberries, so why not try something different with the fruit this year, and then send in your favourite recipe and we can add it to our website - [www.eatonsoconpightle.org.uk](http://www.eatonsoconpightle.org.uk)

**Bev White** – Chair – The Pightle Millennium Green

## Disabled Children's Access to Childcare (DCATCH)

The Cambridgeshire County Council Disabled Children's Access to Childcare (DCATCH) project is aimed at supporting parents/carers of disabled children in accessing suitable childcare; enabling them the chance of returning to employment and/or training. It is part of the Cambridgeshire Childcare Information Service (CIS). The aim of DCATCH is to highlight that "a child with a disability and his/her family should have access to the full range of childcare options that are open to other families" Sure Start, 2005

The aim of the project is to work closely with parents, childcare providers and professionals, embedding the principles of DCATCH; ensuring inclusion into early years and childcare settings for all. A referral service to parents shows where to go for support and guidance with their childcare options via the Childcare Brokerage Service. Once a family is identified we can then, through the CIS Childcare Brokerage Service, enquire about suitable childcare. This will include information on provision of childcare from providers, funding options, costs, specialist care and specialist facilities, if required by the provider.

**Disabled Children's Access To CHildcare** The DCATCH project provides a service to families, which is free of charge and completely impartial. If you would like further information on DCATCH then please ring 0845 04 54 014 and ask for Denis Green or send an email to [denis.green@opportunitylinks.co.uk](mailto:denis.green@opportunitylinks.co.uk)



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## 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 (Chairman of The Pightle Trust) 69 Shakespeare Road Eaton Socon PE19 8HT

Dear Chairman Bev,

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

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)

I understand that The Pightle Trust is a registered Charity and is able to claim back a tax contribution from The Government. As a UK tax payer I would like to "Gift Aid" my contribution so that an additional 25% can be claimed.

Signed.....

Please send details of how I can help to:-

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**Please make any cheques payable to ' The Pightle Millennium Green Trust'**

I would like to be kept informed of any news about The Pightle by E Mail

My E Mail address is.....

## Willow Bridge

*(the bridge that joins the two oldest parishes in St Neots)*

As you will have seen our new bridge is finally open and everyone can cross to Eynesbury without getting their feet wet in the winter months when the river floods. No longer will children have to wade across at the river mill and arrive at school with soggy feet or walk extra miles to cross at the Coneygeare bridge or even at the Town Bridge, thereby arriving late. So no more excuses for school children !

Of course dog walkers can now cross to the other side and explore the fields and Barford Pocket Park and people wishing to go to Tesco, the swimming pool or the leisure centre can cross the river safely without getting their cars out. The path is safe, lit and with a great surface so that mobility scooters can also access the other side !

If you have not already found the bridge why not go down Shakespeare Rd and find the access. It is there for all to use, though not for swimmers – we do not recommend jumping off the bridge for a swim – this is unsafe and if you do spot anyone jumping please let the police know on 456111. We do not want any accidents.

If you have wandered across and found that you cannot get down to join the towpath alongside the river we are assured that this will hopefully be sorted out soon.



## St Neots Saturday and Sunday Riders Group

Local Volunteer Rangers from Sustrans organise cycle rides around our countryside monthly on Sunday mornings, a shorter ride on the 1st Sunday of the month and a longer ride on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Participation in the rides is free and fund raising is optional. The Rangers 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. Normal 10:30 prompt start from outside the Ambiance Café in the Riverside Park.

So why not get out your bikes, get them in good working order and head out for a Sunday cycle ride. Now that Willow Bridge is open why not explore St Neots - a new cycle map will soon be available from ESCA or the Tourist Info spot at Barretts.

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

## Cecil Paget and his Cycling Capes

In the last few months more information has appeared about Cecil Paget and his cycling capes. John Cecil Paget was born at Bow in late 1871 and his father John was a canvas merchant. John Cecil became known as Cecil and in 1901 he was listed in the census as a rope and tent maker. Being a keen cyclist he travelled many miles and held several speed records.

John Cecil would have seen and experienced cycling in wet weather and it is perhaps not surprising that he developed a cycling cape and a range of wet weather gear including gloves, coats, boots, trousers and much more. There was even a range of colours ! He proudly stated in his catalogue that he was the originator of the cycling poncho in 1900.

In 1928 he arrived in Ackerman Street with his family and continued to sell his wet weather gear. In December 1941 John Cecil and his wife Verena left Eaton Socon but his son Cecil continued to live here with his wife Ida and their two sons went to Eaton Socon School. The connection with Eaton Socon ended when the boys left school in December 1954 and the family moved away.

Some local people were involved in the making of the cycling capes and can recall exactly how they were made.

## Portrait bench by the bridge

Thanks you for all your suggestions for the portrait bench. The figures have been chosen - James Toller (the Eynesbury Giant), John Cecil Paget (who lived in Eaton Socon, see above) and a child playing cricket to reflect the name of the bridge as willow was used to make cricket bats.



*Portrait bench in Afan Valley, Wales*

This special bench is provided by the Sustrans Connect2 project and similar benches are being built across the UK to form a common link for all Connect2 projects. Watch in the papers for news of when this bench will be unveiled.

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**If you have a query with safety on any of the new cycle routes or the back footpath running from the church to Eaton Ford please contact your local councillor or Patrick Joyce at Cambs CC – Tel 01223 699916**

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## History Dates

### Roxton & District Local History Group

Monthly meetings at Roxton Parish Hall at 7.30pm

- Oct 6 **Bedfordshire Railways**, by Nigel Lutt of the Bedford Archive Service
- Nov 3 **Murder in Flitwick Wood** - The story of a crime which too place in November long ago by Mark Steinhardt
- Dec 1 **A.G.M.** followed by refreshments, wine and coffee

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

- Oct 7 **Voices of Godmanchester** by Kate Hadley
- Nov 4 **Prisoners of War in North Beds and Huntingdonshire** by Stephen Risby
- Dec 2 **Members Social Evening**

Chairperson – Elaine Donaldson 01480 217492

### Colmworth & Neighbours History Society

Monthly meetings at Colmworth Village Hall at 7.30pm

- Sep 23 **AGM + 'What's in a Name?'** by Peter Hewlett
- Oct 21 **'But wonder! A Woman – A Voter appears! (Womens Suffrage)'** by Adam Smith
- Nov 25 **'Confessions of a Pyrotechnic Vicar'** by Revd Ron Lancaster

Chairperson – Stephen Smith 01234 376487



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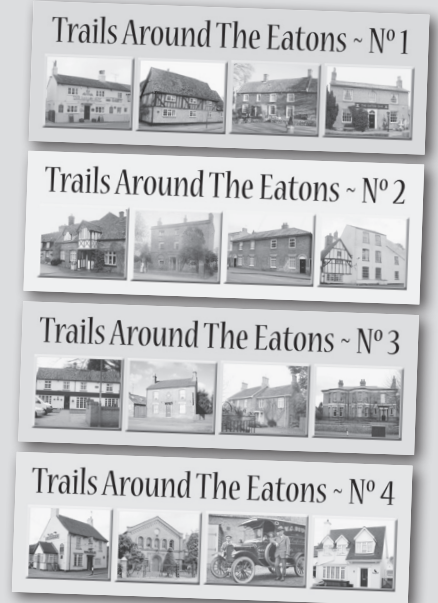


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### 2 new boards for the Eatons

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### 2 new blue plaques

Two new plaques will be unveiled very soon in Eaton Socon. One will be placed on the bungalow in Ackerman Street where the Paget family once lived and one on Hobbit Cottage, 108 Great North Rd (formerly known as Woodbine Cottage) opposite the White Horse. In the last few ESCANs you will have read about Cecil Paget and his contribution to the cycling world by inventing the cycling cape and a wide range of wet weather gear. But what you may not know is that he was a member of the North Rd Cycling Club, which held cycling events on the Great North Rd. In a history book about the club is a photograph of 3 cyclists standing outside the cottage when it was used as a clubhouse in the 1890s. Watch out for when these plaques will be unveiled. We are planning to get cyclists on old bikes to come along and join in the event.

