

# Focus

A winter scene featuring a wooden bird feeder on a tall post. The feeder has a conical roof and several feeding ports. A white dove is perched on the top of the feeder, and several other white doves are clustered around the base of the post. In the foreground, three black dogs are standing on a snow-covered ground, looking up at the bird feeder. The background shows snow-covered evergreen trees and a clear blue sky. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and serene.

February 2018

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that the deadline for articles is the 10th  
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*✍️ Editor*

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# Village Diary February 2018



## 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
- Mondays Cubs (8-10 ½ years old), 6.30pm - 8pm, 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Hut, High Street, Edlesborough. Contact Liz Coates 01442 842550
- 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, Sarah Cox: 07765 158182
- 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 jtpinfo@gmail.com
- Tuesdays Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy, Table Top Sale, 10-12noon, Salvation Army Hall, Booth Place, Eaton Bray
- Fortnightly Pilates, 7.15pm, Northall Village Hall, Lisa: 07799 893489
- Wednesdays Northall & District Age Concern Wednesday Club, 10am - 3pm, Northall Village Hall, Contact Anna on 07854 230243
- Wednesdays 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 Beavers (6 to 8 years old), 6.15-7.30pm, 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Hut, High Street, Edlesborough. Contact: ebebeaverleader@ebescouts.co.uk
- Thursdays Explorers Scouts (14-18 years old), 8pm-9.30pm, 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Hut, High Street, Edlesborough. Contact Simon Betts, lionheartesu@hotmail.co.uk
- Thursdays Intermediate Boxercise, 7.30-8.30pm, Dagnall Village Hall, Josh Thompson 07456 574405 or jtpinfo@gmail.com
- Fridays Keep Fit class, Edlesborough Mermorial Hall 10 - 11am



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- 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
- Fridays Scouts, 10 ½ to 14 years old), 7.00-8.30pm, 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Hut, High Street, Edlesborough. Contact Mark Owen, 07899 892344, ebescoutleader@ebescouts.co.uk
- Fridays (term time) "Little Luvvies" baby ballet classes 10am-11.30am. Contact Emma Whittlemore 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
- Sundays Karate for kids & adults, 4-5:30pm, Eaton Bray Villaage Hall, Contact 07500 007779
- Monthly**
- 1st Monday Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, The Coffee Tavern (except Jan-2nd Monday)
- 1st Monday Eaton Bray W.I. Meeting, 7.30pm. Eaton Bray Methodist Church Hall. Contact Margaret Jones on 01525 220991
- 1st & 3rd Mon (ex. Bank Hols) Knit 'n Stitch at Edlesborough Village Hall, 1:45pm to 3:45pm. Contact Heather Westwood (01525 839083)
- 1st & 3rd Tues Dunstable & District Orbit (social and charitable) Club meet at Dunstable Rugby Club at 8pm. For details contact 01525 222441 or 01582 755147
- 1st & 3rd Tues TOTS, St Mary's, Eaton Bray, 2pm
- 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 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 Thursday Sewing & Craft Bee, 7:30pm, Salvation Army, Booth Place, Eaton Bray
- 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
- 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**
- 4th Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club Meeting, 11.30am-4.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall
- 9th Leukaemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30am. All welcome.
- 11th Cafe Community, 11am-1pm, Eaton Bray Methodist Church
- 20th Dagnall and Kensworth Friendship Club lunch at the Red Lion Dagnall at 1pm
- One Off/Annual/Irregular Events**
- 24th Comedy Night, 7pm, Edlesborough School, Tickets: Emma 07811 117099

# Village Information

## Doreen Westwood

The family of Doreen Westwood who passed away on 26th October 2017 wish to sincerely thank everyone for their cards and letters of sympathy. They were a great comfort to us at this sad and difficult time.

Many thanks also to everyone who attended the service at Garston Crematorium and afterwards at the Noke Hotel St Albans, also for the contribution totalling £450 to the Stroke Association.

Doreen will be sadly missed by us all.

Brian Martin Claire and Family.

## John and Jenny Saving

Lynda & Dean would like to thank everyone for there cards & messages of sympathy following the sad loss of John & Jenny Saving.

Thanks to everyone who attended the funeral service on 14th November at St Marys Church. The sum of £288 was donated & sent to Dogs Trust.

## Terence known as Terry Cook

The family of Terry Cook would like to extend there heart felt thank you to everyone that attended his recent funeral, sent condolences and provided support during this difficult time. We have been truly overwhelmed by the kindness and support.

Many Thanks for all donations made in his Memory which was donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Thank you to Reverend Joy Cousans for a wonderful service and Tribute to Terry Cook's Life.



## All Saints' Church, Dagnall

### Services in February 2018

Sun. 4th Feb.	9.00 am	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Morning Service
Sun. 11th Feb.	10.30 am	Morning Service
Sun. 18th Feb.	10.30 am	Family Communion
Sun. 25th Feb.	10.30 am	Family Service
Sun 4th Mar.	9.00 am	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Morning Service

Sunday School meets each Sunday at 10.30 am except when there is a Family Service.



# Village Info



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## Village Hall Bookings

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

**Northall:** Lorna Cabbage Tel: 07857 318696 Email: northallvhbookings@gmail.com

**Eaton Bray:** Norman Lee Tel: 07975 7972202

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

**Dagnall:** Elizabeth Coates Tel: 01442 842550

**Edlesborough Memorial Hall:** Penny Pataky, Tel: 01525 229358

Email: manager@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk

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Email: LPT.LeightonBuzzardLinslade&Rural@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk

### Thames Valley Police (Edlesborough, Dagnall & Northall)

PCSO Jackie Dodson Mobile: 07800 703 524

Email: NHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

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**WEEK-DAYS:**

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

**Wednesday:** **10.00am**    Holy Communion

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## Nigel's Thoughts Methodist Minister

Dear Friends,

Many of us will be encouraged by the slowly lengthening days and the first signs of new life around us.

I, for one, cannot wait to see our first snowdrops, an early but sure sign of new life pushing up through the grey of winter.

It may be that "like seeds dreaming beneath the snow your heart dreams of spring".

This is being a particularly hard winter for many.

I am not, of course, thinking only of the weather but also of those who are experiencing ill health; are suffering because of postponed operations or are struggling to support loved ones who are unwell. Others are suffering the unbearable pain of the loss through death of dear loved ones

In times such as these I invite you to turn again with me to our Christian hope that Resurrection life can be an ever present experience. We will soon (on Ash Wednesday 14th) be entering the season of Lent, which invites us to prepare as best we may, to join with Jesus on the way to his suffering and death on the cross.

We know the end of the story, that it then won't be too much longer before we are celebrating Christ's resurrection and Easter joy.

At this time of year I find this well expressed in a wonderful hymn, the first line of which is "Now the green blade rises".

The final verse reminds us that:-

    "When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
    Then your touch can call us back to life again,  
    Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
    *Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green."*

Praise God that he surrounds us and all his children with the assurance of his unconditional love, available to us in every experience and each moment.

May he increase in us the desire to seek him and may he bless you as you look to Him in these lightening days,

☞ Nigel



# Eaton Bray with Edlesborough Parish News

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

**Reader: Gordon Gray (01525 220136)**

**Website: [www.stmaryseatonbray.org.uk](http://www.stmaryseatonbray.org.uk) Facebook: St Mary's Eaton Bray**

As I write this, we have just celebrated Epiphany. So this week, I have taken down the Christmas decorations and put them away for another year. Then it was time to begin the planning for Holy Week and Easter! Because Easter is early this year, we move hastily from the season of Epiphany (which ends at Candlemas on 2nd February) into the period of Lent (which begins on Ash Wednesday on 14th February). So, in terms of the Church's calendar, we pass from the anticipation and celebration of Christmas and Epiphany straight into the sombre season of Lent.

This mix of delight and sadness is a reflection of how life is for many people. Some are dealing with difficult and painful issues, like the illness of a loved one, a bereavement or financial worries. At the same time, others are excited at the prospect of a new relationship, a new job or anticipating the arrival of a new baby. In some families, both happy and sad events are happening simultaneously. When Jesus was born as a human baby he came to share the richness of our human lives in all their joys and sorrows. He had times of fun and laughter as well as times of heartache and pain. In this, he was no different from every one of us. And our

Church Year reflects these aspects of the life of Christ, from the happiness of Christmas through the penitence of Lent, from the agony of Holy Week to the glorious hope of resurrection at Easter. As part of the Lent season this year, the North Chilterns Group will be meeting weekly for its Lent Group. This year we are following a five part study course based on the film 'The Way'. Starring Martin Sheen as a bereaved father, this soulful, amusing and uplifting film observes a group of pilgrims walking The Way of St James to Santiago de Compostela. As it follows their journey of inner transformation, we are invited to discuss the issues the film raises about the meaning of life and death. The course also explores biblical accounts and images of salvation past, present and future.

Meetings will be held at Tottemhoe Church Hall on the first five Tuesdays in Lent (Tuesday 20 & 27 February, 6, 13 & 20 March) gathering at 7.45pm for an 8pm start. Everyone is welcome to come along. If you have never been to church before and you would like to think more deeply about the meaning of life, then this is a good opportunity to do so. It will be a relaxed approach with no pressure to join the discussion unless you wish to do so- and it is free! The other thing worth noting is that although the sessions are linked, each one will stand alone. So if you can't come every week that doesn't matter. I hope you will be able to come along.

On Ash Wednesday there is a service of Holy Communion with ashing at St Mary the Virgin, Eaton Bray at 10am to which all are welcome. There will also be a Communion Service with ashing at 7.30pm at St Mary the Virgin, Kensworth.

Wishing you all God's blessings for 2018,

☚ Joy, Vicar of Eaton Bray with Edlesborough





**Games**  
7<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**St Mary's Village  
Carnival 2018**

[www.stmarysvillagecarnival.com](http://www.stmarysvillagecarnival.com)

**WHEN? – Saturday 7th July**

**WHERE? – Edlesborough Green**

**THEME? - Games**

Most residents of the village know of our Village Carnival – a wonderful day out for all ages in a beautiful location, with just the right amount of eccentricity led by an excellent team of organisers. All we need is the weather to be kind for the event to represent “Rural England at its best”.

The Carnival is an event for everyone: for all our villagers, for all local businesses, for young and old, for visitors who come from far and wide and all the money raised by the Organising Team comes back to benefit our villages. We hope you will all want to be part of Carnival this year. This year's theme is ‘Games’ and we hope as many of you as possible to join in with the spirit of the theme with costumes, house decorations and floats.

Letters are already being distributed, inviting village organisations and businesses to turn their attention to the summer and, in particular, to prepare for Carnival. Here are the people you can contact:

- Stalls – Bob Stilliard, 222283
- Programme advertisements – Pauline Glen, 229400
- Procession – Iain Stubbs, 220731
- Carnival Queen – Cheryl Spratt, 222139
- Classic vehicles – Roger Wilkinson, 221137
- General enquiries – Gordon Gray, 220136

Selection of the Carnival Queen and her retinue will take place at 11.15 on 15th April in Eaton Bray Village Hall – look out for the advertisement in next month's Focus.

Details of the Carnival you may need can be found on our website – [www.stmarysvillagecarnival.com](http://www.stmarysvillagecarnival.com). Where you can leave a message for the organisers; or simply ring me, Gordon Gray on 220136.

Finally, a warm welcome to three new members of the Organising Committee – Nick Fox, Damien Hewitt and Matthew Rust. I hope they find their roles fulfilling.



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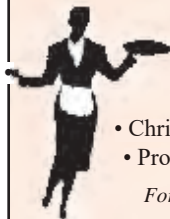
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The Eaton Bray Good Neighbours' scheme continues to flourish. In terms of practical support some 85 tasks were completed in the last quarter. Most of these involved taking patients to a doctor's or dental surgery and giving lifts to the shops. There have been a significant number

of trips to collect prescriptions and these have brought us into contact with several new clients. Client numbers remain stable with some familiar faces leaving the area and some arriving. The snow caused inevitable inconvenience but we were able to rearrange things to meet the needs. In addition to the above, the Befriending service is flourishing. We support 5 clients with regular home-visits for companionship and spend time with several other villagers intermittently, when they wish it.

Two lively events took place towards the end of the year. In late November there was a delightful pre-Christmas Social for our Befriending clients and in mid-December we had a merry Christmas tea-party with 25 people, both clients and volunteers.

Over twenty volunteers undertook tasks in the last quarter and we are extremely grateful for their time and effort. However, we have recently lost one or two very active volunteers who have moved away from the area so **we very much hope that a few new volunteers will come forward, especially to assist the telephone-holder team. Could you help? This is an essential part of our work but not an onerous one.**

## Annual Festive Bingo in Memory of Basil Thorne - 2017

The bingo dobbers and Christmas jumpers came out in Dagnall as the bingo night in late November kicked off Christmas festivities with a really fun evening. There was a lovely buffet and lots of great raffle prizes. In total the event raised just over £134 for Dagnall Village Hall.

About sixty people came along and all said what a wonderful time they had had - just the sort of bingo party Basil would have enjoyed. We also remembered Eric Rose, who sadly passed away last year, he helped Basil to run the fortnightly bingo from the late 1960s onwards.

Many thanks to caller Claire who as always did a brilliant job and also Brian, Dave, Carol, Bobby, and family for their help setting up and on the night. We couldn't do it without them!

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### Match Day Parking Issues

EPC and EB Lions have been looking at ways to help alleviate the parking issues around The Green on match days. The following measures are now being implemented:

- EB Lions will place traffic cones on the High Street, Edlesborough at the junction with Cow Lane at the start of match days.
- Edlesborough Surgery have kindly consented to the club being allowed to use the surgery car park as an overflow car park on match days.
- EB Lions have contacted the families of all their members reminding them to park considerately; and refrain from parking on the pavements in the village and from blocking driveways and road junctions.
- EB Lions coaches will communicate clear parking instructions to all opposition teams when arranging fixtures.

The Council and EB Lions hope that these measures will help to alleviate the parking issues. Thames Valley Police are also aware of the issues and will be monitoring the situation and may issue tickets to vehicles causing obstruction.

### Christmas Wreaths & Lights

EPC thanks Paulette Taylor & her team for organising the Christmas Wreaths and the EDaN Team for hanging the Christmas lights on Edlesborough Memorial Hall.

### Cow Lane Surgery Car Park

EPC will be opening discussions with Edlesborough Surgery early in the new year looking at ways to improve the parking situation at the Cow Lane Surgery.

### EdleFest 2018

The EdleFest dates for 2018 have been confirmed as 15th and 16th June. More information and tickets are available via the EdleFest website <https://edlefest.site123.me/>

### Salt Bins

The responsibility for filling these bins is with Transport for Bucks. When supplies are running low a refill request should be submitted via the website <http://www.transportforbucks.net/report-it-general.aspx> It is more appropriate if a parishioner living close to the salt bin makes the request but in practise anyone can make the request.



### Potholes, Road Issues & Rights of Way

At the time of writing this report Bucks CC have informed EPC that the following repairs are scheduled for the week commencing 15th January. These works were due to be completed in December however the adverse weather conditions delayed them. EPC will continue to monitor the situation.

- Damaged lighting at Dagnall Roundabout.
- Travellers Rest Roundabout including lack of bollards and poor & hazardous condition of traffic islands. EPC have been informed that there are plans to remove existing bollards on the islands and to paint the islands white, and to clear the vegetation from the traffic islands.

- Travellers Rest Bus Stop – winter landscaping works will be raised to clear the kerbing and hard standing at this stop.

Should parishioners have concerns about any Highways issues these should be reported via the Bucks CC website.

[www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/report-a-problem/tell-us-about-a-highways-problem/](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/report-a-problem/tell-us-about-a-highways-problem/)

### **Vision Splays**

Under Bucks CC Devolution EPC is responsible for cutting the grass verges within the 30mph limit. Any vision splays outside the 30mph limit are the responsibility of Transport for Bucks and any issues should also be reported to the website above.

### **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.

### **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 Ivor Thorne on [ivorthorne25@gmail.com](mailto:ivorthorne25@gmail.com)



### **EPC Meetings**

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

- Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 15th February 2018
- Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 15th March 2018

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 available to view on the website or from the Parish Clerk.

To keep up to date with the latest information in the Parish please visit the Edlesborough Parish website and visit our Facebook page.

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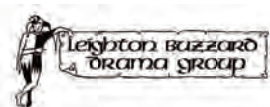
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The choir has been in existence for eight years now, and we are really quite proud of how far we have come in this time.

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years, becoming now a rather accomplished and well regarded musical group. This is borne out by some of the lovely positive comments that we have received following recent performances, which indicate that we are going from strength to strength. We really appreciate this feedback from our “fans”, so thank you to all of you that have come along to any of our concerts. Your support and enjoyment of our efforts makes it all worthwhile!

Our concert schedule for this year is full and varied, so if you want to hear us sing, there is plenty of opportunity in 2018 – put these dates in your diary now:

Saturday 12th May – Leighton Buzzard Theatre (Macmillan Cancer Support benefit)

Saturday 16th June – St Mary’s Church, Redbourn

Saturday 13th October – Little Gaddesden Village Hall

Saturday 10th November – Poppy Prom, St Mary’s Church, Eaton Bray

Sunday 16th December – Christmas Concert, Dagnall Village Hall

Or maybe you would like join in and sing with us? We are always keen to recruit new members, so please do come along on a Monday night, 7.45pm at Dagnall Church. You are guaranteed a warm welcome!

And as well as all the enjoyment of singing together, choir members get the chance to join in with a fun social life, with a Barn Dance planned for March, a Potters Resort weekend away, then a barbecue and theatre trip later in the year... there is always something to look forward to!

For more information, or to get in touch, please take a look at our website [www.dagnall-community-choir.co.uk](http://www.dagnall-community-choir.co.uk).



# Help for Heroes - The Big Battlefield Bike Ride 2018

Having made a recent return to cycling (it had been 40 years since I last rode a bike!) & subsequently returning both unscathed & invigorated from a Mountain Biking trip to India - it was soon time to set my next challenge ... dilemma, return to trekking or find another cycling trip?



Well I soon stumbled across the BBBR2018

Advance to Victory, a 310 mile route from France to Belgium, taking in many historic sights and participating in ceremonies paying tribute to servicemen who paid the ultimate sacrifice during the Great War. Along with my 199 fellow participants I am sure I shall find the trip tough both physically & emotionally as we make our way towards Mons from the Glade of the Armistice.

Many of you shall already be aware of the charity Help for Heroes who raise funds to support wounded Servicemen & Women. More detailed information can be found here <https://www.helpforheroes.org.uk/>

As ever I am eternally thankful to have supportive family & friends who are helping me put together some serious fundraising events for the next few months, we have plans in the pipeline for a quiz night, car booting (once the weather warms a tad), in the meantime items shall be sold on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/786466518099739/?ref=bookmarks> & sponsorship forms are circulating locally already. Thank you to those that dug deep for the Christmas Fayre's we attended - upon last checking we are 10% towards our target fundraising £2750, which has got 2018 off to a great start! To donate online please go to <https://www.justgiving>.

## The Salvation Army, Booth Place - 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 (term time)	
<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  
E: [hilary.chadwick@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:hilary.chadwick@salvationarmy.org.uk)*



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## 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 November 2017 from 7:30pm at The Coffee Tavern

Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) – Councillor Ken Janes

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CBC Website: [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/CBC](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/CBC) Email: [customers@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:customers@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk) / CBC Customer Services: 0300 300 8302

- CBC were contacted by a resident raising concerns regarding quad bikes going around the village, spraying weeds in a haphazard way. Cllr Janes confirmed that CBC has looked into the matter raised and actioned accordingly.
- Motocross: the site has been closed whilst fence is built and bunds raised, in line with planning restrictions.

### Bedfordshire Police:

- Eaton Bray Police contact: PC Konopka - email [Slav.Konopka2@Bedfordshire.pnn.Police.uk](mailto:Slav.Konopka2@Bedfordshire.pnn.Police.uk) (all information is confidential and no names will be disclosed).
- For general Police contact/enquiries: Non-emergency call 101 / All emergencies 999

### Parish Councillors

Eaton Bray Parish Council welcomed two new Councillors to the team, Cllr. Helen Chubb and Cllr. Max Phipps.

### Problem Parking

Three Corners (Bower Lane/Moor End): Concerns were raised regarding the slip road, cars not stopping at the 'Give Way' junction and cars parking along Moor End causing other road users to swerve around and cause problems. The Parish Council wished to remind residents to report problem parking to CBC Highways and dangerous parking to the police, who will look into the matter and action accordingly.

CBC: <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/transport/report/parking-problem.aspx>

Police: <https://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/report/Report.aspx>

### Neighbourhood Plan

A report summarising the feedback from the two public meetings is available on the Parish Council website:

<https://eatonbray.com/parish-council/files/2017.10-EBNP-Q-Final-Report.pdf>

The NPSG are currently drafting policies for inclusion within the NP. A survey of the conservation area within the parish is being carried out.

### Burial/Cemetery Land – Feedback required

**To all residents:** within the parish there is a lack of available land for burials, the current land will be full/unavailable in a few years. The Council would like to gauge residents' opinions on the Council spending money to purchase additional burial land, allowing parish burials to continue for many more years to come. Please write/email the Parish Clerk with your comments/views. Thank you.



## Traffic Monitoring

The Parish Council are to be carrying out traffic monitoring in the parish during a one week period, the location agreed will be Totternhoe Road/The Rye. The police monitoring will record the number of vehicles and speed.

## Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council

**Held on Monday 4th December 2017 from 7:30pm at The Coffee Tavern**

### Outline Planning Application (CB/17/05645/OUT); Land Adjacent To Eaton Park

The Parish Council viewed the application and objected to the proposal. The Council also put in a request with Councillor Ken Janes to call in the application to committee. The Parish Clerk has been in communication with Central Bedfordshire Council regarding the application deadline and an amended extension for responses was given, 8th January 2018. The Clerk placed an update of this amendment on the Eaton Bray facebook page.

## Neighbourhood Plan

To keep a check on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan you can view all details on the Parish Council website: <https://eatonbray.com/news/tag/Neighbourhood-Plan>

**Parish Council Meeting Dates:** Held in The Coffee Tavern / 1st floor, from 7:30pm (unless otherwise notified)

\*Monday 5th February 2018 \*Monday 5th March 2018



**EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL**

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## EATON BRAY PARISH BURIAL/ CEMETERY LAND - Feedback required

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Thank you.

*Eaton Bray Parish Council*

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# Eaton Bray Methodist Church

The first Sunday in December saw a visit by Shepherd Kombo who reminded us that we must not become too comfortable or complacent and challenged us to be ready for the coming of Christ. Sadly the service on the second Sunday had to be cancelled due to the snowfall. Our Carol Service on the third Sunday was presented by the Sunday School and was a sincere and joyful celebration of the Christmas story. In an inspiring programme of carols, mimes, tableaux, readings and interactive sessions with the congregation, the young people made us think hard about the central facts of the nativity, stripping away the glitz and tinsel of modern times and emphasising the importance of Christ's birth. On the fourth Sunday we were welcomed by our friends at Edlesborough and, in return the following day, Christmas Day, they joined us in a service led by our Minister, Rev Nigel Bibbings, who gave

a powerful message; although we do not know what the coming year will bring we have no need to fear. We have all the reassurance we need in Jesus Christ who came to us that special night so long ago. Rogers Owers made a welcome return to lead our Communion Service on Sunday 31st. Could we say that Christmas was over? Indeed not. Jesus entered our world and changed it forever. As Simeon realised, Christ's birth was the fulfilment of a promise that God is always with us.

## **Dates for your Diary:**

### **Cafe Community**

**Saturday 10th February** 11am – 1pm

**Saturday 10th March** 11am – 1pm

We will be delighted to see you if you come to join us for a cup of tea/coffee and/or a light lunch.

### **Social Afternoons**

Weekly on **Thursdays** 1.30pm – 3.30pm  
Chat, meeting friends, games, refreshments. All Welcome.

## ***From 7 Orchard End... or is it End of Orchard?***

*Yes, the orchard has gone now  
It's barren and bare  
And also the cow parsley  
With its sweet fragrant air.*

*Gone too are the pheasants  
With their sweet little brood  
As well as the rabbits  
And their cute playful mood.*

*Down fell the hedges,  
Down crashed the trees  
Fled are the butterflies,  
Fled are the bees.*

*The wild flowers have withered,  
The shrubs have all died  
And Reynard the fox  
Has nowhere to hide.*

*The trucks come each day  
Cement is their load  
Half ton per plot  
For each smart abode.*

*The day's work is over  
And soon fades the light  
There's only the owl  
With his sternest goodnight.*



# Look Forward to a Perfect Evening of Music with the Danesborough Chorus

There's plenty ahead to brighten your spirits after the winter gloom - daffodils, ducklings, daylight and the divine Danesborough Chorus, which will perform its next concert on Saturday 3 March, 7.30 pm, at St Mary's Church, Woburn.

This concert will feature four contrasting choral gems composed by Rheinberger, Sullivan (of Gilbert and Sullivan fame), Britten and Tippett, taking the audience on a musical journey from the Victorian era to mid 20th century.

There's 'two for the price of one', when the Danesborough divides into two unaccompanied choirs to perform Rheinberger's flowing, melodic Mass in E flat, first published in 1878. Sullivan's dignified *Te Deum Laudamus* is a thanksgiving anthem written in 1900 to mark the coming end of the Boer War, though it wasn't performed until 1902. Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb*, one of his most popular choral compositions, has almost local connections, having been commissioned in 1943 for the 50th anniversary of St Matthew's Church in Northampton. Tippett's inspired oratorio *A Child of our Time*, composed during the Second World War, uses five American spirituals and is reminiscent of Bach's use of chorales in his Passions.

"It will be a perfect evening for those who relish the emotional power of voices singing beautifully in harmony," says the choir's Music Director, Ian Smith, who will conduct the concert, with organ accompaniment by John Witchell. Could any music-lover ask for more?

Tickets for this concert: £20 and £15 (reserved); £10 (unreserved, side aisle); £5 (for under 18-year-olds). Book by phoning 01908 583460, or visit [www.danesborough.org.uk](http://www.danesborough.org.uk) for booking form.

## Sewing & Craft Bee



**Come and join this new friendly group**

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**at 7.30pm**

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**Activities may include:**

**Patchwork, knitting, crochet,  
Reed basket making, spinning,  
dressmaking**



**For more information contact**

**Hilary Chadwick (Envoy)**

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harder than you could imagine and once she has you there  
really is no hope of her letting up." *The New Current*

Joining her will be Mark Silcox, Joe Bor and your compere  
for the evening; Steve Owen Williams.

**Saturday 24th February 2018**

**at Edlesborough School**

Doors open at 7pm and the laughter begins at 8pm  
Tickets £15 which includes a freshly cooked Wagyu burger  
from local supplier, Marbled Meats (or £10 with no food).

Please contact Emma on 0781117099

# Luscious Lunch at Heirloom Café



## ***Children from Eaton Bray Academy visit Edlesborough's local café.***

Year 6 children from Eaton Bray Academy went on a hugely informative trip to Heirloom café in Edlesborough, which is run by husband and wife team, Scott and Adeline Vining. Heirloom Café is an eclectic café in the village of Edlesborough. It offers a wide variety of food from Korean, to Turkish, to British.

The trip was part of year 6 children's enterprise project, to enable the children to understand how businesses are run. There was an educational talk about the interesting life of Heirloom, accompanied by a delicious lunch. The café has only been opened for a year and it is fast becoming a favourite place for locals to enjoy delicious food and amazing coffee.

The children got to ask questions individually. One of their most popular questions was: Why did you call your café Heirloom? Scott informed the children that this was because the first coffee that was imported from Ethiopia was called 'Heirloom.'

It was clear from the answers Scott gave to the children that the owners of the café care greatly for the environment and for the local community. Children were fascinated to find out that Scott and Adeline source their foods locally - they even go to the length of visiting the farms where their meat comes from. It was clear to the children that the owners were hugely ethical in the way they run the café and they agreed that this is important for the future of our planet.

### Some quotes from the children:

"I learnt lots about Heirloom, their food was brilliant"

"I really enjoyed my trip – it was amazing"

"Richard was so kind to show us how to make coffee"

The year 6's have said that the food at Heirloom was amazing and they would certainly go there again! They would definitely recommend you visit Heirloom and enjoy some luscious lunch!





# OPEN GARDENS FESTIVAL

## 22 July 2018

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## *Back Home*

If I had the power to turn back the clock,  
Go back to that house at the end of the block  
The house that was 'home' when I was a kid,  
I know that I'd love it more now than I did.

If I could be back there at my mother's knee,  
And hear once again all the things she told me,  
I'd listen as I never listened before,  
For she knew so well just what life had in store.

And all the advice that my dad used to give  
His voice I'll remember as long as I live:  
But it didn't seem really important then:  
What I'd give to live it all over again.

And what I would give for the chance I once had  
To do so much more for my mother and dad,  
To give them more joy and a little less pain,  
A little more sunshine - a little less rain.

But the years roll on and we cannot go back,  
Whether we were born in a mansion or shack,  
But we can start right now - in the hour that's here,  
To do something more for the ones we hold dear.

And since time in its flight is travelling so fast,  
Let's not spend it regretting that which is past,  
But let's make tomorrow a happier day  
By doing our 'good unto others' - today.

*Author - Unknown*

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## Dagnall Church of England School - Governor Recruitment

### Could you be a school governor?

We have strong, consistent leadership and dedicated staff here at Dagnall Church of England School. The small team of Governors are also working hard to support the Head and staff to give the best learning experience possible for your children. Please look at the school website to learn more about the Governors. We need up to 3 more Foundation Governors to join the team. I am inviting you to consider becoming a governor. You don't need to have professional skills. Life skills, that everyone has, are equally important. If you choose to join the governing board you won't be expected to give huge amounts of time to the job. Basically there are 3 meetings a term and a visit to the school to meet the Head to discuss a particular area of the work in the school. You would be making a valuable contribution to the children's education. I am very happy to meet you or speak to you on the phone to discuss the role in more detail. If you are interested please send me an email to: [jdilks3@bucksgef.org.uk](mailto:jdilks3@bucksgef.org.uk). If you take this step, there is no obligation on you to go further if you choose not to.

Best Wishes

✉ John Dilks, Chair of Governors

## Appledown's Rescue Dog of the Month

Smart little Peggy is a Jack Russell cross who was born in November 2016. This young lady is a lively terrier and a bit of an escape artist! She will need a home with active owners and a garden with a good solid fence! Peggy will need training including house-training. She is a super little character, great with people and other dogs. She could probably live with a male dog pending introductions but not with cats. Children over 7 years. She cannot live in Luton.

If you can offer Peggy or any of our other dogs a forever home, please call in at the kennels any day between 10 am and 4 pm, or phone for more details. Please note that there are restrictions on rehoming dogs to families with children under seven years of age. Full details of the rehoming process can be found on our website. Join our Facebook Group to see more photos of Peggy and other dogs awaiting new homes.

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# LOCAL HERALDRY

## BY JOHN HOCKEY

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

### DUNSTABLE - MARSHE FAMILY

Heraldry is quite an exact discipline. However, I have discovered plenty of instances where what is shown in printed material and even on buildings is not quite correct. In the work I have been doing for Lord Wemyss in Gloucestershire, the arms of the Tracy family are painted back to front on a funeral hatchment. As the arms contain a bend (a diagonal bar) and when you recall that a bend so drawn (sinister) may indicate illegitimacy, you see it is important to get it right!

In Dunstable there is also an example of incorrect arms.



*Marshe Arms, Ladies' Lodge*

If you look at the arms of William Marshe on a monument in the Priory Church, you will see that the background or *field* is divided red on the left and black on the right (heraldically described as *Per pale Gules and Sable*). There is also a horse's head between three quatrefoils, nicely arranged with two at the top and one at the bottom as befits the shape of the shield.

Now look at the coat of arms for granddaughter Blandina Marshe which adorns the Ladies' Lodge in Church Street, Dunstable. It is a lozenge shape which is correct for a woman as women did not fight and hence had no need of a shield. The background colour though is all

blue (heraldically *azure*) and the *quatrefoils* are displayed in a frankly ugly way. I am fairly sure the arms as modelled here are wrong as although slight changes can occur within families, this complete change of colour and lack of divided background is surely a step too far, particularly when you realise that Blandina's cousins have the same arms as their (and her) grandfather William Marshe, differenced only by a small crescent – a cadency mark to indicate the second son's branch of the family.

In addition, the inscription around the arms states 'This lodge was built and endowed in 1743, pursuant to the will of Mrs Blandina Marshe', whereas she died unmarried and was certainly a Miss.

**Next time: Royal Arms**



*Marshe Arms, Dunstable Priory*



*Ladies' Lodge Inscription*

# Eaton Bray Cricket Club

Preparations are underway for the 2018 season with indoor nets for both senior and youth teams.

The 2017 season was a bit of up and down with some good performances but also a few disappointments with the 1st X1 finishing 4th in Division 1 of the FCCL and the 2nd X1 relegated from Division 5. The Youth section continues to grow with 72 children on the books in 2017 with 3 of the boys Ollie Harris Charlie Hoskins and Thomas Maynard playing at under 11 County level and Ellie Durant playing County ladies under 15. Plans for this season are to be running u9 u11 2x u13 and u15 teams. Training will continue to be on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm in the Summer and it is a testament to the Club and its surroundings that so many parents stay to watch their children and enjoy the facilities for which we are grateful.

The 100 club was again a great success with 110 members paying £1 a month and prize money of £740 being returned.

Off field activities were a plenty last season with a Race Night Darts Competition Poker night and a Quiz Night. Most successful member was Darrin Kerins who won the Darts and Poker competitions mainly because he was the only sober participant. The Quiz was won by the "Old Gits" proving that yet again you cant beat experience. The "Lions Breakfast" also proved very popular with at least 20 members and guests attending for the 3 weeks of the Lions tour to New Zealand. Thanks go to Lee Gauntlett for his culinary skills which were described by one guest as being "The best breakfast in the postcode".

The AGM was held in November 2017 with new ideas bought forward including the possibility of an overseas player for

2018 who would be available at any time for all games and also for training. Proof again that EBCC is a forward thinking club.

An article for a village sports club would not be complete without a call for new players. We are looking for anyone who enjoys the game of any age ability or gender. We have 2 senior teams in the FCCL on a saturday and a senior side in the Beds Sunday League. Together with the Youth Section we are running 8 teams which is great for the future of Eaton Bray Cricket. For information please contact Josh Peacock 781556319 (Seniors) Paul Harris 7920459420 (Juniors) You can also contact us on Twitter @EatonBrayCC or on Facebook

Finally we would like to thank Houghton Insurance Meadow Marquees and the Focus for your continued support.

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## Jake Janes, A Rising Star

Introducing to you one of the rising stars in British shooting, Jake Janes. Jake had his first shooting lesson at Atkin, Grant & Lang in Markyate, Hertfordshire (formally known as Broomhills) at age 9 and bought for him by his grandad it stirred a passion in him that inspired him to pursue his dream of shooting for his country.

Jake began shooting every weekend at his local club being, Dunstable & District running out of Stewkley, Buckinghamshire. Jake spent every weekend between the two clubs practicing and remains an avid supporter of both today as well as being a member of the CPSA and the BASC. At 14 Jake decided that he wanted to apply for The Schools Challenge Academy run through the Oxford Gun Company, based in Oakley on the Buckinghamshire/ Oxford boarder. The Schools Challenge initiative is run by David Florent, who's aim is to encourage young shooters (up to 21 years) into the sport of Clay Pigeon shooting and to provide young shooters with the complex training, competition experience, confidence and the ability to achieve competitive scores with a professional attitude within the sport.

Jake was successfully interviewed and accepted into the programme, his first year in the academy was spent training and competing for his school and off the back of this Jake competed for Bedfordshire in intercounty competitions. In the second year of the academy he was introduced the various Olympic disciplines within clay pigeon shooting allowing him to explore and try the different options within the higher levels of the sport.

At this time British Shooting implemented their Target Tokyo programme, where they looked to find athletes who might have the potential to compete at Olympic levels in 2020 and beyond. Jake applied for the

scheme focusing on Double Trap as he found this discipline both technically challenging and exciting. Jake shot the Target Tokyo programme whilst remaining in the academy, British Shooting subsequently offered him a place on the Talent Pathway. Jake left the Schools academy at the end of the second year with the support of David and the other coaches to pursue the Talent Pathway.

The Double Trap training is based at Beverley Clay Target Centre in Hull, the Talent Pathway is to encourage and enable young athletes like Jake to progress onto the Great Britain Shooting Teams. The coach for the Talent pathway juniors, John Bellamy, teaches and guides Jake and the other young athletes the skills needed to shoot at the higher levels of competition. Jake has taken part in CPSA competitions and in selection shoots for athlete's competing for places on the Great Britain and England Teams. The selection shoots for both teams require athlete's to gain points via a ranking system, the national rankings from each year determine which athletes are offered the opportunity to represent their country nationally and internationally.

2017 saw the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) drop Double Trap from the Olympic programme leaving Jake with a very difficult decision, continue competing in Double Trap and aim to represent England nationally or change disciplines to have the chance of following his dreams and working towards competing at Olympic level. After much thought Jake chose to introduce a new discipline and began training at both Olympic Trap as well as Double Trap as he was already working towards the 2017 European Championships.

Jake has gained experience of international training camps and competitions at junior level in Malaga, Suhl and in Baku,



Azerbaijan, which hosted the 2017 European Championships and where he competed in his last Double Trap competition, which ended with him being part of the Gold Medal winning Junior Double Trap team

Following the transition to Olympic Trap within 6 months Jake was successfully selected to represent England on the Junior Olympic Trap team at a national competition in Scotland, however at the same time he was also selected to represent Great Britain on the Junior Olympic Trap team internationally in the ISSF 2017 Junior World Cup in Porpetto, Italy and eventually Jake chose to represent his country internationally to gain additional international competition experience.

Following the Junior World Cup in Italy Jake continued with his Olympic Trap training most of which is based at Nuthampstead Shooting Ground in Royston, Hertfordshire where some of the Great Britain selection shoots are also held. Following on from Jake competing in this year's final selection shoot he was awarded a place to shoot Olympic Trap in the first ever British Shooting Shotgun Grand Final which is huge honour as it's offered on an 'invite only' basis and is the competition for the highest ranking athletes within the UK.

The British Shooting Shotgun Grand Final was held in Wrexham, Wales at the Fauxdegla Shooting Ground over two days in October 2017. Jake won Gold in the Junior Olympic Trap competition and qualified for the Men's Olympic Trap Senior final competing alongside the 2000 Olympic silver medal winner Ian Peel and the 2017 World Cup bronze winning medallist Aaron Heading. This televised event presented by British Shooting's Alex Ballard referred to Jake as "One of the most promising young British shooters around at the moment who scored highly despite his recent transfer from Double Trap."

Jake feels incredibly lucky to have had the

opportunity to compete against such high calibre athlete's within the sport and as the unexpected wild card within the competition Jake is very proud to have finished 5th overall in the Men's senior final.

Jake would like to encourage fellow young shooters to follow their dreams saying "hard work and dedication pay off, I never thought this is where I would end up after my first shooting lesson but here I am, following my dreams. I am able to do this because of the opportunities which came from The Schools Challenge and the fact that British Shooting now holds Talent ID days throughout the country makes it easier for youngsters to get into the sport."

To find out more information about the Talent ID days please check out the British Shooting website [www.britishshooting.org.uk](http://www.britishshooting.org.uk)

Jake currently is in a winter training program at Nuthampstead preparing for the 2018 Olympic Trap competition season. He would like to take this opportunity to thank his current sponsors;

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Jake is looking for additional sponsorship and would welcome support from business' and individuals who would like to help him pursue his Olympic dream. Anyone interested in sponsoring him can contact Jake by email. [jakejanes\\_shooting\\_@outlook.com](mailto:jakejanes_shooting_@outlook.com)

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the path to the cross-junction by a large dead tree (not too obvious in winter!) and turn right. At the second path junction the path bears slightly left (NE). Follow this wide straight track for about 15 minutes, until the path ends at some houses. Go left here and after about 3 or 4 minutes take the wide grass track on the right to bring you out into the large open grass car parking area at Ringshall.

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Cross the road and walk around the inner perimeter path through a spectacular display of bluebells (early May), to exit the woods and rejoin the road some 200 yards from where you entered the wood.

Cross the stile immediately on your right to walk diagonally across the field to a stile to the right of the oak tree, follow across the next field, and then go right along the farm track. In the center of Wards Hurst farmyard bear left to a stile opposite the pond,



do not enter the woods. Cross the field bearing right towards the trees, cross a stile beside a gate and follow the woodland edge to rejoin the Beacon road again. Cross the road and view the bluebells in Crawley Wood, less popular than Dockey Wood but equally spectacular.

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**SOFTWARE/APPLICATION** – this is the application or program that runs on your hardware and provides you the interaction to play games or run a specific function such as email, word processing, internet surfing, browsing capabilities etc. Every firmware, O/S and application provides a set of defined functions, but with

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I will explore these topics further over the coming months. If there are topics you would like me to cover, drop me an email.

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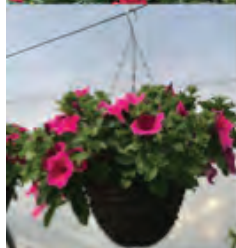
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# February at the Grove



## Live & Encore Screenings

Tosca – Live Screening - 7 Feb  
Twelfth Night – Live Screening - 14 Feb  
The Winter's Tale – Live Screening - 28 Feb

## Theatre

Britain's Got Magic - 13 Feb  
Sing-a-Long-a Beauty and the Beast - 15 Feb  
Cirque Enchantment - 25 Feb

## Live Music

Nathan Carter & His Band - 2 Feb  
Swing with Laughter - 3 Feb  
Magnificent Music Hall - 4 Feb  
The Bob Dylan Story - 8 Feb  
The Greatest Hits of Motown: How Sweet It Is - 10 Feb  
The Bee Gees Story: Nights On Broadway - 17 Feb

## Film

Paddington 2 (PG) - 12 & 14 Feb  
Loving Vincent (12A) - 3 Feb  
Murder on the Orient Express (12A) - 3 Feb  
The Death of Stalin (15) - 3 Feb  
Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (12A) - 3 & 14 Feb  
Molly's Game (15) - 5 & 18 Feb  
Star Wars: The Last Jedi (12A) - 11, 12 & 18 Feb  
Wonder (PG) - 19 Feb

## Comedy

Milton Jones is Out There - 9 Feb  
Sarah Millican: Control Enthusiast - 16 Feb  
Dara O Briain: Voice of Reason - 27 Feb

## Musical

High School Musical - 22, 23 & 24 Feb

## Nathan Carter

He is the hottest property on the Irish music scene, performing with his band to over 400,000 people in the past year, and now on a mini UK tour including Grove Theatre, Dunstable on 2 February at 7.30pm.

The Nathan Carter story is a remarkable one,

and the story is still being written...

Nathan has become the singing sensation of the new century. A fresh faced young man who has now captivated audiences all over Ireland, The UK and beyond since he burst on to the scene in 2009. Now less than a handful of years later Nathan is a household name, with fans of all ages flocking to see him and his superb six piece band at dances and concerts.

Nathan has so far recorded six albums, two DVDs and a host of singles, but his first love is to perform on stage, and those shows, as audiences throughout the UK are about to experience are extra special.

## Sing-a-Long-a Beauty and the Beast

Singalonga Productions invite you to Be our Guest for Sing-a-Long-a Beauty and the Beast at Grove Theatre, Dunstable on Thursday 15 February at 7pm. Join Singalonga as they celebrate the brand new adaptation of Disney's iconic fairy tale with on-screen lyrics so everyone can join in!

This is your chance to sing your heart out to the Disney songs of your childhood such as Be our Guest, Belle, Gaston and not forgetting the Beauty and The Beast. Sing along with Emma Watson, Ewan McGregor and Emma Thompson in this romantic fairy tale and see if you can stop those tears at the end.

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*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](http://www.grovetheatre.co.uk).*

# Chorizo Crusted Cod Fillets with Saffron Potatoes and Pepperade

This is a real dinner party dish. Take a simple fillet of cod, top it with a perfect chorizo crust and serve it with delicately flavoured saffron potatoes and a lovely sweet pepper and shallot 'pepperade'. Created by Ivor Morgan, head chef at the SG4 Brasserie at the Needham House Hotel in Hitchin, this is a great example of how restaurant quality food can be recreated at home...

You'll need:

4 x 180g cod fillets. The thicker the better.

## **Crust**

100g finely chopped chorizo

75g breadcrumbs

200g unsalted butter

30g chopped tarragon

Zest of 1 lemon

## **Pepperade**

4 roasted red peppers

2 banana shallots ( cut into long slices)

6 plum tomatoes (roughly chopped)

2 cloves chopped garlic

Pinch of saffron

Capers to finish

## **Potatoes**

3 peeled new potatoes per portion

Good pinch of saffron

Spring of thyme

Firstly sweat the chorizo in a medium hot pan with a little oil and cook until the chorizo starts to release its own oils.

Add the butter and breadcrumbs and continue to cook out until the butter has melted and is well mixed through.

Place the mix onto some greaseproof paper then place another piece on top of that and roll out to your required thickness (3mm or so).

Pop it into the fridge and allow it to set before cutting to the size required (you will cut it to the exact size of each of the fish fillets you



will be cooking).

To make the pepperade, grill the red peppers until charred. Peel, deseed and finely slice. Sweat off the garlic in a good amount of olive oil then add the shallots and cook until cooked with very little colour.

Add the peppers, saffron and a little sugar and salt to taste and cook until you see some juice being released.

In go the chopped tomatoes and continue to cook until the sauce starts to naturally thicken. It is then ready and can be quickly reheated when ready to serve.

Cook the potatoes in well salted water, adding in the saffron and thyme too.

Once cooked, leave the potatoes to cool down in the water the potatoes were cooked in to allow the saffron to marinade into the potatoes. When ready to use, you'll just need to simply reheat them gently.

To cook the fish, place the fillets into a hot frying pan with a little oil. Cook until the fish has got a nice caramelised bottom and you can see that the fish is 3/4 cooked.

Now turn it over and the place the pre-cut crust on top, then put the fish under the grill so you can toast the crust until a golden colour. The fish will continue to cook while under the grill.

Once the fish is cooked, you are then ready to serve the dish. Put the fish on a dollop of pepperade and serve with the potatoes. Lovely.

# Gluten-Free and Dairy-Free Chocolate Raspberry Cake

When we were served this on my Weekend Kitchen programme, none of us could tell that this wonderful cake was both gluten-free and dairy-free. It was that good. Sometimes gluten-free cakes can be too dry. Not in this case. And sometimes dairy-free cakes can be too bland. Again, not in this case. This cake is the creation of a very clever cake maker. Charlotte Woodbridge runs Charlotte's Organic Home Baking in Biggleswade and all her products are gluten and dairy free. One day I'd like to get my hands on her gluten and dairy free scones recipe too - but I don't think she will be sharing the secret for her pride and joy for quite a while yet!

Makes 2 x 7" round cakes or 12 cupcakes

## Sponge

175g dairy free sunflower spread

175g caster sugar

3 eggs

175g gluten free flour

2tsp baking powder

3/4 tsp xanthan gum

30ml rice milk

150g frozen raspberries

## Icing

300g icing sugar

50g cocoa powder

100g dairy free sunflower spread

20ml rice milk

## Method

Preheat the oven to 160C fan/ 180C conventional and line your cake tins or 12 whole muffin tins with cases.

Weigh the flour, cocoa powder, baking powder and xanthan gum into a bowl and set aside.

Beat the butter and sugar together in a bowl until very light and creamy, about 2 or 3 minutes.

Beat in the eggs one at a time. If you notice the mix is curdling, you can add a spoonful of the flour mix. However it won't affect

your cake if you don't.

Sift in the flour, cocoa powder, baking powder and xanthan

gum and fold in until all combined. Add the raspberries and rice milk and stir until the berries are evenly distributed.

Pour the mix into the prepared tins or cupcake cases and place in a preheated oven for 22-25 minutes for the cupcakes and 25-30 minutes for the large cakes until well risen and a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean.

Remove from the oven and leave to cool in tin for a few minutes before turning out to cool completely on a wire rack.

## Icing

Place the sunflower spread, icing sugar and cocoa powder in a bowl and beat well adding the milk once the two have just combined.

Continue to beat for a few minutes until the icing is nice and fluffy.

Ice the cakes however you wish and top them with some piped whipped cream and more fresh raspberries.



*Hear wonderful recipes on Nick Coffey's Weekend Kitchen every Sunday morning on BBC Three Counties radio at 11am. You can also join Nick every weekday afternoon at midday for brilliant local guests with great stories to tell and all the music you want for your early afternoon.*







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*Fishing Lake, Eaton Bray by Richard Woodhead*





# **Rock Pop and Dancing at The Cali!**

The California Ballroom site previously housed Dunstable Swimming Pool which opened to the public in June 1935. It was a popular attraction in the town before the commencement of war in 1939. In 1947 Mr Edwin Green saw the potential of the site occupying an area of 8 acres and offered to purchase the property for the sum of £9000 from Mr A.F. England of West Street, Dunstable. Before becoming a ballroom, the site was used for roller skating and karting.

The California Pool Ballroom opened in a blaze of publicity on Saturday, March 12th 1960 when the Dunstable Gazette ran the following ad

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Admission on that opening night was 7/6 while additional benefits included fully licensed bars spacious lounges and late coaches to Luton, Bletchley, Leighton Buzzard etc. The California meant business; popular groups and bands were booked on a regular basis and proved to be very successful. The Rolling Stones came in January 1964 and the Beatles were expected in July 1965.

Ronnie Carroll headlined the opening night supported by the Ray Miller Orchestra along with Russ Sainty and the Nu-Notes. The ballroom was initially also used for roller skating. Maple timber flooring purchased from London was purpose built for it. The facility was expanded to offer bingo, wrestling and eventually dancing as roller skating became less popular.

The sixties were a revelation, the war having finished fifteen years earlier. The economy was buoyant and coincided with the Merseybeat pop explosion in 1964. Many local bands performed regularly during the early 1960s, before eventually it became a mecca for pop, rock, R&B and soul fans from all over the country, and virtually all the top bands performed there. It was the first stop out of London for bands to perform.

Famous artistes managed by Brian Epstein appeared on the California stage with the exception, unfortunately, of the Beatles. They were due to perform, but were double booked by Brian Epstein, who then wanted to increase their fee from the agreed £60 to £250 for an appearance at a later date. Edwin Green protested and an alternative arrangement was agreed between the two. Instead three artistes performed for the £60 which included Gerry and the Pacemakers and The Searchers.

Memorable artistes that appeared at the venue included Humphrey Lyttleton, Dave Clark Five, Ricky Valance, Johnny Kidd and the Pirates, Mike Berry, Screaming Lord Sutch, Barron Knights, Craig Douglas, Mike Same, Bert Weedon, The Hollies, Dusty Springfield, Joe Brown, Manfred Mann, Lulu, Brenda Lee, The Kinks, Marty Wilde and many more.

# Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

## Weather Conditions for November & December 2017



Elevation: 450 ft - Latitude: 51° 50' 13" North - Longitude: 0° 33' 34" West

### November 2017

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature	14.9°C	1 Nov 13.30	-2.3°C	24 Nov 23.30
Mean Temp	6.8°C	Dominant Wind:	W	
Humidity:	99%	3 Nov 02.30	62%	10 Nov 14.00
Barometer:	1030.0 hPa	17 Nov 10.00	984.6 hPa	23 Nov 03.00
Wind Speed	45 mph SSW	22 Nov 20.30	Months avg.	5.1 mph
Wettest Day		4 Nov	15.60 mm	0.614 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	Nov	56.2 mm	2.213 ins

### December 2017

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature	12.7°C	30 Dec 13.30	-5.4°C	12 Dec 07.00
Mean Temp	4.9c	Dominant Wind:	WNW	
Humidity:	97%	20-21-22 Dec	75%	6 Dec 07.00
Barometer:	1036.4hPa	22 Dec 22.30	971.6 hPa	10 Dec 11.30
Wind Speed	43 mph SSW	25 Dec 21.00	Months avg.	6.1 mph
Wettest Day		13 Dec	24.61mm	0.969 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	Dec	101.7 mm	4.004 ins

**November** started mild but by the morning of the 6th temperature had dropped below zero this pattern continued for a week. From the 14th it became milder for 3 days and this was repeated on the 20th. On the 24th temperatures dropped again below zero and remained cold for the rest of the month. Although it rained on 14 days during the month with only 56.2mm which was 30% less the 10 year average.

**December** was a colder month than we have had for the last few years. A mild start then a cold patch brought snow on the 10th and the lowest temperature on the 12th of -5.4°C. this froze the snow which lasted a week. Snow returned on the 26th and it remained cold until the end of the month. We recorded 12 days when the temperature was below zero and the month's rain 101.7mm was above average also from the 25th we had strong winds which reached a maximum gust of 43mph.

(Those of you who follow the web site may have notice a difference figure for the rainfall on 30th December. The outside computer suite lost power, I have installed a new solar panel so all should be ok. While the system was down we had 4mm of rain which I added to the summary).



# Annual Climatological Summary for 2017

## Temperature

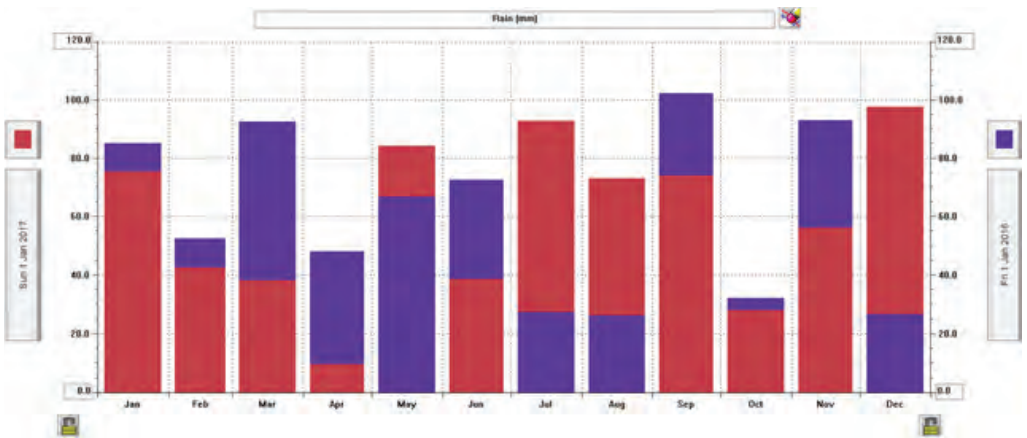
## Precipitation

## Wind Speed

	High Temp	Date	Low Temp	Date	Mean Temp	Rain Day Max	Date	Month Total	Hi Wind	Date	Avg	Dom Dir
Jan	9.9°	11 <sup>th</sup>	-4.6°	21 <sup>th</sup>	3.2°	12.8mm	1 <sup>st</sup>	75.5 mm	36.0	11 <sup>th</sup>	4.9	SES
Feb	15.5°	22 <sup>th</sup>	-1.5°	6 <sup>th</sup>	3.8°	8.4 mm	6 <sup>th</sup>	42.8 mm	55.0	23 <sup>rd</sup>	6.9	W
Mar	20.8°	30 <sup>th</sup>	1.2°	25 <sup>th</sup>	5.3°	6.2 mm	5 <sup>th</sup>	38.4 mm	37.0	19 <sup>th</sup>	6.5	W
Apr	24.5°	9 <sup>th</sup>	-1.2°	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.2°	2.8 mm	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.8 mm	33.0	30 <sup>th</sup>	4.4	NW
May	26.6°	26 <sup>th</sup>	-0.1°	10 <sup>th</sup>	13.4°	37.4mm	17 <sup>th</sup>	38.3 mm	31.0	27 <sup>th</sup>	4.9	SSE
Jun	32.6°	21 <sup>st</sup>	8.6°	26 <sup>th</sup>	17.1°	14.2mm	6 <sup>th</sup>	72.9 mm	42.0	5 <sup>th</sup>	5.6	W
July	31.1°	6 <sup>th</sup>	9.3°	17 <sup>th</sup>	17.4°	19.4mm	11 <sup>th</sup>	92.8 mm	35.0	21 <sup>st</sup>	6.0	W
Aug	27.3°	28 <sup>th</sup>	3.3°	22 <sup>nd</sup>	16.0°	19.2mm	9 <sup>th</sup>	73.2 mm	36.0	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4.4	W
Sep	21.6°	4 <sup>th</sup>	6.9°	23 <sup>rd</sup>	13.3°	10.8mm	8 <sup>th</sup>	73.9 mm	40.0	13 <sup>th</sup>	4.7	SSE
Oct	20.8°	16 <sup>th</sup>	-0.4°	30 <sup>th</sup>	12.3°	5.8 mm	18 <sup>th</sup>	28.2 mm	38.0	19 <sup>th</sup>	6.3	SW
Nov	14.9°	1 <sup>st</sup>	-2.3°	24 <sup>th</sup>	6.8°	15.6mm	4 <sup>th</sup>	56.2 mm	45.0	22 <sup>nd</sup>	5.1	W
Dec	12.7°	30 <sup>th</sup>	-5.4°	12 <sup>th</sup>	4.9°	24.6mm	13 <sup>th</sup>	97.7 mm	43.0	25 <sup>th</sup>	6.1	WNW
	YEAR	TOTALS										
Lows /Max	32.6°	June	-5.4°	Year	Avg 10.8°	Total Rain	Year	711.5mm 28.012ins	Wind 55.0 mph	Feb	Wind 5.4 mph	Year avg W

This shows the difference in the yearly rainfall patterns month by month between 2016 / 2017

2016 BLUE 726.5mm – 2017 RED 711.5mm



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## Salvation Sound

This month we enjoy the delights of pancakes. My mouth is watering just thinking about it. What do you like as a filling? Are you a lemon and sugar or a banana, ice cream and chocolate sauce person?

Whatever your preference Pancake Day, Shrove Tuesday is the day before the beginning of Lent.

Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, comes from the old English custom of using up all the fattening ingredients in the house before Lent, as Lent was a time of fasting. In those days the fattening ingredients were eggs and milk so these were combined with flour to make pancakes.

Shrove Tuesday is followed by Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on Wednesday 14 February.

Lent is the forty days leading up to Easter and it gives us a wonderful opportunity to rethink our lives and focus on the life and death of Jesus and what that means for us today. It is a time of where we can focus on love, grace, mercy and forgiveness.

Les Miserables is Victor Hugo's tale of Jean Valjean. Following the royal restoration after the French Revolution of 1789, Valjean was convicted of stealing a loaf of bread to feed his starving children. He was sentenced to twenty years of hard labour in the most brutal conditions. Having completed his sentence, under the watchful and threatening eye of the cruel Inspector Javert (Russell Crowe in the film), a bitter and vengeful Valjean journeyed homeward. As he passed through the town of Digne, he was given food and shelter by the kindly Bishop Myriel, the pastor of the local cathedral. But Valjean is not impressed. He rises in the dead of night, steals the bishop's silverware and candelabra, and flees the rectory. Soon he's captured by the gendarmes. When he's dragged back to the bishop by the police, Bishop Myriel secures Valjean's release by confirming the thief's lie that the stolen goods had been given to him as a gift by the priest. Valjean cannot believe his ears. The bishop's act of generosity, forgiveness, and mercy transforms him. He goes on to become a successful factory owner and champion of the poor.

This story gives us a glimpse of God's grace (His undeserved favour to us) and shows us that even when we, like Jean Valjean, go wrong there is opportunity for redemption, of forgiveness and love winning through. Jesus willingly endured a painful, humiliating death on the cross because of His great love for us.

*"This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again."*

(John 3:16 The Message Paraphrase)

Lent gives us an opportunity to rethink our lives. You may give up something and use the money saved to benefit a charity, or do something to make a difference in this world. This could be volunteering for a charity, or supporting a neighbour. There are many charities that are in need of support; charities like Eaton Bray Good Neighbours (EBGN).

And if, like me you love pancakes why not join Churches Together in their Prayer and Pancakes evening at 6.30pm on Tuesday 13 February at Eaton Bray Methodist Church. I will be in the kitchen cooking some delicious pancakes!

✍️ Hilary Chadwick (Envoy)



### Dunstable & District Local History Society

13 February, 7.45pm

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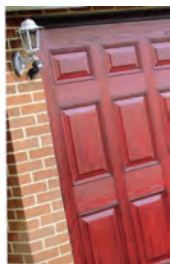


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