



Two industries that have come and gone in Eynesbury -

Above - Making lace in the 19<sup>th</sup> century in Back Street

Right - Making lingerie in the 20<sup>th</sup> century at Kayser Bondor in St Mary's Street.



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## TRAILS AROUND THE TOWN

# Eynesbury Village



Discover the buildings, characters and history of Eynesbury

## Eynesbury Parish

For many years Eynesbury has been considered part of the town of St Neots but it has its own history and is actually far older than the newer settlement of St Neots.

**Some questions that might be asked about the settlement are -**

Why is the church tower behind the church?

Where is the Eynesbury Zoo?

Who was so famous that he met Queen Victoria?

Which four babies were born in Eynesbury but became famous as St Neots residents?

What is, where is and can you get lost in the Eynesbury Triangle?

Where is Eynesbury Hill?

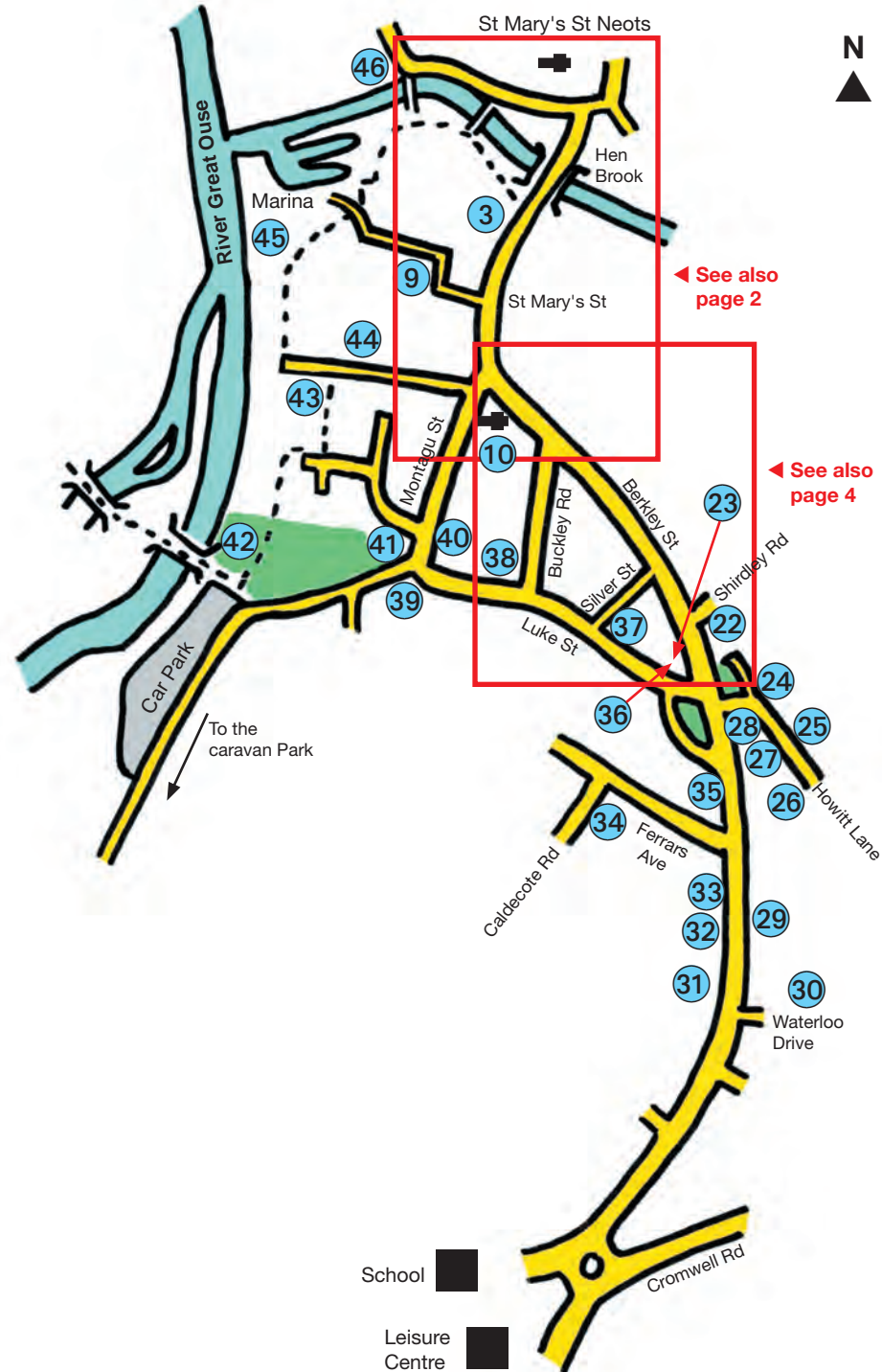
Which national company had a factory in Eynesbury employing hundreds of ladies?

**We hope that this trail will help to answer these and other questions about the village of Eynesbury that is now part of the town of St Neots.**

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## Eynesbury Heritage Trail



## Start of Eynesbury Trail

Distance about 1½ miles  
Time to complete: 1 - 1½ hours

- Historical Plaque

Start at St Mary's Church, St Neots

### Bridge across Hen Brook

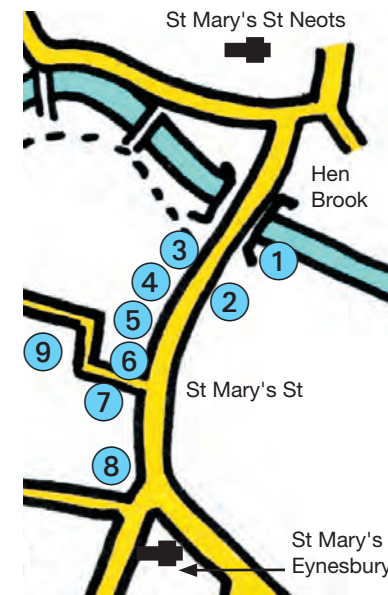
Walk across the bridge spanning Hen Brook and rebuilt in 2003, to St. Mary's Street in Eynesbury. This brook is the boundary between the parishes of St Neots and Eynesbury.

**St. Mary's Street** was the main street of the village for centuries and has some very old buildings.

Before starting the trail it is worth noting the open area on the right where a road leads to a housing development called Navigation Wharf built on a former timber yard and fields behind. The name dates from the 17th century when the local Ashley family held the navigation rights on this part of the river. This area was once the centre of the commercial use of the river where barges unloaded coal and corn, and was used for many years by C.G. Tebbutt, timber and builders merchant from 1889-1990s.

**1 Dog and Duck** – a former beerhouse built of red brick, closed in 1954, it was often flooded by the brook and was named after the sport where dogs chased ducks on an enclosed pond or stream.

Across the path, opposite the pillar box, part of this property was used for many years as the Eynesbury Post Office.



**2 The Chequers** – although much altered this could be the oldest house in the village and may date back to the early 1500s. In the 1600s the Manor Court was held here.

**3 12 St Mary's Street (formerly The Village Blacksmith beerhouse)** – in 1873 the publican was William Taylor, a retired blacksmith whose likeness was painted on the pub sign for many years. The photograph, left, shows Alfred Trolley and his family around 1910, see also 31.



When this shelter was placed on Eynesbury Green in the 1950s no one would have foreseen how large Eynesbury would become. These villagers grew up in a small settlement which is now part of the ever growing and changing town of St Neots. We hope that this trail has given a flavour of the old village.

This trail has been revised from an earlier one prepared by Peter Ibbett in 2010 as part of an initiative to increase knowledge of the heritage of Eynesbury.

For further information about the history of the area please read –  
St Neots History of a Huntingdonshire Town, C.F. Tebbutt, Phillimore, 1978  
St Neots Past, Rosa Young, Phillimore, 1996  
The History and Antiquities of Eynesbury and St Neot's in Huntingdon and of St Neot's in the County of Cornwall, Gorham  
St Neots, David Bushby, Francis Frith, 2005

Or see the websites for St Neots Museum - [www.stneotsmuseum.org.uk](http://www.stneotsmuseum.org.uk),  
St Neots Local History Society - [www.stneotslhs.org.uk](http://www.stneotslhs.org.uk) and St Neots Community Archive Group – [www.ccan.co.uk](http://www.ccan.co.uk).

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