



St Mary's Eaton Socon
THE CHURCH ON THE GREEN

Creation Care
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GREEN SHOOTS – September 2024

Our occasional newsletter

Green Shoots - a new beginning

Our first newsletter was produced in November 2020. For this, our tenth edition, we have decided to change the format to a two-page newsletter produced six times a year (rather than the four-pages two to three times a year). A key article each edition will be our “Diary” section (see over).

To help decide the font we use, we conducted a survey among a few of our readers and decided on “Trebuchet MS”, which we hope is attractive and easy to read.

We always welcome feedback - speak to Roger Peppiatt or Anthony Harris, or email us on creationcare@eatonsocon.org.

Reuse and Recycle

Carole and Brian Robson have already raised nearly £40 this year for Marie Curie by sending in used printer cartridges. This raises money for a good cause as well as re-using plastic and keeping it out of landfill sites. You can join in Carole and Brian’s efforts by putting your old cartridges in the box opposite the kitchenette.

Has anyone got any good tips about recycling they would like to share? If so, would love to hear from you.

Tower Garden

Many people have commented recently how much they enjoy the appearance of the Tower Garden. Since we were given permission by the PCC last November to make changes, we have removed the dying tree that was there, created a shallow pond for wildlife, given a home to lots of plants, many of which have been donated by church members, built a log-pile and erected a bird feeder. We are still adding plants as and when they arrive and look forward to them maturing and covering more of the gravel as time goes on.

On Monday 5th August, this grass snake was photo'd by Marilyn Cobb in the Tower Garden. It is about 90 cm long, quite harmless to humans. It was heading towards the log pile.



Scavenger Hunt

As part of our “Big Green Week” we held a wildlife walk with a difference - we included a scavenger hunt for children to participate in. This proved very successful and was thoroughly enjoyed by all involved. One parent commented that their child was more engaged in this activity than they had ever been with anything before. The seven adults and six children then enjoyed refreshments and further activities at the Dragonfly.

If you are free, please come and join us at 3pm on the second Sunday of each month, meeting outside the Church Tower.



Diary Dates

September

- Monday 9th - (a week later than usual) Churchyard Working Party
- Sunday 22nd - Walk to Church Sunday
- Sunday 22nd - First Creation Care Sunday
- Saturday 28th - Litter pick, starts from 9am at Church
- Sunday 29th - Second Creation Care Sunday / Harvest Festival

October

- Monday 7th - Churchyard Working Party
- Sunday 13th - Wildlife Walk
- Saturday 26th - Repair and Alter Workshop 9am - 12noon, Church Hall

November

- Monday 4th - Churchyard Working Party
- Sunday 10th - Wildlife Walk

December

- Monday 2nd - Churchyard Working Party
- Sunday 8th - Wildlife Walk

Churchyard Working Parties - 09:30-12:30 with half-time refreshments in the Hall

Wildlife Walk - meet 3pm outside the Tower; end with tea at about 4 at Dragonfly barge by Willow Bridge



Teasels grown from seeds sown by Roger Peppiatt last year



Cinnabar Moth seen by Audrey Hedges recently in the churchyard; rare colouring - they're usually red and black

St Mary's Creation Care Team:

Anthony Harris, Audrey Hedges, Roger Peppiatt, Margaret Tabone.

Our group reports to the PCC. We have a page on the church website www.eatonsocon.org/creation-care, and a group on the church Facebook page. We would be pleased to hear your views and suggestions - please email to creationcare@eatonsocon.org or leave a voicemail message on 01480 352154 (church office).