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✍️ Editor

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Village Diary May 2017



Weekly

- Mon-Fri (term time) Eaton Bray Pre-school, Eaton Bray Lower School, 01525 220468
- Mon-Fri (term time) Dagnall Under 5's, Dagnall Village Hall, 9.15am - 12.15pm, Mrs Ann Tobin 07816 358342
- Mon-Fri (term time) Edlesborough Pre-School, Edlesborough School, 01525 220431
manager@edlesborough.bucks.sch.uk
- Mon-Thu (term time) Totternhoe Pre-school, mornings, Totternhoe Lower School, Michelle Urbanowicz on 01582 668841
- Mondays Pilates, 10.45am, Totternhoe Memorial Hall, Lisa: 07799 893489
- Mondays Dagnall Community Choir, All Saints Church 7.45 – 9.45pm
- Mondays (term time) Movement and exercise classes with a dance flavour, Northall Village hall 2-3.30. Contact Jan 01442 864271.
- Mondays Curtain Call Youth Theatre 5-7.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Gavyn 01525 220525
- Mondays Curtain Call Theatre Group - 7:30-10:30pm Eaton Bray Village Hall, Sheila - sdtwinkletoes@yahoo.co.uk
- Mondays KFPA ISTD Classical Ballet classes, 3+yrs, 4.15pm, Edlesbrough Memorial Hall, www.kfpa.co.uk
- Tuesdays Line Dancing, 1.30-3p.m., Eaton Bray Village Hall, Lyn Stubbs 220731
- Tuesdays Pilates, 10-11am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Nicky Roussou 07861 162680
- Tuesdays Totternhoe Baby & Toddler Group, 9.30-11.30am, St. Giles Church Hall, Ruth Allen, 01525 222468 or 07796 265174 or email ruthallen002@gmail.com
- Tuesdays Northall Baby & Toddler Group, 9:30-11:30am, (open in the Summer School Holidays) Northall Village Hall, Sam George: 07748 152379, Tracy Bennett: 07803 123318
- Tuesdays Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 01582 620576
- Tuesdays Beginner's Boxercise, 6-7pm Dagnall Village Hall, Josh Thompson 07456 574405 or jtptinfo@gmail.com
- Tuesdays Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy, Table Top Sale, 10-12noon, Salvation Army Hall, Booth Place, Eaton Bray
- Wednesdays Pilates, 7.15pm, Northall Village Hall, Lisa: 07799 893489
- Wednesdays Egyptian Dance Class, 7.30-8.45pm at Eaton Bray Village Hall. Contact: Soraya on 07976 964316 for more details
- Wednesdays Northall & District Age Concern Wednesday Club, 10am - 3pm, Northall Village Hall, Contact Anna on 07854 230243
- Wednesdays (term time) Caterpillars Baby and Toddler Group 10am to 11:30am, Grace Baptist Church, Moor End, Edlesborough, £1 per family unit, Frances King 01582 475896
- Wednesdays Pilates 6.45 & 7.45pm, Dagnall Village Hall, Andrea on 07855 138005 or andrea@naturalpilates.co.uk
- Wednesdays Art of Ju Jitsu martial arts class, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 7 -7.45pm ages 6-15yrs
- Thursdays Yoga, Northall Village Hall, 11.30am-1pm 01525 377542
- Thursdays Baby & Toddler Group, Salvation Army Hall, Booth Place, Eaton Bray, 9.30-11.30am
- Thursdays Jazzercise, 9.30-10.30am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Angela Veryard, 01525 715208
- Thursdays KFPA Street dance classes 4+yrs 4pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, www.kfpa.co.uk
- Thursdays Tae Kwon-do, Dagnall Village Hall, 5.45-7.30pm 07813 755785
- Thursdays Clubbercise 7.30 - 8.30pm. Eaton Bray Hall - Gina Flitton 07846421756
- Thursdays Intermediate Boxercise, 7.30-8.30pm, Dagnall Village Hall, Josh Thompson 07456 574405 or jtptinfo@gmail.com
- Fridays Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 01582 620576
- Fridays Stay & Play toddler group, 'Musical Monkeys' at the Eaton Bray Village Hall, 10-11.30am, £4.50 for one adult and child, £1 for extra children/adults, 0-6 months free

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Fridays	Keep Fit class, Edlesborough Memorial Hall 10 - 11am
Fridays (term time)	Kids Club 6:00pm to 7:00pm Grace Baptist Church, Moor End, Edlesborough (across from the post office) Frances King 01582 475896
Fridays (term time)	"Little Luvvies" baby ballet classes 10am-11.30am. Contact Emma Whittemore on 01525 376124
Saturdays	Jazzercise, 9.30-10.30am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Angela Veryard, 01525 715208
Saturdays	KFPA Musical Theatre classes 4+yrs www.kfpa.co.uk, 10am, Edlesborough Memorial Hall
Saturdays	Bootcamp Fitness, 9-10am, Dagnall Recreation Ground, Josh Thompson 07456 574405 or jtpinfo@gmail.com
Sundays	Sunday Worship at 10:30am and 6pm Grace Baptist Church, Moor End, Edlesborough (across from the post office). Alister King 07572 395687

Monthly

1st Monday	Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, The Coffee Tavern (except January-2nd Monday)
1st Monday	Eaton Bray W.I. Meeting, 7.30pm. Eaton Bray Methodist Church Hall. Contact Margaret Jones on 01525 220991
1st & 3rd Tuesday	Dunstable & District Orbit (social and charitable) Club meet at Dunstable Rugby Club at 8pm. For details contact 01525 222441 or 01582 755147
1st Saturday	St. Mary's Church, Eaton Bray Coffee Morning & Plant Sale, 10:30am - 12 noon
1st Sunday	St. Mary's Edlesborough Open Days, 2-5pm, May to September inclusive
2nd & 4th Tuesday	TOTS, St Mary's, Eaton Bray, 2pm
2nd Tuesday	Dunstable & District Local History Society meeting, 7.45pm, Methodist Church Hall, Dunstable (opposite Wilkinson)
2nd Tuesday	Edlesborough W.I. Meeting, 7.30 pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall
2nd Wednesday	St.Mary's Ladies Guild, 2pm, St.Mary's, Eaton Bray
2nd Wednesday	Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Lions Club, 7.30pm, The Coffee Tavern
2nd Thursday	CAMEO Coffee, tea & chat, 10am-12noon, Edlesborough Methodist Church
2nd Saturday	Workshops Dynamic Yoga 9.30-11am £10 Eaton Bray Coffee Tavern, Keira 07936 693696
3rd Thursday	Edlesborough Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
3rd Sunday	Lunch club 11.30 to 2.00pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Chris Hewitt 222288
4th Tuesday	The Filling Station, 7:30pm, Bellows Mill, Diane 07815 895501, Email: threecounties@thefillingstation.org.uk
Last Saturday	Coffee Morning, 10:30-12 noon, Edlesborough Methodist Church
Last Sunday	Messy Church, 3-5pm, Salvation Army, Booth Place, Eaton Bray, 07932 057490

Other Regular Events

7th	Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club Meeting, 11.30am-4.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall
12th	Leukaemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30am. All welcome.
13th	Cafe Community, 11am-1pm, Eaton Bray Methodist Church
16th	Dagnall and Kensworth Friendship Club, Ploughmans lunch followed by the Ukulele Ladies entertainment at 1.30 pm in the village hall.

One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

1st	EDaN Beautification Team Car Boot Sale, 9am -12 noon, Edlesborough Green. Sellers 8:30am, £10 per car.
13th	St Mary's Ladies Guild Coffee Morning, 10-12, St. Mary's church
13th	Christian Aid Big Brekkie & Brunch, 11am-1pm, Eaton Bray Methodist Church
14th to 20th	Christian Aid Week
14th	Appledown Fun Dog Show, 11am
20th	Jonathan Veira, 7:30pm, St Mary's Eaton Bray, Tickets: £10 01525 222288

Village Info



EDaN Community Transport
Peter Williams: 01442 842506

Village Hall Bookings

To book your local village hall for an event please contact the following:

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Eaton Bray: Norman Lee Tel: 01525 222831

Email: bookings@ebvh.co.uk Website www.ebvh.co.uk

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Wednesday Club Age Concern Northall

We require a volunteer driver and a conductor for our mini bus on one Wednesday each month to transport our members to and from Northall hall. It will require 2 hours in the morning to collect and again 2 hours in the afternoon to return members home.

Full support training will be give for both positions, which are both important to the running of the club.

Interested... please call Peter Barrow on 01442 842364 or Ken Coates 01525 220868.



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Heidi Head, Parish Clerk

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Services at St Mary's Church

SUNDAYS : 8.00am HOLY COMMUNION
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On Third Sunday of each month:

10.00am – WORSHIP FOR EVERYONE a shorter, less formal service for families. (For anyone wishing to attend a service where Holy Communion is offered, there is a Family Communion at 10.30am at All Saints' Church, Dagnall, where visitors are assured of a warm welcome).

WEEK-DAYS:

Tuesday: 2.00pm TOTS (Tots on Tuesdays) (2nd & 4th Tuesdays)

Wednesday: 10.00am Holy Communion

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All Saints' Church, Dagnall

Services in May 2017

Sun. 7th May	9.00 pm	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Morning Service
Sun. 14th May	10.30 am	Morning Service
Sun. 21st May	10.30 am	Family Communion
Sun. 28th May	10.30 am	Family Service
Sun. 4th June	9.00 pm	Eucharist
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Eaton Bray with Edlesborough Parish News

Church Warden & Pastoral Matters: Catherine Hayden (01525 220527)

Reader: Gordon Gray (01525 220136)

Website: www.stmaryseatonbray.org.uk

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One of the remarkable things about Jesus was the stories he told – we call them parables. They are stories that have a deep meaning, designed to challenge people's thinking. Even more remarkable, most of Jesus' parables are highly relevant to today's circumstances. For example, last year I had to preach on the Sunday before the European Referendum when the Gospel reading for the day was the story of Gerasene swine. Like a number of ministers around the country I was able to demonstrate just how much Jesus' parable had in common with the arguments on either side of the referendum vote.

Today I want you to recall a different story; it's a parable that is only found in Matthew's gospel - Chapter 25: 31-45. When Jesus first told the story it well and truly shocked those who heard it and it is just as profound today. Some people know the story as 'The parable of the sheep and the goats', others as 'The final judgement'.

In the parable Jesus identifies two sets of people. To one set of people he said "I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me." The other set of people, Jesus said, did none of those things.

The parable reports confusion in both groups – 'When did we see you hungry, thirsty, a stranger, naked, sick, in prison?' they said. Obviously neither group could recall having seen Jesus in distress, but Jesus' startling retort was "I tell you, whenever you did (or didn't do) this for the least important person, you did it for me". Once again Jesus turns upside down the concept of 'neighbour' – not just the person who lives next door but any person, anywhere, and especially those who are the most vulnerable and most in need.

It is easy for us to turn a blind eye to the suffering of poor peoples around the world – much of which has been inflicted on them through the actions of governments and big business so that we in rich nations can continue to live the comfortable lifestyles to which we have become accustomed.

The church talks a lot about the hope of life after death, but many of the world's poorest peoples get little chance to experience life before death. Today, sixty five million people worldwide face the terrible choice of fleeing conflict and disaster or making dangerous journeys in search of safety, perhaps risking their children's lives at sea in a plastic dinghy.

Well, this month there is no excuse for turning our back on the world's poorest people, for the week from 14-20 May is Christian Aid Week. Christian Aid Week was set up 60 years ago to support refugees in Europe following the Second World War – today the world faces a similar international problem and once again there is an urgent need to help relieve suffering and build a world where everyone has a safe place to call home.

When someone knocks on your door and asks you to contribute to Christian Aid please don't ignore their request. How will you respond to Jesus' appeal on behalf of the world's neediest people?

✉ Gordon, Reader at St Mary's Eaton Bray



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Christian Aid Week

14 – 20th May



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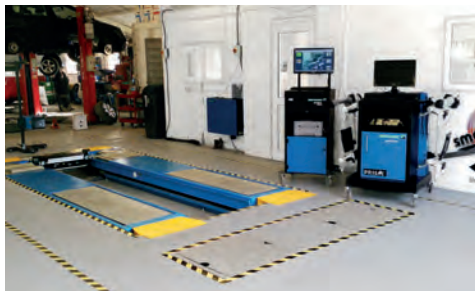
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Transport St Mary's Village 1st July 2017 Carnival 2017

Carnival is now only 2 months away. If you want to be involved now is the time to do it!

Carnival Queen 2017

This year's Carnival Queen, Princess and attendants were chosen by draw on Sunday 9th April.

Carnival Queen: Chloe Oastler

Carnival Princess: Isabella Lee

Attendants: Lucy Celine and Grace Dickson

Carnival Procession for ALL Families

Here is another reminder that the **FAMILY** category will be maintained in the carnival procession. Once again, decorate your car, van and/or trailer, classic car, go-kart, scooter, skate board or for that matter your tandem or yourself. This opens up the carnival procession to anyone who wants to "have a go and get involved". Good luck!

An Appeal to Local Businesses and Organisations

Once again this is an appeal to local businesses as well as schools, youth groups, and organisations to get involved in the Carnival and have your organisation promoted during this event. The ever increasing foot print of the Carnival, with visitors from Aylesbury, Milton Keynes, Dunstable, Luton and Hemel Hempstead, is an ideal vehicle for promoting your business. As an organising committee we can work with you to find the best means of advertising your businesses to the crowds who attend the Carnival if you give us a chance to do so. Here are a few ways that the Carnival could work for you:

- Advertising in the Carnival Programme – delivered to all the households in Dagnall, Eaton Bray, Edlesborough and Northall. Your adverts need to be submitted before the end of April!
- Advertising in the arena.
- Have a float in the Carnival procession.
- Have a stall at the Carnival.
- Donating a prize for the Grand Draw.
- Donating a prize for the Silent Auction.

All details of Carnival 2017 including how to book a stall, arrange advertising, offer prizes and much more can be found on the Carnival website:

www.stmarysvillagecarnival.com

Can You Donate A Prize or Your Time?

The Carnival Committee is always looking for people who can help in a variety of ways:

- Manning stalls
- Helping in the tea tent
- Driving a vehicle
- Acting as a marshal for the procession
- Supervising the car parking

- Picking up litter
- Baking cakes
- Tossing a sausage at the BBQ

There are other ways of supporting the Carnival by donating equipment, money or prizes for our Grand Draw, Silent Auction and Tombola. For those with green fingers perhaps you could take a few cuttings and donate to the successful plant stall.

As vital as these activities, is help with bringing equipment to and from the Green before and after the event. It's never too late to offer your help for this year. Whether you can spare an hour or all day to help we can find something for you to do and I can assure it's as much of a hoot spending an hour or two at a stall or meeting new people setting up the carnival as it is attending the event itself!

For any specific questions or if you would like to get involved with organisation of the carnival either by helping for a few hours on the day or providing assistance in the months before July contact Gordon Gray on 01525 220136 or through the carnival website above.



Eaton Bray Methodist Church

On the second Sunday in March Martin Wallis led our Cafe Worship, basing it on the passage in John 3, which states

that all Christians need to be 'born again..... of water and the Spirit'. We discussed this difficult concept and agreed that allowing the Holy Spirit to work freely in our hearts transforms and renews us completely. Visiting us on the third Sunday, John Enejo gave a stirring message urging us to love and value everybody and, like the woman at the well, introduce other people to Jesus. He brought some interesting visitors: The Rt Rev Michael Kekinde Stephen, an Archbishop in the Nigerian Methodist Church, and Helena Vilaca from the Methodist Church in Portugal. On the last Sunday of March we were glad to have Stephen Poxon who gave us a wide-ranging and inspiring sermon encouraging us, among other things, to avoid judging others, dealing instead with tact and understanding. April started with a lively service led by Ben Williams, a very welcome visitor to our pulpit. He asked us to consider whether people around us see Jesus in our daily behaviour. He challenged us to ensure

that our daily dealings are selfless and that we demonstrate unconditional acceptance of all people.

We have had a number of very busy, lively Saturday cafes in recent months and have been delighted to see new faces joining in.

Dates for your Diary:

SOCIAL AFTERNOON:

Weekly, starting on **Thursday May 4th 2017** 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Chat, meeting friends, games, refreshments. All Welcome. First meeting free, then £2 per session.

CAFE COMMUNITY 'Special Brunch' **Saturday 13th May 2017** 11.00am – 1.00pm

We will be delighted to see you if you come to join us and support 'Christian Aid'.

Eaton Bray Cricket Club 100 Club Winners April 2017

£25	Barry Meakins	No.57
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Eaton Bray Cricket Club is kindly sponsored by Meadow Marquees, Houghton Insurance & Giblin Property.

Edlesborough Parish Neighbourhood Plan

The Edlesborough Parish Neighbourhood Plan has now been submitted to AVDC. It can be viewed at www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/edlesborough-neighbourhood-plan and on the parish website www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk.

More information about this can also be found in a separate article in this edition of Focus.

Edlesborough Green Play Area & Roundabout

In March work commenced on the upgrading of the original Edlesborough Green play area surface, with the central fence being removed and the bark being replaced with safety matting & grass seed to match the later extension to the area.

It was anticipated that the older section of the play area would be closed for six - eight weeks due to health & safety reasons & to allow time for the new grass seed to germinate.

However due to children disregarding the signs and taped off play equipment the play area will now unfortunately remain closed for a longer period of time. Security fencing will also be erected at an additional expense to EPC.

Edlesborough Parish Council thanks you for your patience during this time.

EPC are pleased to announce the return of the refurbished children's roundabout. The roundabout broke in June 2016 and finally after much research Cllr Scott Mineikis successfully liaised with Luton Steels Ltd to refurbish the roundabout to its former glory. EPC are sure you will all agree that Luton Steels Ltd have done an excellent job on the refurbishment.



Hedges

EPC reminds parishioners to ensure that the planting around the boundaries of their

properties does not overhang the pavement or road way, obstruct drivers line of vision or cause a danger or inconvenience to others.

Edlesborough Memorial Hall Acoustics

The installation of acoustic panels in Edlesborough Memorial has now been completed. These panels will greatly improve the sound quality in the hall, reducing the reverberation immensely.



Unitary Proposals

All parishioners are invited to participate in a survey on the unitary council proposals. The survey can be accessed via the website www.ors.org.uk/web/index.php/survey/index/sid/871873/lang/en

New Thames Valley Police and Crime Plan 2017 - 2021

Anthony Stansfeld, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley has recently published his new five year Police and Crime Plan which sets out the priorities for policing and other crime reduction organisations across the Thames Valley, including the response to regional and national threats.

The full plan can be found on the PCC website www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/police-and-crime-plan/

Streetlights

Please report failed streetlights in Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall to the Clerk for repair.

When making a report please ensure you provide the Clerk with the information displayed on the lamp post.

Allotments

Edlesborough Parish Council currently has vacant allotments at the Cow Lane and Dagnall site. Anyone wishing to take on an allotment should contact the Clerk. Fees are £2 per pole and plots range in size from 10 – 20 poles.

Speedwatch

The EDaN Traffic Management team are looking for volunteers to help with their new Sentinel device. If you have an interest in slowing down traffic in the villages or are concerned about Road Safety, please contact Louise Turner on 01442 843123 or by email at louisefanthorpe@yahoo.co.uk



Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings

The next Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings will take place as follows:

Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 18th May 2017 This evening will include the AGM and will be followed by the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting.

All Saints Church, Dagnall, Thursday 15th June 2017

The meetings will commence at 7:30pm.

All Parishioners are welcome to attend all Ordinary Parish Council meetings and may ask questions, raise issues and give suggestions during the Open Forum before the formal start of the meeting. The full minutes of the Parish Council meetings are normally available to view on the website or from the Parish Clerk.

Edlesborough Parish Council Contact Information:

Clerk: Miss Penny Pataky *Office hours Mon – Fri 10.30am – 2.30pm (Excl. Wed)*

Email: clerk@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk 01525 229358 Website: www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk

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Edlesborough Festival

16th-18th June



Get involved in this year's Flowerfest...

We are inviting budding or experienced flower arrangers to join us in a workshop, guided by Kate from Edlesborough Flowers. This year we are meeting at the church on the hill on Friday 16th June at 11.00 a.m.

This session is free of charge.

Our aim is to fill the church with the fragrance and beauty of our freshly arranged blooms, visually enhancing this magnificent building for visitors to enjoy for the entire festival weekend. You are welcome to take your arrangement home after the Festival, or leave to be sold. We will provide the mechanics and foliage. All we would ask you to bring are a few flowers from the garden, secateurs/scissors and your enthusiasm! **Free refreshments!**

Please contact chris@brooklyns.org.uk or call Chris Yates 0152522073



Also - catch up with 'Kimber's Kids'...

Children from Edlesborough School and Eaton Bray Academy will take to the stage on Friday 16th June to amaze us with their new talent – singing popular sea shanties – learned at school and 'polished' during a short workshop led by international stars of stage and screen, Kimber's Men. We are sure many in the audience will be joining in the chorus.... Don't miss the fun!

For the rest of Friday and Saturday's line-ups, see the website below.



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EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MINUTES

A full/detailed copy of the minutes for Eaton Bray Parish Council can be found on our website.

A hard copy of the minutes can also be viewed on the Parish Council's notice board at The Coffee Tavern.

MEETING OF EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 6TH March 2017 from 7:30pm at the Coffee Tavern

ANNOUNCEMENT – IN MEMORANDUM

The Parish Council was very saddened to learn of the death of Councillor Richard Windmill. Richard joined Eaton Bray Parish Council in April 1996 and worked tirelessly for the Council during all these years. He was hugely liked and respected by all his colleagues on the Council and the residents for whom he was dedicated to serving. Our thoughts and condolences are with his family and friends. He will be greatly missed.



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Fouling of Roads/Pavements

Residents have reported problems with fouling of parish roads and pavements. The Council would like to remind residents that should they experience problem fouling (dogs, horses etc.) to report any issues to Environmental Services at CBC - link <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/environment/landing.aspx>.

Felling/Trimming Trees on Parish Council Land

In line with procedures set out by Central Bedfordshire Council, it is the Parish Council's policy NOT to top, lop or fell otherwise healthy trees that would otherwise need no maintenance to alleviate problems such as the build of leaves, seeds, berries or other minor debris on a neighbouring property to... allow more light to a property, where the trees in question would not otherwise require any surgery, improve television or satellite reception, prevent roots entering already broken pipes. If a tree/hedge does not have birds nesting or if a tree does not have a tree preservation order, we can only work on it if there is a health and safety risk or the tree is diseased. However, residents are entitled under law to cut back to the boundary line any branches/hedging overhanging their property line.



Vacancies - Parish Councillors

There are three vacancies for Parish Councillors on Eaton Bray Parish Council.

Being a Parish Councillor in Eaton Bray Parish gives you a real opportunity to make a difference to the community. Interested? Please email the Parish Clerk (see contact details below) with a brief summary about you, your skills and why you would like to be a Parish Councillor.

Eaton Bray – Neighbourhood Plan

UPDATE: Please see the Neighbourhood Plan report printed in the FOCUS magazine.

Parish Council Meeting Dates: Held in The Coffee Tavern (1st floor)

* Monday 8th May 2017 from 7:00pm – Annual Parish Meeting

* Monday 8th May 2017 from 7:30pm – Annual Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council



Heidi Head, Parish Clerk & RFO

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Edlesborough Parish Neighbourhood Plan Update

Edlesborough Parish Council began the process of developing the plan in 2015 and a lot of time and hard work has been put into communicating with parishioners at every step of the way. We established a Core Team from the Council, a Steering Group including parishioners and Village Teams of parishioners to work on the content of the plan. As previously required we published our Pre-Submission Plan for consultation in December with a closing date of January 27th. The responses received were reviewed and modifications made to the plan where appropriate. We are now at the next formal stage of getting the plan approved. Our 'Final' Submission Plan was sent to AVDC on 6th April 2017 who posted the following message on their website.

'As the Local Planning Authority, we are now required to undertake a publication period to provide an opportunity for all parties to comment on the submitted proposals before the plan goes ahead to Examination. The consultation will commence on Thursday 06 April 2017 and run for a 6 week period, closing at 5pm on 18th May 2017.'

At the end of this consultation phase all comments received will be reviewed by the examiner.

Edlesborough Parish Council encourages everyone to submit their comments to AVDC whether or not you agree with the Plan. Don't just assume that because you don't have any objections that you don't need to comment. If the Examining Inspector only receives objections to the Submission Plan, he/she may assume that it has little, if any, community support and will be more likely to reject it and consequently it may never reach the referendum stage.

If you support the Plan and want it to succeed please send in your message of support. Previous messages of support you have sent cannot be carried forward to this stage of the process (government rules!) Please note that this time your comments need to be sent to AVDC and not the Parish Council. The appropriate comments form can be downloaded from the AVDC website. Full details are contained on the AVDC website:

<https://www.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/edlesborough-neighbourhood-plan>

Details are also accessible via the Edlesborough Parish Council website:

<https://www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk>

✉ Alan Williams - Chairman
Edlesborough Parish Council

Magic Dave for Macmillan with the **Leighton Buzzard Children's Theatre**

Local favourite Magic Dave, the award winning children's entertainer, will be returning to provide an afternoon of magic and music ably supported by the talented Leighton Buzzard Children's Theatre. This performance is in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. The show starts at 2.30 p.m. on 20th May. Tickets: £6 adult £3 child £15 family (2+2). Booking via the Leighton Buzzard Library Theatre Box Office or website

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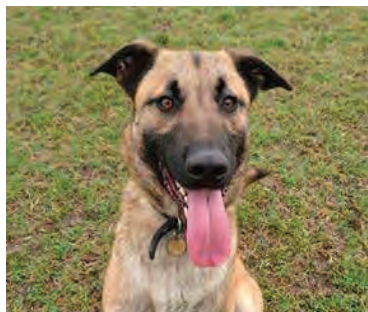
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Neighbourhood Development Plan



So far in the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group we have been looking at the positive features of Eaton Bray, our historic buildings, beautiful landscape, wonderful biodiversity and heritage. Government legislation through the Localism Act gives us Neighbourhood Planning and directs us to make provision for new housing. A year ago CBC advised the Steering Group that we should make provision for 150 new dwellings. However the UK has changed, we are now post Brexit, Trump and perhaps more importantly the Housing White Paper was published.

This month we decided to question the direction that we are expected to take with the following message to CBC.

To CBC,

The EBNP Steering Group have reached a point where we need some clarification to assist us before we hold a public consultation, and bearing in mind the Housing White Paper has been issued where the Government is clearly supporting / maintaining the Green Belt.

Could you please answer the following questions which we would expect to be raised at a public consultation?

Have you completed your Housing Needs Assessment including the area around Eaton Bray?

Have you completed your Green Belt review?

Please advise the very exceptional circumstances for releasing land from the GB in and around Eaton Bray.

What is your expectation for future growth in Eaton Bray and the basis for your calculations?

Are there any sites around Eaton Bray where CBC have an interest and would consider development?

Keep your eyes on the Parish Council web site and Facebook page for more information. If you feel you can offer any support please come along to our meetings. However support doesn't need to be, attending monthly meetings, perhaps you have the time to help with data collection/research.

Contact the Parish Clerk at www.ebpc.co.uk - **please feel free to attend the next Steering Group meeting.**

Meetings are planned for the last Monday of the month at 19.30hrs at the Coffee Tavern, Eaton Bray.



Heidi Head, Parish Clerk & RFO

Email: clerk@ebpc.co.uk - Telephone/Fax: 01525 221464 - Website: www.ebpc.co.uk
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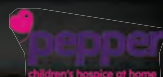
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BY JOHN HOCKEY

In this series, we take a look around local villages to find interesting and unusual heraldry.

A FLAMSTEAD HATCHMENT

In the wonderful church of St Leonard's in Flamstead there is much to delight the eye. Among the many treasures are seven *hatchments*, diamond shaped boards which adorn the walls and are a remnant from the funerals of well-to-do families in the area. These were hung outside the house of the deceased and then transferred to the church at a later date. The word hatchment is a corruption of the word achievement and on each board would be the relevant coat of arms, complete with supporters if any, helm, crest, motto etc., in fact all the trappings 'achieved' during their lifetime.

By looking at the background colour, one can tell who has died in a marriage, white for still living and black for death. If, as here, the background is all black, then both partners are now deceased.

This hatchment is to Sir John Saunders-Sebright, 7th Baronet who passed away in 1846. His wife Harriet pre-deceased him by twenty years.

Looking at the main shield, the top left quarter refers (as always) to the family whose arms these relate to, in this case Sebright. Additionally we know this man was a baronet as there is a small white shield charged with the 'red hand of Ulster' this being the accepted sign for a baronet, an hereditary honour brought in by James I in 1611. The rest of the main shield is quartered with other families that married the Sebrights. In the bottom right quarter are the arms of the Saunders family, which depict elephants, their trunks seemingly waving in some mediaeval breeze! The other quarters refer to the Ramsey and Ashe families.

One other point of interest is the small shield in the centre of the main arms. This is known



as '*an escutcheon of pretence*' and shows the arms of Sir John Saunders' wife, Harriet Crofts. The description or blazon is 'Or three bulls heads couped Sable' i.e. on a gold background there are three black bulls heads, cut off cleanly. It is so positioned because she was an heiress in her own right and in time any sons would be allowed to quarter her arms with those already on the shield.

Next month: Hatching

St Leonard's Church, Flamstead's Hatchment



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BUCKS OPEN STUDIOS 2017

Bucks Open Studios, the largest visual arts event in Buckinghamshire, has announced that its 2017 event will be its biggest to date following a record number of entries from artists and makers across the county.



Tessa Cole

sources including dancers, children playing and Greek mythology. She also paints in Watercolour and Acrylic using the beautiful surroundings of the Chilterns where she lives, and recent travels in Australia as material. Tessa is also a keen photographer and uses her photos as source material.

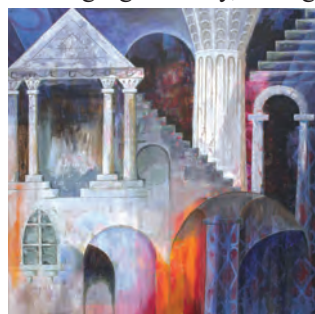
It's never too early to start planning your visits and you can see participating artists, dates, opening times and locations on our website <http://www.bucksopenstudios.org.uk>



Sallie Miller

The annual artistic extravaganza, which is also one of the biggest Open Studios in the country, will include a record-breaking 335 entries made by 533 artists including glass workers, ceramicists, jewellery makers, photographers, painters and print makers. The event will take place 10-25th June 2017 and will see the participants opening their studios to the public for a dazzling line-up of free demonstrations, workshops and exhibitions.

In Dagnall you can visit Tessa Cole and see her wonderful sculptures, paintings and drawings. She has retained a life-long love of working figuratively, taking inspiration from many



Mary Perkins

org.uk You can also look out for the directories from early May which are available for free from libraries, art centres and galleries, and the yellow signs that start popping up from early June.

The Tring Trio of Jilli Jenkins, Mary Perkins and Sallie Miller have been painting together for nearly 20 years but have all managed to retain their individual styles. Between them they cover at least 7 different mediums - textiles, metalwork, pottery, jewellery, stained glass, silk work and painting. For the past 7 years they have been exhibiting together in Tring during Bucks Open Studios.



Jilli Jenkins



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		A.	R.	P.
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62	Ditto	8	0	38
63	Ditto	30	3	38
64	Ditto	13	1	23
65	Ditto	32	1	36
66	Arable	25	3	18
67	Pasture	28	0	1
105	Ditto	13	1	29
106	House, Buildings, etc.	1	2	15
107	Pasture	11	2	2
108	Ditto	10	0	7
109	Wood	0	2	4
110	Pasture	12	0	11
111	Ditto	6	0	11
112	Ditto	5	0	11
113	Moat	0	0	38
114	Pasture	11	1	26
115	Ditto	4	0	20
161	Ditto	3	0	12
162	Ditto	10	2	15
163	Ditto	6	1	27
164	Buildings	0	1	15
165	Moat	0	3	6
166	Pasture	16	3	11
167	Ditto	25	0	12
168	Ditto	10	1	27
169	Pond	0	0	39
170	Pasture	7	0	39
171	Ditto	37	3	30
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Senior Cricket

EBCC currently fields two Saturday teams which compete in the Four Counties Cricket League. The 1st XI are reigning champions of Division 1, while the 2nd XI will be looking to build on last year's successful promotion season by pitting their wits against clubs in Division 5. The Sunday XI will compete again this year in the Beds County Cricket League after a successful first season last year. There will also be Friday night fixtures in the Coronation Cup, which the club won two seasons ago in 2015.

Junior Cricket

Following an extremely successful youth section launch in 2011, EBCC operates across four age groups for youngsters: under 9s, under 11s (which fields two sides), under 13s and under 15s. Since then, the Club's youth section has thrived. With over 70 youth members, boys and girls alike, now on our books and bundles of young talent, the future looks bright indeed for EBCC! The aim is for the youth section to provide a steady conveyor belt of players feeding into the adult teams in years to come.

Junior training takes place at Rye Gardens on Wednesday evenings throughout the season: under 10s between 6-7pm, with the over 10s hard ball training taking place between 7-8.30pm. Moreover, on Saturday mornings during the season (starting May 20), the Club will also be holding All Stars Cricket sessions between 9.30-10.30am. This is new initiative from the ECB aimed at encouraging

5-8-year olds to get involved in the game of cricket.

The club is always on the lookout for new players across all age groups, so if you, your children or relatives, friends or other acquaintances would like to get involved and join a friendly cricket club playing competitive cricket throughout the summer then please get in touch via:

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Upcoming fixtures at Rye Gardens:

Date	Competition	Home	Away
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30.04.2017	Friendly	EBCC Sunday XI	Soulbury CC
06.05.2017	FCCL	EBCC 1st XI	Printers CC
07.05.2017	BCCL	EBCC Sunday XI	Horton House XI
13.05.2017	FCCL	EBCC 2nd XI	Buckland & Aston Clinton CC
20.05.2017	FCCL	EBCC 1st XI	New Bradwell CC
27.05.2017	FCCL	EBCC 2nd XI	Drayton Parslow CC



7 Layer Bar

I am not sure I know any food writers who are more prolific than

Hannah Miles. Every time she is a guest on my programme, she seems to have added another couple to her list and she is now up to well over 30 books. Her latest is called Traybakes (published by Lorenz Books) and, in it, she shows how versatile traybake cakes can be.

This indulgent tray bake may actually be the Queen of Traybakes. Loads of indulgent ingredients, bound together by a can of condensed milk, to create a perfect snack or lunchbox treat, especially for your children or grandchildren. It's also ideal, as traybakes often are, if you need to rustle together a cake for the school fete or a cake sale at work.

This is a big treat bar, packed with flavour, fun... and calories!

For the base

300g digestive biscuits or graham crackers
125g butter

For the topping

200g chocolate chips
100g fudge pieces or butterscotch chips
60g raisins
100g pecans, coarsely chopped
150g flake sweetened coconut (or desiccated)
60g toasted hazelnuts, halved or roughly chopped
398g can of condensed milk

Equipment: food processor or blender, 35cm x 25cm deep baking tin, greased and lined

Preheat the oven to Gas Mark 4/180C/350F.

Blitz the biscuits to fine crumbs. Melt the butter in a saucepan and pour into the crumbs.

Stir well so that all the crumbs are coated in the butter. Press the crumbs out in an even layer over the base of the tin using the back of a spoon.

Sprinkle the chocolate chips over the biscuit base in a layer. Sprinkle over the fudge pieces, raisins and pecans. Sprinkle over the coconut and hazelnuts.

Drizzle with the condensed milk. Bake for 25 – 30 minutes until golden brown then leave to cool completely in the tin.

Cut into 24 squares to serve. This layer cake will store in an airtight container for up to 3 days - if it lasts that long!

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- Take regular breaks and change position between jobs to avoid tiredness, overuse and injury.
- Keep your back straight when lifting and use your knees, thighs and arms to help. Don't try to lift too much at one time – particularly those bags of compost!
- When digging, avoid twisting and straining and don't forget to take regular breaks.
- Use kneeler seats or mats when planting and don't overstretch by working too far

- in front of you.
- Mow a little at a time, keeping upright.
- Avoid overstretching when pruning by using long-handled shears and use secateurs with a cut and hold action.
- If using electric hedge trimmers don't hold them too far in front of you.
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By the time you read this, members will have enjoyed lunch together at the Horse and Jockey; attended the April meeting; visited the Milton Keynes Museum; and made an impromptu visit to Ascott House to see the daffodils and other spring flowers. A visit to Stoke Bruerne Canal Museum is planned for Wednesday,

24th May. Suggestions have been made for visits to Bekonscott Model Village: the Rose Gardens at St. Albans and various National Trust/Heritage houses. Decisions will be made at the next meeting on the 8th June.

The 'walking group' meets every fourth Monday of the month for a trek of about 4/5 miles and all categories of walkers are welcome as well.

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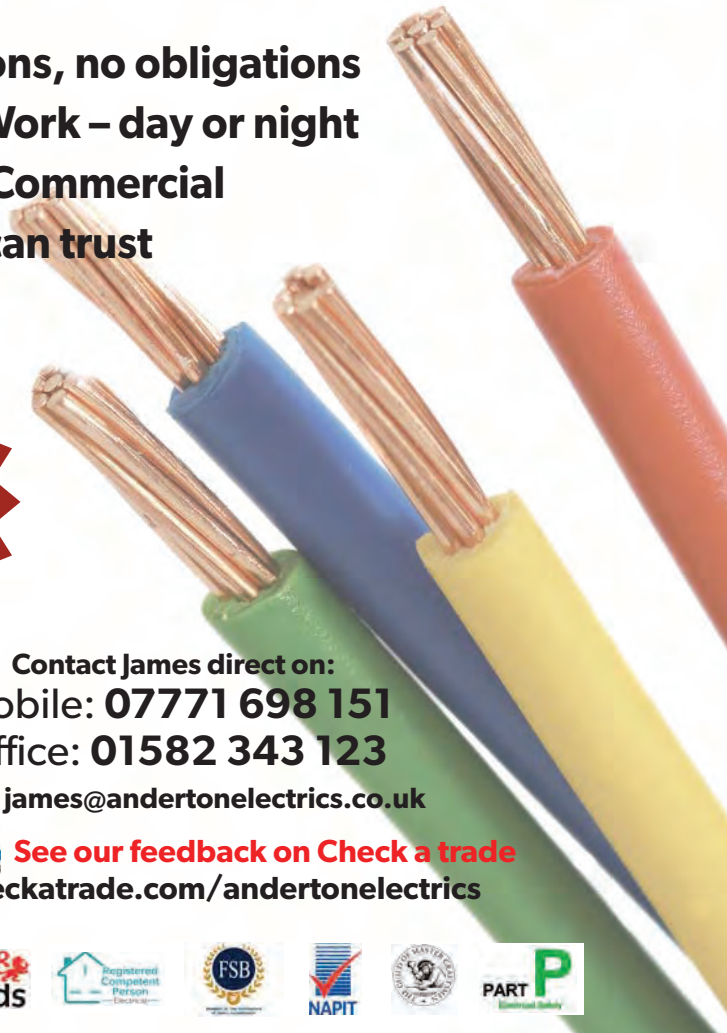


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Eaton Bray W.I.

We were fortunate to have Dot Wigg from our Bedfordshire Federation WI, who is a Speaker and WI Advisor, to visit us for our April meeting and AGM. She stressed how important it was for dates of main group WI events and timings to be circulated to members. There were still some spaces for members to attend the Denman Weekend Break from Friday 23rd – Sunday 25th June 2017 .

Our President welcomed a new member to the meeting. She followed on with details of our local WI events. An afternoon tea at a local Garden Centre was planned in memory of EBWI members, Dorothy and Elsie, who have recently passed away.

The Eaton Bray WI AGM followed with reports of the past year from the Treasurer, Secretary and our President. All members of the committee and officers present at the meeting, agreed to continue to serve on the committee. Our President, Deirdrea Ellins also

agreed to continue after many years of service to Eaton Bray WI.

A very lively Beetle Drive followed the events of this busy evening. Great fun was had by all. The evening culminated with social time and refreshments.

At our May meeting we will discuss the Resolutions in more detail and follow this with a Quiz. Members were also requested to bring along a favourite photograph and explain the memory involved.

Meetings are always on the first Monday of the month (except Bank Holiday when it is the second Monday). The Meetings commence at 7.30 pm and are held in Eaton Bray Methodist Hall. The contact for Eaton Bray WI is: Margaret Jones, on 01525 220991.

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Edlesborough Book Group

My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante

Due to a recent storm of publicity, there can be few people who are not familiar with the series of books, written by Elena Ferrante, that are known collectively as The Neapolitan Quartet. Elena Ferrante is a nom de plume and for twenty years the true author has remained unknown. Recently however, journalists have claimed to identify her and the resulting publicity has led to many press articles about the books, which already had somewhat of a cult following. A few months ago, one of our members recommended that we read the first book, *My Brilliant Friend* and so, coincidentally, we were reading it whilst it was "book of the moment".

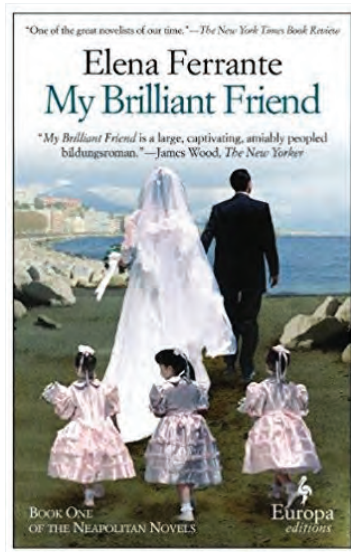
A story of female friendship and loyalty, *My Brilliant Friend* describes in minute detail, the lives of two young girls growing up in a poor neighbourhood on the outskirts of Naples in the 1950's.

Elena Greco narrates the story and she describes her daily life, her family, the neighbouring families and the ongoing struggle to survive, shared by all. Elena is quiet and studious and obviously bright. At school she meets Lila

Cerullo, the shoemaker's daughter and they become friends. Elena is fascinated by Lila who is her polar opposite, a free spirit, undaunted by rules and regulations. From an early age she challenges convention and flouts discipline. The girls become firm friends, but there is always an element of competition as they go through their school life. This introductory novel takes us through the girls' education and adolescence, finishing when they are sixteen. This leaves readers with a dilemma; are we engaged enough with Elena and Lila to carry on with another three books? This is difficult, as we only have childhood experiences and school life on which to base our interest. The author also gives us a picture of Neapolitan life in great detail, the teeming neighbourhood, the petty squabbles between families and also hints at the corruption and gang violence behind the scenes.

Our reading group, with only two exceptions, were unimpressed and felt that the book did not live up to its publicity. We found it easy to read but over long and a little repetitive.

The many families, some playing only minor roles, are difficult to assimilate and the English seems bulky and doesn't flow well at times: but perhaps that is because it is a translation. One of our group christened it a Marmite book, and the majority of us, although we should like to know what happens to Lila and Elena in adult life, did not think we would rush to read the other books.



May at the Grove



Film

Silence (15) Tue 2 May 7.30pm

Jackie (15) Wed 3 May 2.30pm & 7.30pm & Thu 11 May 7.30pm

Logan (15) Tue 9 May 7.30pm

Denial (12A) Thu 18 May 7.30pm

Hidden Figures (PG) Mon 22 May 2.30pm

Beauty and the Beast (PG) Mon 29 May 11am & 2.30pm & Tue 30 May 1.30pm & 4.30pm

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Other Entertainment

Terry Johnson's Olivier award-winning comedy **Hysteria** comes to Grove Theatre on **Tuesday 16 May at 7.30pm** and **Wednesday 17 May at 2.30pm**. 1938. Hampstead, London. Sigmund Freud has fled Nazi-occupied Austria and settled in leafy Swiss Cottage. But when Salvador Dali pays a visit, and discovers a naked woman in the closet, intoxicating mayhem ensues. This hilarious farce, presented by **London Classic Theatre**, starring **Ged McKenna** and **John Dorney**, explores the fallout when two of the twentieth century's most brilliant and original minds collide.

Daniel Radcliffe (Harry Potter, The Woman in Black), **Joshua McGuire** (The Hour) and **David Haig** (Four Weddings and a Funeral, The Witness for the Prosecution) star in **Tom Stoppard's** brilliantly funny situation comedy. Against the backdrop of **Hamlet**, two hapless minor characters, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern take centre stage. As the young double act stumble their way in and out of the action of **Shakespeare's**

iconic drama, they become increasingly out of their depth as their version of the story unfolds. **Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead** will be an encore screening at Grove Theatre on **Sunday 21 May at 2pm**.

As time gathers pace towards the remembrance of VE Day, Grove Theatre, Dunstable remembers an entertainment treasure of this time with **Sincerely Yours: The Vera Lynn Story** on **Wednesday 10 May at 2.30pm**. This show will take you on a journey through the career of **Vera Lynn**: the most famous lady of WW2, the 'Forces' Sweetheart', who captured the hearts of a nation during the 1940s.

The young **Vera Lynn** started her career as a dance band singer and went on to travel the world, entertaining 'her boys' on the front line. Featuring many of the songs she would have sung in the dance



halls whilst performing with the likes of **Joe Loss** and his orchestra through to the blockbuster hits, which propelled her to international stardom, including of course **White Cliffs of Dover**, **A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square** and the timeless classic, **We'll Meet Again**, as well as the song from her popular radio show, **Yours**.



Ticket prices vary; for more information or to book, call the Box Office on 01582 60 20 80 or visit the website at www.grovetheatre.co.uk.

HM The Queen Opens Centre for Elephant Care

ZSL Whipsnade Zoo's brand new **Centre for Elephant Care** was given the royal seal of approval today (Tuesday 11 April) as HM The Queen, accompanied by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, officially unveiled the elephants' £2m home.

Set amidst 30 acres of rolling paddocks, the custom-designed **Centre for Elephant Care** is the new home for the Zoo's herd of nine Asian elephants.

Highlighting ZSL Whipsnade Zoo's elephant-expertise, the Centre provides more than 700m² of indoor space, and is fitted out with a host of elephant-friendly features, including one metre-deep soft sand flooring to provide maximum comfort and dimming lights to mimic night-time.



Interactive displays will allow zoo visitors to try their hand at a jumbo pedicure, as they practise on a life-size model elephant foot, highlighting just some of the extraordinary one-on-one care given to the animals at Whipsnade. The latest addition to the herd is ten-month-old calf Elizabeth, who was named by zookeepers in honour of Her Majesty, as she was born the day before The Queen's 90th birthday celebrations in 2016.

The Queen, who is Patron of

international conservation charity ZSL (Zoological Society of London), which runs ZSL Whipsnade Zoo, enjoyed a private tour of the Centre where they met Assistant Curator of Elephants, Lee Sambrook and watched the elephants receive a pedicure.

HM The Queen, accompanied by The Duke – former president of ZSL – then unveiled a commemorative plaque commemorating the event, during a special ceremony where Her Majesty and His Royal Highness each fed Donna the elephant a banana.

Asian elephants (*Elephas maximus*) are classified as endangered on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, and due to habitat loss, human conflict and poaching their wild populations are in decline. The species are also listed on ZSL's EDGE (Evolutionarily Distinct and Globally

Endangered) list, meaning there is a particularly urgent need for conservation action. ZSL is working in Thailand – a major stronghold for Asian elephants – to reduce human-wildlife conflict and ensure the peaceful coexistence of elephants and humans.

Visitors to ZSL Whipsnade Zoo will be able to view the herd in their new home when the **Centre for Elephant Care** opens to the public on Wednesday 12 April, 2017.



The Queen arriving at Whipsnade by Ryan Siddons age 10

Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

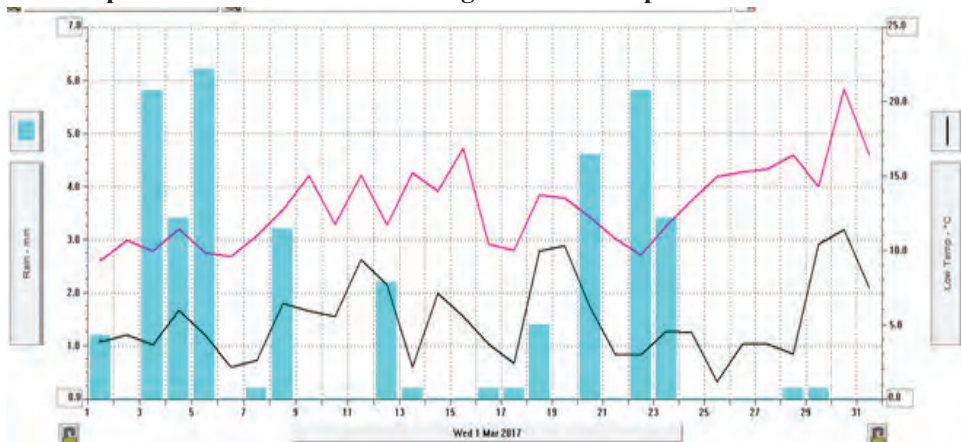
Weather Conditions for March 2017



Elevation: 450 ft - Latitude: 51° 50' 13" North - Longitude: 0° 33' 34" West
 March was a dry and mild month, with only 38.4mm of rain 85% of the 10 year average. But compare it with March last year when we had 92.6mm you can see why I say it was a dry month. The temperatures kept above 1°C all month with little variations only at the end of March did it rise to 20.8°C

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature:	20.8°C	30 March 16.00	1.2°C	25 March 06.30
Mean Temperature	8.9°C			
Dewpoint:	11.5°C	11 March 13.00	- 4.2°C	25 March 18.30
Humidity:	96%	6 days in March	31%	26 March 16.30
Barometer:	1033.6 mb	15 March 08.30	984.5 mb	5 March 11.00
Wind Speed	37mph W	19 March 13.00	Months avg.	6.5 mph
Wind Chill:	19.1°C	30 March 14.00	-0.3°C	21 March 07.00
Dominant Wind:	W			
*Rain Days: 16(T), 16(R)				
		Wettest Day 5 th March	6.2mm	0.244 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	March 2017	38.4mm	1.512 ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	3 Month	156.6 mm	6.165 ins

This plot shows rain fall and the high and low temperatures for the month



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**Dunstable & District
 Local History Society
 Tuesday 9 May, 7.45pm
 Yesteryear in the Gazette**

Historic photos of Dunstable, published in the long-running series in Dunstable's newspaper, are screened by former editor

John Buckledee.

**Methodist Church Hall, Dunstable
 Visitors always welcome £2**

Edlesborough W.I.

At our March (2017) meeting, Jeff Rozelelaar gave us an enlightening talk, explaining what it was like being born in the 1940s in a Jewish family in the very deprived and poor East End of London. As he readily said, everybody living there was in the same situation- large families, overcrowded and small terraced houses, without any facilities, other than the outside loo at the end of the back yard and many too with the Father out of work. (Think the period of Call the Midwife.) The dawn to dusk bakery was opposite his home and Joe's café was immediately next door and his cramped bedroom permanently smelt of baking bread etc. and greasy bacon, invading its small space. Hence the title of Jeff's talk, "Bagels and Bacon."

He told us many anecdotes of his childhood, one being when a V2 Rocket blasted off the wall to the Public Bath House (remember these? I do), thereby exposing its clients in various states of 'the nuddy'.

He didn't feel that it was all bad for the many children living there as their playgrounds were the many streets, the bomb sites, disused factories and buildings, Hackney Marshes and even the cannons at the Tower of London. They were often cold and hungry. There were no restrictions placed upon them by anyone, regarding what time they had to go home or go to bed etc. Without toys and proper play areas etc. their imaginations were all that was necessary- they had so much freedom, and made up all their own games and sorted out all their own problems.

He attended a primary school where the children's playground was on the roof of the building.

When he joined the Secondary School, it was "more-or-less" in the complete control of the Teddy Boys (remember them? I do.) Their HQ was the outside school lavatories (I remember these as well.) The "Teds" created so much smoke from puffing away at "their fags" therein that the newly-appointed Headmaster sent for

the East End Fire Brigade and told them that the school lavatories were on fire. When the "Teds" appeared after their soaking, their drape jackets were "drapier" than usual and their creepers (shoes) like wet sponges. The reign of "The Teds" at this particular school was thereby, now at an end.

An intuitive teacher at this same school recognised Jeff's potential and he therefore went onto further education and eventually became a teacher himself. His whole talk was littered with Cockney Rhyming Slang and bursts of Cockney songs (Don't jump off the roof, Dad) springs to mind. He also sung one song in fluent French.

Jeff also said that the Cockneys were generally a cheerful and resilient lot of people.

It has to be said that quite a number of our ladies remembered and could identify with the period of Jeff's talk, and I certainly did, and yes it was tough, but not all bad.

It was altogether an entertaining talk, taking us back down Memory Lane.

✍️ Sue Parker

London Luton Airport

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Salvation Sound



I have just been to see the film *Lion*. The story is based on a true story of a five year old child in India in 1986 who comes from a poor but happy rural family. On a trip with his brother, Saroo finds himself alone and trapped in a moving decommissioned passenger train that takes him to Calcutta, 1600 miles away from home.

Totally lost in an alien urban environment and too young to be able to identify himself or his home to the authorities, Saroo struggles to survive as a street child. Eventually Saroo finds himself in an orphanage in India before being selected to be adopted by the Brierley family in Tasmania.

While Saroo grows up in a loving, prosperous home he finds that he is still plagued by his memories of his lost family. He tries to search for them, even as his guilt drives him to hide this quest from his adoptive parents.

His quest is painstaking and full of frustration but eventually his perseverance pays off and he recognises a landmark. Saroo tracks down his long lost family and an emotional reunion takes place. This idea of seeking the lost is a key theme in the Bible. Jesus tells us that He had come to seek (Luke 15). He gives us a deeper glimpse into his heart into His heart by comparing Himself with a shepherd who leaves ninety nine sheep to seek one who was lost, with a women frantically searching her house for a lost coin, with a father who constantly looks to the horizon for any sign of his returning prodigal son, and with a merchant seeking merchant seeking the pearl of greatest price.

The Bible portrays God as a seeking God who longs to be reconciled to us. Seeking is part of God's nature.

In the parable of the merchant seeking the greatest pearl we see that we are the pearl that He gave everything for. Our God does not stand at a distance impatiently waiting for us to come to him, He reaches out to us. He did not just create us and leave us to make the best of it. The events of Easter show that His sacrifice was driven, and His obedience motivated by His desire that we would enjoy a close friendship, a loving family relationship with Him. He gave everything for us. He died on a cross. Like Saroo, His quest is painstaking but a happy ending, an emotional reunion is promised to those who believe in Him.

The Salvation Army, Booth Place, Eaton Bray Weekly Activities



Sunday

Footprints (Sunday School)	9.45-10.45am
Morning Worship	11am
Messy Church	3-5pm
<i>(Last Sunday of the month)</i>	
Songs of Praise	4pm
<i>(3rd Sunday of the month from May to Dec)</i>	

Tuesday

Coffee Morning	
<i>(Alternate weeks)</i>	
MUSIC practices (all welcome)	10-11.30am
	7.30-9pm

Wednesday

Home League	2.30-3.30pm
<i>(Ladies Mtg but all welcome)</i>	
Champions Challenge Club <i>(term time)</i>	
<i>(Ages 5-10 years)</i>	
	5.45-6.45pm

Thursday

Parent and Toddler Group	
<i>(Term time)</i>	
	9.30-11.30am
Girls' Night Out	
<i>(1st Thursday of month)</i>	
	7.45pm
Sewing & Craft Bees	
<i>(2nd Thursday of month)</i>	
	7.45 pm
Ladies Fellowship	
<i>(Last week of month)</i>	
	7.45pm

For further details please call Envoy Hilary Chadwick. T:01525 222087 / 07932 057490

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St Mary's 100 Club

March 2017

The lucky prize-winners are:

1st prize – John Plater

2nd prize – Chris Banks

3rd prize – Rachel McVeigh

April 2017

1st prize – Barbara Morton

2nd prize – Robert Dickson

3rd prize – Alan Brook

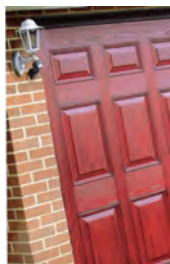


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