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*If the event you wish to advertise falls in the first week of the month, it is advisable to get the details into Focus a month earlier. The magazines are not delivered from the printers until the first of the month, therefore it takes a few days for them all to be circulated throughout the village.*

*✍️Editor*

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# Village Diary April 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 Fortnightly 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 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 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
- Thursdays Eaton Bray Methodist Church Social Afternoons, 2 - 4pm, All Welcome

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- Fridays Keep Fit class, Edlesborough Memorial Hall 10 - 11am
- 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
- 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 Whitemore 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 jtptinfo@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 Village 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, 1:30pm
- 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 Monday SilverLink, 2.30-4.00pm, Grace Baptist Chapel Edlesborough – activities, talks, friendship & refreshments for the over 60s
- 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
- Other Regular Events**
- 1st Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club Meeting, 11.30am-4.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall
- 13th Leukaemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30am. All welcome.
- 14th Cafe Community, 11am-1pm, Eaton Bray Methodist Church
- 24th Dagnall and Kensworth Friendship Club lunch out at the Cross Keys Pulloxhill, leaving from Dagnall at 11.30 am. Meet at the village hall

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## One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

12-14th Leighton Buzzard Drama Group presents The Opposite Sex. Box Office: 0300 300 8125  
14th Music at St Mary's Eaton Bray Organ & Harpsichord Concert, 7:30pm, Tickets: £7.50  
01525 222283  
21st St. Mary's Garage Sale Trail, Maps available 11am - 2pm from Eaton Bray Village Hall

### William Pattison ( Bill )

Wendy, Diane and Andrew would like to thank everybody, friends and neighbours for all the lovely cards and messages received on the death of Bill.  
Also Rev. Nigel Bibbings for conducting such a lovely service.  
Thank you all.



### Olive Blackburn

Keith and family would like to sincerely thank everyone for their cards, messages of sympathy and support following the death of his mother, Olive.  
Thanks for all the kind donations made in Olive's memory, which were shared between The British Heart Foundation and Eaton Bray Methodist Church.  
Thanks especially to all who attended what was a lovely service conducted by the Rev'd Nigel Bibbings at Eaton Bray Methodist Church on Monday 5th March.



### Ethel "Et" Deridisi

Helen and Chris Miller would like to thank all those who sent their condolences, cards and flowers following the death of Helen's Mum last month.

It was nice to see so many of her friends at the funeral service held at St Mary's Eaton Bray and afterwards at the White Horse PH. Thanks also to our vicar Joy for a lovely service. Et would have been very pleased that over £400 was donated for the Northall Wednesday Club which was very dear to her.



Eaton Bray

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**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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**Bedfordshire Police (Eaton Bray)**

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Typetalk: 18001 01582 473418

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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These units are registered with the Ambulance Services. To access them, please phone 999. You will be given the access code and the location of the unit will be confirmed. The defibrillator is easy and safe to use. The units can be found on the outside walls of the following locations:

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## Services at St Mary's Church

**SUNDAYS :**    **8.00am**    HOLY COMMUNION  
                  **10.00am**    PARISH SUNG HOLY COMMUNION

**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

*EVERYONE WELCOME AT THESE SERVICES*



## Dagnall Community Choir

The first of our 2018 concert dates is getting closer and we are putting the finishing touches to the numbers that we will perform at Leighton Buzzard Theatre on **Saturday 12th May**. We are appearing as part of a charity concert in aid of Macmillan, so we hope that there will be plenty of support and money raised for this worthy cause. For more information and tickets please contact Leighton Buzzard Theatre Box Office.

Before that though, in April, we will be singing at Luton Salvation Army Church, as guests of the Ladies Fellowship. This is the third year that we have been invited to one of their Monday evening meetings, and we know that we will get a warm welcome, an appreciative audience, and an array of delicious homemade cakes on offer after our performance!

Choir members were all deeply saddened to hear of the loss of one of our good friends in February this year. Vicky Lee was one of the founding members of Dagnall Community Choir, a much loved lady with a beautiful soprano voice, who sang with us for several years. We were honoured to be asked to sing at Vicky's funeral, and our thoughts remain with her family.

The disruption caused by unexpected snow and freezing temperatures at the beginning

of March, almost put paid to the choir weekend away at Potters Resort in Norfolk... Fortunately, the roads did prove to be clear enough for most who had booked to be able to get there, though sadly, some of our party just weren't able to make it. Those who went had a marvellous time, enjoying daytime activities, and evening entertainment on a par with West End shows. Everyone is now looking forward to re-booking for next year, and hoping that the weather will be rather kinder!

Our Monday evening rehearsals continue to be great fun, and we're really pleased that membership numbers have risen this year - it's really heartening to have to put out extra chairs for the growing tenor and bass sections! New faces are always welcome, and we don't ask you to audition, or require you to be able to read music to join – a love of music and singing is the only qualification we ask for. Oh and a sense of humour is an advantage too, as there's always plenty of laughter when we meet up!

So please come along and see for yourself - we meet on a Monday evening, 7.45pm Oat Dagnall Church and would love to see you!

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



# 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  
A New Start

Lots of TV programmes show people wanting to start a new life. Whether it's setting up a new business, moving abroad or learning a new skill, the schedules are full of people trying out something different. The desire to begin again is strong within us. Even in the pattern of the year, the changing seasons bring new life out of drab cold earth as winter turns into spring. Easter is the most important festival of the Christian calendar for it is the culmination of God's plan of salvation for humankind. We may think that much preparation and planning goes into important events that we undertake. But God's plan of salvation took centuries to come to fruition. The Messiah had been expected for over a thousand years by the time Jesus was born. The one who would come to save his people was foretold by the prophets, but even so Jesus was not quite what people anticipated and failed to live up to many people's expectations. On Good Friday, it seemed that God's plan had all gone disastrously wrong. By the end of the day, Jesus was dead in the tomb, the terrified disciples were locked away in hiding and God's plan of salvation had failed. Or so it seemed.

Then the most awesome event in human history changed their lives forever. On the first Easter Day, Jesus was seen raised from the dead. Not only was he seen, but he spoke with his disciples, ate with them and appeared to a great crowd of people. On the road to Emmaus, he met with Cleopas and his companion and explained to them the sweep of God's purposes. 'Then Jesus said to them, "O how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.' (Luke 24 verses 25 to 27). It was not a mistake that Jesus had died on the cross, but part of God's plan for the salvation of humankind. One of the reasons Christians celebrate Easter is that through Jesus' death and resurrection God offers us new life and a new beginning. And we don't have to go somewhere different to do it! As we come to God and say sorry for things we've done wrong in the past, we can be forgiven.

This is expressed in the following prayer. A penitent's prayer (author unknown)

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am a sinner.

I confess my sins to you, especially those upon my conscience.

I firmly believe that you died for me to bear away my sins.

And now, according to your promise, I open my heart to you.

Come in, Lord Jesus, and be my Saviour and Friend for ever.

Amen.

With the past behind and a hope to come we can know the joy of a new beginning right here and now.

Happy Easter!

☞ 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)

This year the Carnival will be held on Saturday the 7th of July 2018 with the theme of 'Games'. The Committee are pleased to announce that the Carnival will be opened by Peter and Eileen Bennett. Book this in your diary now and don't miss out!

## Carnival Queen 2018

If you are aged between 8 and 12 years and live in Dagnall, Eaton Bray, Edlesborough or Northall you could be leading the procession in the Carnival Queen carriage. This year's Queen, Princess and Attendants will be chosen by draw on Sunday the 15th of April 2018 at 11.15am in Eaton Bray Village Hall. For full entry details contact Cheryl Spratt on 01525 222139 or visit the Carnival website.

## The Carnival Needs Your Help

As the number of Carnivals decline due to reduction in Council funding, our Carnivals' success is on the rise. This is all down to the huge number of local volunteers that help every year. 2018 is no different and the Carnival Committee is always looking for people who can help in a variety of ways. If you can spare a couple of hours, or are even happy to help all day, your assistance will be gratefully received. You can help by:

- Assisting with bringing equipment to and from the Green, before and after the event.
- Helping on a stall
- Acting as a marshal during the procession
- Supervising the car park
- Litter picking
- Assisting with the BBQ

If you would like to get involved please visit the Carnival website for full contact details.

## Information For Local Businesses

The Carnival is the perfect opportunity for businesses and organisations to be part of a local community event which is attracting an ever increasing amount of visitors and gaining a reputation as one of the best rural carnivals around.

In order to make sure you have a presence at the Carnival, the Carnival committee are urging local businesses, schools, youth groups and organisations to make contact and be part of this brilliant event. With visitors attending from all over Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and beyond, the Carnival offers the perfect platform for business' to come and meet their customers and potential customers. The committee will work in partnership with a business or organisation to ensure that they get the best out of what the Carnival can offer. Just a few ways the Carnival can help are:

- Advertising in the Carnival Programme, delivered to over 2500 homes locally. Adverts are to be agreed this month so don't miss out.
- Advertising in the Carnival arena, offering prime exposure within the heart of the Carnival.
- Having a stall at the Carnival. Prices unchanged from last year.
- Donating a prize towards either the grand draw or the silent auction.

To book a stall, arrange advertising, offer prizes or for a chat about how the Carnival can work for your business or organisation, visit the Carnival website:

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



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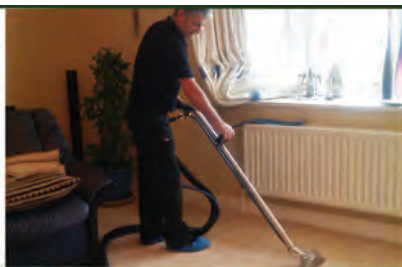


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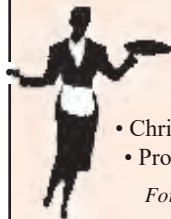
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# Some Foot-Tapping Mayhem to Close This Year's Village Music Festival



Before I start, let me be very clear about one thing. I don't dance. Not in public. Not in private - and certainly not when there's the alternative of a well-stocked bar and good conversation to pass the time. So how is it I ever came to find myself jiving away in my wellies on a festival dance floor in the small hours of a summer's evening? The answer: *Rob Heron and the Tea Pad Orchestra*.



Now, don't get me wrong, there really won't be much space left in Edlesborough's church on the hill for you to practice all your favourite swing moves – but if, like me, you worry that even your foot-tapping days may be behind you, then think again!

The Tea Pad Orchestra don't care what genre you choose to put them in – western swing, country blues, ragtime hokum or whatever else – as long as you understand that they're 100% sincere and 100% immersed in this stuff. The Tea Pad sound draws on myriad influences – from Django Reinhardt to Cab Calloway – yet ultimately sounds like nobody else, with a swing style that's utterly their own, witnessed across their three wonderful albums – 2012's *Money Isn't Everything*, 2014's *Talk About The Weather* and now the new *Something Blue*.

This is no lazy pastiche, no dressing up box. The Tea Pads live and breathe this music. With a virtuosic line-up of vocals, guitar, mandolin, accordion and double bass, they've already blown away audiences at Glastonbury, Wilderness and Towersey, as well as appearing twice on Radio 4's Loose Ends.

And now *Rob Heron and the Tea Pad Orchestra* will be performing right here as part of EdleFest 2018 in the Church on the Hill, in what promises to be a very special night. They'll be headlining on Saturday 16th June, supported by several other great acts. And that's after a Friday night that sees the multi-award winning Chris Wood take the stage! (And we promise we won't tell anyone if you want to dance your way home)

You can find out more about the whole event online by searching for *EdleFest*, or at the website [edlefest.site123.me](http://edlefest.site123.me), by calling 01525 221744, or by email to [EdleFest@gmail.com](mailto:EdleFest@gmail.com). See you there (wellies not required)!

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## Nigel's Thoughts

### Methodist Minister

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this we will have put the clocks forward. The days will be drawing out and the nights will seem shorter, spring will have sprung and summer will be on its way.

Nevertheless it seems to me that there is still a good deal of darkness around.

I recall seeing a TV programme some time ago, about life at the extremes of the world, near the (fast melting) polar ice caps. What must it be like to live in darkness for six months of the year, followed by light for the next six months? Yet the experience of the followers of Jesus on Easter morning must have seemed like the dawning of the brightest light after a time of extreme darkness. I am aware of the struggles many individuals and families are facing in our community at the moment. These may include uncertainties about job security and the darkness of financial worries, leading for some to increased pressure on family life and relationships.

Deep darkness indeed.

The church has a service called the 'Easter Vigil' which is held after darkness on Easter Saturday and before Sunrise on Easter Sunday. As the great Easter Candle is lit these words are said:

"May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
Banish all darkness from our hearts and minds"  
"May Christ, the Morning star which never sets,  
Find the flame of love still burning within us;  
Christ, who came back from the dead,  
Christ, who sheds his peaceful light on all the world,  
Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever, Amen."

May the love and light of the Lord Jesus Christ surround and support you, illuminate your every darkness and set you free.

Happy Easter,

 Nigel

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## Tenors and Basses - Can you help us out?

The Danesborough Chorus urgently needs more tenors and basses for its summer concert. We're a leading amateur choral society in the Bedfordshire/Buckinghamshire area, and we're rehearsing Bruckner's groundbreaking Mass in F Minor, to perform in Woburn Church on Saturday 23 June at 7.30 pm.

Our large, mixed-voice choir currently benefits from a rich contribution by an overstretched number of tenors (men and women) and basses. They would make you very welcome (someone might even invite you to the pub after the concert).

Singing in a choir is sociable, fun and good for your health. Not convinced yet? Everyone knows that singing in a choir also helps fight male baldness - if you see any bald men amongst our tenors and basses, it's because they didn't join early enough!

**Whatever the state of your crowning glory, come along to our choir rehearsals for the Bruckner. Rehearsals start Wednesday 7th March, but you will soon pick it up - 7.45 pm - 9.50 pm in Aspley Guise Village Hall. For more information, phone membership secretary Carol Yirrell on 01296 680328 and visit our website [www.danesborough.org.uk](http://www.danesborough.org.uk)**

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## Litter Picking in Edlesborough, Northall and Dagnall

Well I am sure that you will be aware that our "Great British Spring Clean" litter pick on Saturday March 3rd was completely scuppered by the weather! I would imagine that it just didn't happen anywhere in Britain that weekend! We couldn't find the main road, far less the litter lying in the verges!! I really ought to stop trying to organise litter picks – it seems to have a definite effect on our local weather and I hit the jackpot this time!

However, nothing ventured, nothing gained, so we decided to postpone a week and guess what! Once the snow had cleared the amazing "men in orange" appeared from AVDC "Street scene" and cleared the litter right through Edlesborough and Northall, all the way to the bridge, and down Eaton Bray road as well!! I understand that they have also appeared in Dagnall... As we had already

done some clearing in the villages, there didn't seem much point in going out straight away. We are very lucky to have this support from AVDC as they can reach the parts of the village which are too unsafe for volunteers.

Of course, the litter will return – sadly it always does! So, we have decided to put our "Spring Clean" on hold until the end of the month / beginning of April. I will organise a date nearer the time (hopefully the weather will have settled down and be warmer) and pass the message round. Keep an eye on Facebook...and maybe see you then. In the meantime, if we all keep an eye on our local patch around our homes and keep that litter free, that will go a long way towards keeping our villages the clean, tidy places we want to live in.

✍️ Lorna Cubbage  
[lornacubbage@btinternet.com](mailto:lornacubbage@btinternet.com)



# Northall Baptist Church

## Northall Baptist Church – 200 years and still going

In this month's update we continue the story and learn from the Church records that in 1914 the full site valuation of the Church was ten pounds! A resolution was passed in November 1915 for the chapel to be 'insured against aircraft'.

It seems that there were no church services between 1939 to 1945 during the Second World War. Services then continued intermittently although there are no further records until 1966. The Church joined the Baptist Union, which is still the case. Mr. Broadfoot, whom many will still remember became a Lay Preacher until 1979. He was also responsible for developing a lively Sunday School encouraging children to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Outings for the children were well attended and villagers over the age of 80 years of age were given one hundredweight of coal for Christmas.

Pastor Derek Yirrell took over, continuing a thriving Sunday School and helped to celebrate the 200th anniversary on 15/16th June 2002 before retiring to the South Coast. Some support was given from Hockliffe Street Baptist Church in Leighton Buzzard and some 12 members transferred to Northall. Northall Baptist Church was then able to continue independently.

In more recent years the Church was led by Richard Young followed by Steve and Helen Orchard and then until the end of 2017 by John Hazell, Jan Sloggett and Melvyn Fenton. We continue to celebrate all the Christian festivals, at the time of writing we are sharing some Lent sessions with Churches Together, looking forward to celebrating on Easter Sunday the Risen Christ who is the basis for our faith.

For those interested a free copy of the booklet, Rebels in Green Pastures can be supplied or downloaded from our website: <http://northallbaptistchurch.org/>

✉ Ruth Cox Tel: 07791 425625

### Dagnall Village Fete - June 16<sup>th</sup> 2018

A massive thank you to everyone who supported Dagnall Village Fete last year.

It was wonderful to see everyone come together to revive a village tradition, and in particular we would like to extend our thanks to the local businesses and individuals who contributed raffle prizes, equipment or their time to help make the fete a success. Despite being exposed to what seemed like every type of weather (the hailstones were a particular surprise!), we raised in excess of £2,700 in aid of village good causes.

This year's fete has already been earmarked for **June 16<sup>th</sup>**, so make sure to save the date in your diary. See you all in summer!





# Edlesborough Parish Council News

Including Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall

## The 2018 Great British Litter Pick

EPC would like to thank all those Parishioners who volunteered to help out with the 2018 Great British Litter Pick on March 3rd. Unfortunately the weather conspired against the volunteers and the litter pick did not go ahead as scheduled. At the time of writing this report the volunteers are looking at alternative dates. EPC thanks Mrs Lorna Cabbage and her team for organising regular litter picks in the Parish. Anyone wishing to get more involved should contact Mrs Lorna Cabbage on 01525 220361.



## Cow Lane Surgery Car Park

Representatives from EPC and Cow Lane Surgery met to discuss the Cow Lane car parking issues.

The Surgery representatives explained that:

- Currently the Surgery view the issue as a Parish problem not a surgery problem.
- The surgery could increase the current car park by a net of five spaces however this is not cost justified.
- The surgery outlined their plans for the future which include expanding the building, probably in the window of the next Neighbourhood Plan due to the current constraint of the settlement boundary.
- The Surgery members are aware of the plan for Damson Way to be a private road so expect no prospect of anyone using that for parking when visiting the surgery.

EPC continue to explore with AVDC the option of utilising some of the amenity land adjacent to the surgery to help alleviate the issues. EPC will be highlighting to AVDC that the current deeds state that the amenity land must be kept in a “neat & tidy” condition, this is not currently the situation due to vehicles churning up the surface.

## District Cllr Chris Poll

District Cllr Chris Poll has reported the following information to EPC:

- Residents and businesses across the Vale can look forward to improved waste collection and recycling services following a £3.6m investment in a new fleet of 17 Mercedes-Benz Eonics state-of-the-art refuse vehicles. The new vehicles offer enhanced performance, improved fuel economy and greater

safety, compared to the leased vehicles they are replacing. As well as providing an opportunity to increase recycling rates the new fleet are also best-placed to cope with the increase in demand which will inevitably result from the increase in new homes across the Vale.

- At the AVDC council meeting in February the Council 4-year budget plan was approved. This includes a 2.99% rise taking a band D average home to £2.87 per week for all services provided by AVDC.
- A decision on the unitary proposals for Buckinghamshire was expected in January, this will now be made by the office of 10 Downing Street. It is not known when any decision will be made.

## County Cllr Anne Wight

County Cllr Anne Wight continues to provide EPC with comprehensive reports which include information about:

- Road Works in Cheddington
- Footpath Pitstone to Marsworth
- Marsworth Airfield Planning Application
- Luton and Heathrow Expansion Consultations
- Opportunities for young people in Bucks
- Royal British Legion News
- Active Bucks

Anyone wishing to read the full report can find it on the EPC website.

## Thames Valley Police Report

Officers PCSO Megan Harriet and PC Phil Duthie attended the February Council meeting & provided the following crime figures for the period November 2017 – February 2018:

Dagnall

- 1 theft from a motor vehicle
- 2 burglaries

Edlesborough

- Thefts from vans on High Street and Chiltern Ave

Northall

- 1 theft from a motor vehicle
- 1 theft of sheep
- Reports of hare coursing





PC Duthie confirmed that following the discovery of two containers of stolen tools in Edlesborough six people have been arrested and are currently on bail, with overnight curfews. Some of the recovered goods were marked and have been reunited with owners from all over the South of England and Wales. Following the arrests, the number of thefts from motor vehicles has reduced.

### **Village Planters**

The EDaN Beautification Team continue to look after the various planters around the three villages. The following planters' sleepers will soon be replaced with new recycled plastic ones:

- Edlesborough green sign planter
- Top of Good Intent
- EMH
- Northall on main road
- Dagnall by the school

This will be funded by the EDaN Team and a generous donation from congregational members of the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church, for which the Parish Council are very grateful.

Anyone wishing to get involved with the EDaN Beautification Team should contact Lorna Cubbage on 01525 220361

### **Best Kept Village**

Edlesborough will once again be entering the Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition, judging will take place between 1st June and 7th July.

### **EdleFest 2018**

The EdleFest dates for 2018 have been confirmed as 15th, 16th and 17th June. More information and tickets are available via the EdleFest website <https://edlefest.site123.me/>

### **Potholes, Road Issues & Rights of Way**

Any parishioners that have concerns about a Highways issue should report their concerns to Transport for Bucks via the Bucks CC website.

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### **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 Cllr Alan Williams 07928 398371.

### **EPC Meetings**

The Council holds 11 meetings a year, nine in Edlesborough, one in Northall which is usually well attended and one in Dagnall. The Dagnall meeting is held in June and has been poorly attended for the past three years. Council agreed that the June 2018 meeting would be held in Edlesborough this year as the previous years' poor attendance indicates that the financial and organisational implications of holding it in Dagnall do not prove worthwhile.

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

#### Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 19th

April 2017 This evening will include the Annual Parish Meeting where the council will review the achievements of the past year and set out the plans for the future. Parishioners are invited to raise issues and debate them with the council. The Ordinary Parish Council meeting will follow immediately after.

#### Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 17th May

2017 This evening will include the AGM and will be followed by the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting.

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 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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# Grace Baptist Church Edlesborough

## What Is a Baptist Church?



Some people think that Baptist Churches are named after John the Baptist, the preacher who baptised Jesus in the River Jordan. ('Baptise' means immerse or dip.) The connection, however, is only indirect.

Many of the major Christian denominations have adopted the practice of baptising (or christening) babies as a way of including them in the church. The practice had become common by the 3rd century AD.

There have, however, always been groups of Christians who only baptise those who have personally turned from sin and trusted in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. This is because (1) Jesus' disciples called people first to repent (turn from sin) and then to be baptised, and (2) there is no definite example of a baby being baptised in the New Testament.

After the Reformation in the 16th century, when the Protestant churches were formed, these 'baptist' groups were more free to practise what they believed openly. Thus they grew and

became known as Baptist Churches. Like John the Baptist, we baptise people by immersing them in water as a sign that they are sorry for living for themselves (what the Bible calls sin) and turn from their old ways to live for God (repentance). There is a 'baptistry' (a large tank) under the floor of the chapel that is filled with water for baptisms.

We understand the Bible to teach that baptism is only an outward sign of an inward change that has already happened—that a person's sins have been washed away through faith in Jesus Christ and his death for them on the cross. The Bible also says that baptism is a picture of a new Christian's old life ending and being buried, and their new life in God beginning.

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## Eaton Bray Methodist Church



Our Café Service with Communion on the second Sunday was a memorable one. Our Minister, Nigel Bibbings, brought the bread proving in a warm box. It baked during the first part of the service, while we discussed and reflected on the symbolism and significance of bread in the Last Supper and Communion. And then, with the aroma of fresh bread pervading the church, the new loaf was broken and shared. It gave a whole new dimension to Jesus's words "the Bread of Life". Joan Gregory made a welcome return to our pulpit on the third Sunday. Her message focused on the Temptations and reminded us that we often face 'wilderness experiences'. It takes courage to resist the challenges, but we are not alone. On the fourth Sunday, John Enejo gave us another forthright sermon, highlighting Jesus's assertion that, if we are ashamed of him, he will be ashamed of us on the last day. We must remember that loyalty is the test of true love. On the first Sunday in March we were relieved that the worst of the snow had melted so that Ivor Michelmores was able to preach to us. He gave us a typically joyful sermon based on the Commandments of Jesus, reminding

us that they are just as relevant today as they always were. When we are told 'to love the Lord', we should remember that love expresses itself through actions and obedience. We are also told to keep the Sabbath Day holy. Is this practical in today's world? We need the Sabbath day of rest and must consider carefully how to make this possible.

### **Dates for your Diary:**

#### **Cafe Community**

Saturday 14th April 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 2 - 4pm

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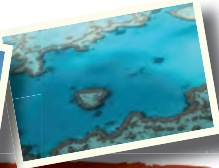
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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MINUTES

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 5th February 2018 from 7:30pm at The Coffee Tavern

Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) – Councillor Ken Janes

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**Motorcross:** A report obtained from CBC on the Motorcross track and its use, was presented to the Council for information: "... the original planning permission is still in place and runs from 1st April until 30th September. This allows 7 bikes on the track everyday from 10:00am to 12:30pm, and 2:30pm to 5:00pm, and from 10:00am until 2:00pm on Sundays. The new permission has not yet been taken up. There is a requirement to build higher bunds around the track and to submit and have accepted a Noise Management Plan. The bunding work has not yet started and as of a couple of weeks ago no Noise Management Plan had been submitted. It seems very unlikely therefore that the track will become operational with the new permission before the deadline on February 2nd ... if this is the case the new permission will fail and the site will revert to the old permission."

### Bedfordshire Police:

- Eaton Bray Police contact: PC Konopka - email [Slav.Konopka2@Bedfordshire.pnn.Police.uk](mailto:Slav.Konopka2@Bedfordshire.pnn.Police.uk)
- For general Police contact/enquiries: Non-emergency call 101 / All emergencies 999
- Reporting of crimes - Once again the police and Council wished to remind all residents to call the police, when encountering an incident/see something suspicious, at any time of day. Trying to obtain as much detail as possible to aid the police in their investigations.



### Village Defibrillator

Eaton Bray Parish currently has one defibrillator located at The Coffee Tavern (side wall/car park); however the Council are looking into the option of another centrally located defibrillator installed at the now defunct BT telephone box at the entrance to Knights Close. The Council are looking in to the costs and procedures for this proposal.

### St. Mary's Village Carnival, Saturday 7th July 2018

Eaton Bray Parish Council together with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will be having a stall at St Mary's Village Carnival - please do take the time to visit us.



### Neighbourhood Plan

Residents - keep your eyes on the Parish Council web site/facebook - for updates.

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 9th April 2018 \*Monday 14th May 2018



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# The Trials & Tribulations of Modern Technology Security - Part I

As important as making a backup is for your device, so is securing it, so that only those that you want to have access can do so. Additionally, the amount of personal data we carry on our devices and the systems we have access to i.e. home/business banking, means that your device is a target for anyone who wants that data access. Security covers a broad spectrum, so I will cover this over a number of articles.

There are people out there making money from your information and access to your systems. Capturing key pieces of information such as date of birth, your address and name can be enough for someone to set themselves up as you and utilise your information for illicit gain or sell this information on to organised crime or hackers.

There is no such thing as 100% security (unless you place your device in a secure room with no external connectivity). As a user of a device, you need to make it as difficult as possible for someone else to access your device, data and system, but not too complex that you make it difficult for you to get in; it's a balance.

It is imperative that you start from the top and work down. Firstly, make sure every device that holds your data or access **has** a strong password or biometric control. **What is a strong password?** "123456" and "password" are not, "M0nd@y" is better or "MyS0n1sc@ll3d" "ll1kec0ff3e" are much better. A password does not need to be a single word, it can be two or more words and does not have to have spaces or even be spelt the right way. Also look at swapping letters like "e" with "3" or "l" with "1" etc. You can also swap words around "T0d@ythg1n". You can also use phrases "Onc3 upon @ t1m3" or T0 d@y is my b1rthd@y"

The longer and the more complex the password or phrase, the more secure it is likely to be. Best practice for a password these days is 15 or more characters/letters/symbols. Why is

this? The more powerful computers become, the easier and quicker it is to run programs to crack the password, for example, an eight-character password 10 years ago used to take weeks to crack, these days it can be done in minutes. There are also lookup tables (known as rainbow tables) that you can search for the encrypted format of the password and it will tell you what the actual password is. However, to achieve this you must physically have the device to do this. **What are biometrics?** Biometrics are becoming more secure and popular, This is normally where you use your eye or finger to unlock your device. Some devices use the onboard cameras to scan your eye for key features to recognise you and hopefully, only you. You can also get fingerprint scanners on PCs and smartphones. These are becoming more secure but still need to mature further to provide better security. It is worth noting however, that if your biometric data is compromised, you can't change this. The standard security mantra for access has been "something I have and something I know" i.e. your finger with a complex password.

**Never** use the same password for all your system access and devices. If the password does get compromised, then you have no security, especially considering that a lot of systems these days rely upon your email address as the username, which is very easy to acquire.

With all these differing passwords you will never remember them, so you need to store them somewhere secure. Simplistically but not ideally, write them in a book, **BUT**, make sure it is stored somewhere secure. You can also get password applications that can run on multiple devices so you can take your password safe with you on any of your devices wherever you go. Keepass is one such application that can be run on multiple devices, all you then have to do is ensure that the files are synchronised between all your devices. These applications



again rely upon a strong password (phrase is much better) or biometrics. As you are creating a central location for all passwords and username, make very sure that the password to open this application is very secure. If you use a complex phrase, this is then the only thing you need to remember.

Finally, always change your passwords on a regular basis, this then ensures that if your password has been compromised, access is lost by the unauthorised person.

### **How can my password be compromised?**

There are numerous ways in which your password can be captured. Simplistically, you give it to someone. You get a phone call purporting to be from, as an example, Microsoft or Apple. The helpful person says that they have received an alert saying your system has problems. As part of this conversation you either give them your password or access remotely to your system. If they get access they can load software (known as a key logger) which records every key you press and this is then sent to them. **Never** give out your password, just like your pin for your credit card. There are people who also email, text or use social media to pass their information to another party. On the whole all of these are not secure and can be seen by other parties. If for example, you need to pass on this type of information, split it up, for example, phone the person to give you username and text them just the password. Never put all these together in the same method of communication. Always make

sure you are instigating such a situation, never react to someone contacting you. There will be situations where you may legitimately need to provide a password, but these need to be controlled by you, an example being, you take your device to a reputable store or technician to fix it. **Always** change your password after the device has been fixed or if you have divulged your password.

Over the next few articles I will be giving examples of how people have been compromised and what you can do to protect you and your devices and the systems you use.

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# Carnival Queen & Princess

## St Mary's Village Carnival

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# St Mary's Garage Sale Trail

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### SOULBURY

This is one of those arms found in a local church that both amuses and instructs. How unusual to have wolves, unicorns and bulls heads on a shield!

This is a marital coat of arms with three sections. In this case the shield is for Robert Lovet(t) of Liscombe House who died in 1699. His coat is the central one with three wolves in pale which means arranged one under the other. The shields either side are for his wives, the left hand one for Penelope Aylet an heiress who died in 1688. Her coat has a fess embattled (the central bar with the castellated top) between three unicorn heads all in gold (Or). The right hand shield is for his still-living (in 1699) second wife, Elizabeth, widow of John Bradshaw. Now here is the interesting thing. Her arms are a chevron ermine between three bulls' heads, which is not the arms for Bradshaw her deceased first husband, but for Sanders, which was her maiden name. It was quite common for a woman to revert to her family arms and name when widowed.

Each of the animals depicted has a particular attribute. The unicorn heads are what is termed erased, that is torn off at the neck. The wolves are passant or walking and lastly the bulls' heads are described as caboshed which means only the head is shown, with no neck.

One last point is that everything shown dark on the three part shield appears to be black or Sable, but in fact the first shield with the unicorns actually has a blue or Azure background.

Over time tinctures may alter or re-painting may blur the distinction of differing colours and so may lead the student of heraldry off down a blind alley, attributing a coat of arms as seen to the wrong person. Thus it is always worth checking with old records which fortunately are often now scanned so as to be available online.

Next time: A shield without arms!



*Robert Lovett - Soulbury (had two wives)*



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Achieving these commitments will require strong partnerships with central government, the district councils, communities and businesses. So we need to know what everybody thinks of our plans.

I urge you to have your say, and to share this through your networks. There's more information at <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/transport-plans-and-policies/freight-strategy/> where you'll also find a link to the consultation survey.

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# Eaton Bray Cricket Club

Preparations continue for the new season with work parties busy on ground and pavilion

improvements.

Indoor nets have been going well with numbers up on last season helped by 3 new faces.

There has been a change of rules in the FCCL who have voted to bring in a win lose scenario with a bonus point system. The train of thought from some being that the new rule will bring more attacking cricket.

Our Social Secretary Jaco Jacobs has been planning some off field activities which proved to be very popular last season.

Provisional dates for the diary. April 28th Race Night...May 26th Darts Tournament...July 7th Guitar Hero/F1 Fastest Lap...August 11th Quiz Night. The tour and World Cup Pub Crawl are yet to be finalised.

Fantasy Club Cricket returns. A bit of fun online to pick your best Eaton Bray team. Points are awarded for batting bowling and fielding. It provided more than a few talking points and the odd wager in the clubhouse last season. Have a look at [eaton-bray.fantasyclubcricket.co.uk](http://eaton-bray.fantasyclubcricket.co.uk)

As always we are looking for new players of any age ability or gender the only rule being that you enjoy the game.

We are running 2 senior teams in the FCCL on Saturdays and a senior team in the Bedfordshire League on a Sunday with Junior teams at u9 u11 2x u13 and u15 age groups. Please follow us on twitter @EatonBrayCC and Facebook

We would like to thank Meadow Marquees, Houghton Insurance and the Focus for their continued support.

Enjoy your cricket with Eaton Bray in 2018.

## Eaton Bray Cricket Club Junior Fixtures

TUESDAY'S				
DATE	U13D's		U13C's	
01-May-18	LEIGHTON B	H	LEIGHTON B	A
08-May-18	STUDHAM	A	AMPTHILL T	H
15-May-18			DUNSTABLE	A
22-May-18	LUTONIAN	A		
29-May-18	HENLOW	A	FLITWICK	H
05-Jun-18	FLITWICK	H	LUTON T&I	A
12-Jun-18	ASPLEY G	A	EVERSHOLT	H
19-Jun-18	LEIGHTON B	A	LEIGHTON B	H
26-Jun-18	STUDHAM	H	AMPTHILL T	A
03-Jul-18			DUNSTABLE	H
10-Jul-18	LUTONIAN	H		
17-Jul-18	HENLOW	H	FLITWICK	A
24-Jul-18	FLITWICK	A	LUTON T&I	H
31-Jul-18	ASPLEY G	H	EVERSHOLT	A

SUNDAY'S				
DATE	U9's		U11C's	
29-Apr-18	LEIGHTON B	A	LEIGHTON B	H
06-May-18	EVERSHOLT	H	EVERSHOLT	A
13-May-18	ASPLEY GUISE	A	LUTON T&I	H
20-May-18	LUTON T&I	H	ELSTOW	A
27-May-18	FLITWICK (FOX)	H	FLITWICK	A
03-Jun-18	FLITWICK (FAL)	A	BIGGLESWADE	H
10-Jun-18	LUTONIAN	H		
17-Jun-18	LEIGHTON B	H	LEIGHTON B	A
24-Jun-18	EVERSHOLT	A	EVERSHOLT	H
01-Jul-18	ASPLEY GUISE	H	LUTON T&I	A
08-Jul-18	LUTON T&I	A	ELSTOW	H
15-Jul-18	FLITWICK (FOX)	A	FLITWICK	H
22-Jul-18	FLITWICK (FAL)	H	BIGGLESWADE	A
29-Jul-18	LUTONIAN	A		

THURSDAYS					
DATE	U15D's		DATE	U15D's	
03-May-18	STUDHAM	H	21-Jun-18	STUDHAM	A
10-May-18	ASPLEY G	H	28-Jun-18	ASPLEY G	A
17-May-18	*Eversholt	A	05-Jul-18	*Eversholt	H
24-May-18	FLITWICK	H	12-Jul-18	FLITWICK	A
31-May-18	EVERSHOLT	A	19-Jul-18	EVERSHOLT	H
07-Jun-18	*Flitwick	H	26-Jul-18	*Flitwick	A
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# Time Moves On But Nothing Changes!

Extract from the Bedfordshire Magazine Winter 1957-8

Eaton Bray, Totternhoe, and Edlesborough can all be overlooked from the hills. Their closely-knit hill-foot character has been seriously impaired by suburban additions, accompanied by every kind of visual disorder, which look even worse from above than they do close by. The townsman, escaping from industrial Luton and Dunstable to the country, has begun to destroy the very thing he came to enjoy. The restless repetition of elements in straggling housing estates (one of the most unfortunate is that at the foot of Totternhoe Knolls) is in sad contrast to the wild beauty of the hills. If these villages are to absorb more 'overspill' from Luton and Dunstable then it is imperative to consider the effect from the surrounding downland above. Development ought to be more coherent and related to the village centre, which is to say that it should be fitted into an existing pattern and not stretched out along approach roads. We must beg the Rural District Council to avoid two evils: wrapping the estates around the bases of the hills or allowing private developers to do so; and applying drawing-board geometry to the street layout, a wretched practice at any time, but infinitely worse when its harsh lack of sympathy with the elements of the landscape is seen from above, almost in plan.

Eaton Bray, famous for its magnificent church, stands a good chance of becoming infamous for its new housing. The dreadful estate to the south of the church appears to have been contrived (surely it was never actually designed) for a race of dwarfs. Lots of little jagged-roofed bungalows, all pink and prim, jostle for room in what used to be a delightful rural corner—a typical preview of what England is becoming, a sort of universal suburbia, a nameless nowhere, all gnomes and bird-baths, punctuated by a few carefully preserved beauty spots like Dunstable Downs surviving as a memory of what the countryside once was. Eaton Bray's main street, with its poles and wires and hard new buildings, is an unbearable reminder of the dying countryside of Limbury and Leagrave of the 30's.

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**TV BOWLS:** You may have had your appetite wetted by watching World Bowls or you are just curious as to why everyone says '**Bowls is a Great Game**'.

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Members can't wait to get back on the green. You will

## January Meeting

Our President welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the New Year. A few of our members were absent from the meeting with colds. We welcomed Chris Banks, who joined us to tell us about Luton Airport Chaplaincy.

All members were sad to hear of the passing of Joan Horne who had been a member of Eaton Bray WI for many years.

Donning his yellow jacket and identity tag, Chris gave us a very interesting talk about being a member of the Chaplaincy team. The bright attire allowed staff and passengers to spot Chris and his team in times when they needed help. As well as directing passengers, or listening to their problems, Chris is also a kind ear for the staff of Luton Airport. There is a team of 14 volunteers and they are there for multi-religious help. They are led by a full time Chaplain. The meaning of Chaplaincy says it is a way of connecting the ministry of the church to the everyday needs and experiences of people, wherever they are. The Chaplains are a link between church and the world. Chris' help with the staff at the airport ranges from Flight deck and Cabin Crew to Air Traffic Controllers. A friendly face and kindness help to sort out problems. There are places within the Airport where Chaplains can provide worship or sit quietly if anyone is unhappy or needs some support. There had been two chapels at Luton Airport, one landside and one airside but unfortunately they had both been knocked down with the building works currently taking place. There are Chaplains at most UK airports. Among the help, they lead times of Remembrance, and support groups of choirs who sing at the Airport over Christmas. The Chaplaincy has been in existence for 30 years at Luton Airport. For any nervous passengers, Chris' talk gave

a feeling of help and comfort when flying from Airports.

After refreshments and social time, our President gave out the notices for the past month. The Resolutions for the year were read, and a vote taken on the preferences. The votes need to be sent to the WI Federation by 5th February.

The Spring Council Meeting will be held on Monday 30th April at 6.45 at Kings House Bedford at a cost of £10 per member. David Whiteley will be the speaker for the evening.

## February Meeting

Our President welcomed everyone to our February meeting on a cold and frosty night. Our speaker for the evening was one of our very own members who had recently visited India with her family. The talk was fascinating and informative with wonderful illustrations of Indian wildlife. The visit to India had been planned mainly to seek Tigers and see them in their natural habitat. Birds were also a particular favourite and interest, and we were fortunate to share such amazing photographs. She explained that in times gone by, much of the wild life had been wiped out through poaching and habitation and the number of tigers had dropped to below 1,000. In 1972 the Government passed the Wild Life Protection Act to encourage the setting up of protected areas and there are now 50 reserves across the country. People living in the area were moved to newly created villages in Buffer zones adjoining the parks. Thankfully the number of tigers has now increased to 3,090 and other wild life has returned. Visits had been made to four of the Reserves and the River Ganges at sunrise and sunset. An excellent talk and much enjoyed by the members.

After our refreshment and social time, our President told us of the plans for the year ahead.

## March Meeting

After the cold weather from the week before we were all happy to be together on an enjoyable evening out. Our President welcomed Edna Moore who had very kindly replaced Katie Brooks at very short notice. She demonstrated how to make a spring/ Easter basket, with greenery and flowers. The arrangement need to start with lots of greenery, adding the flowers last. After her demonstration, Edna assisted members to make their own baskets. We had a glorious array of member's baskets, which we photographed for our members. It was a fun evening.

Our President encouraged members to come along to our Spring Group Meeting on Tuesday 27th March 2018 when our WI would be hosting. This would be held at St Giles Hall, Totternhoe at 7.30pm. Help was needed on the evening, and cakes and refreshments would be welcome too.

Our WI will be holding a coffee morning on Thursday 24th May from 10 – 12 at Eaton

Bray Methodist Hall.

A suggestion was made for an Outing in August to Panacea House, Members were asked for their interest.

With the ever increasing price of fees to be a member of the National Federation of the WI, discussion took place, culminating in a suggested letter to NFWI being read out.

The next meeting of Eaton Bray WI will be on Monday 9th April. This will be our Annual General Meeting and will be followed by a Beetle Drive. Our President requested names of anyone who was interested in joining the committee.

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. A warm and friendly welcome awaits new members. At each meeting there is an interesting speaker or demonstration, followed by social time and refreshments.



## Appledown's Rescue Dog of the Month

Ali Bastian, in this instance, is a Jack Russell who was born in October 2016. Ali is a proper little terrier so expect lots of fun and mischief from this busy little bee. She would love to be part of an active family with lots to keep her entertained and would benefit from training classes. She could probably live with a male dog pending introductions. Ali cannot live in Luton.

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# Superpowers at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo

Animal Fun gets Heroic this Easter at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo  
Friday 30 March to Sunday 15 April 2018



Are you as fast as a cheetah or as strong as a wolverine? This Easter, families will be able to discover how their own super-skills compare to the incredible superpowers of the animal world, at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo.

As part of ZSL's 2018 **Superhero Takeover**, from Friday 30 March to Sunday 15 April, kids will be able to embark on a **Superpowers Trail** around the Zoo, encountering animals with astonishing abilities. Families will be able to test their agility against that of a monkey, their sense of smell against that of a brown bear, and see if they have the super-stealth of a tiger. Children of all ages will be given a special comic book, packed with fun activities to guide them around the Zoo's brand new **Superpowers Trail**. With fascinating facts to find out and super-selfies to take, kids will love completing their own super-adventure around the UK's largest Zoo. To complete their mission, young crusaders head to **Superhero HQ**, where they can put their own animal super-skills to the test, in a series of lively, family games.

Throughout the day, a series of **talks and demonstrations** will celebrate incredible animals and their special abilities, such as colossal elephants, super-armoured dwarf crocodiles and super-stinky ring-tailed lemurs. Once youngsters have earned champion status, they can marvel at the Zoo's other 3500 super, furry animals and develop their own agility and strength at **Hullabazoo Indoor and Outdoor Play**. The **Superpowers Trail** is part of **ZSL's 2018 Superhero Takeover**, a year-long celebration of incredible wildlife and the ZSL superheroes striving to protect them. Promising to be an action-packed day out for the whole family, **Superpowers at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo** will run from Friday 30 March to Sunday 15 April 2018. Book online now at [www.zsl.org](http://www.zsl.org).



## PAW Patrol at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo

Saturday 14 – Sunday 15 April 2018

ZSL Whipsnade Zoo will be welcoming two heroic pups this Easter, as PAW Patrol's very own Chase and Skye are special guests at the final weekend of the Zoo's superpower-themed, holiday activities on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 April.

Taking a break from Adventure Bay, police pup Chase and his fearless friend Skye will be making appearances at intervals between 10am and 5pm throughout the weekend, where visitors will be able to snap photos of their favourite characters from the much-loved children's show.

Chase and Skye's visit is part of Superpowers at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo, which runs throughout the Easter holidays and the plucky pups from Adventure Bay are sure to be a huge hit with families."

Book tickets for the Zoo online now at [www.zsl.org](http://www.zsl.org).





## Edlesborough W.I.

On a cold, wet and windy night in February, our intrepid members battled their way to the Memorial Hall, little knowing what joy awaited them. Graham Austin delighted us all with his obvious passion for Delphiniums. His enthusiasm for these beautiful and elegant flowers, (some of which can grow to a height of eight feet) and have enormous blooms that know no bounds. Anyone can grow them (so he says) in any soil just so long as their roots are not waterlogged. They are frost hardy and like a sunny site.

As always, not only are these stately flowers loved by gardeners, they are loved by slugs and snails. He suggested that surrounding the plant with a little sharp or horticultural grit plus a few slug pellets, spaced approximately six inches apart help to deter them. He also did inform us that we should only ever use the light blue pellets

as they are NOT harmful to other wildlife but the darker coloured pellets ARE POISONOUS to other wildlife. Delphiniums can also be in red, white and cream but it is the blue ones that “capture your heart”.

Graham obviously exhibits at various shows and wins competitions too and we were lucky enough to see some of his delightful slides. Altogether, a lovely way to spend a horrible winter’s evening – pure delight!

Already booked for 2018 are two coach outings:

- 1). Pashley Manor for the Tulip Festival
- 2). Leeds Castle and its beautiful gardens

Friends are always welcome on our hugely successful coach outings.

Our spring lunch is also booked. Looks as though it is going to be another very busy year for our Institute and it is only February now.

✍️Sue Parker

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## The Chimes of Winter

Once again the wheel has turned,  
To the sun we are beholden.  
Plucky hearts and rosy cheeks,  
Through the frost our warmth is golden.

Life remains as still as night,  
But there’s magic in bleak times.  
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You’ll see the fairy winter chimes.

Maybe they work under stars,  
Fairies carve the ice and splinter.  
For a festival of tunes,  
Played upon the chimes of winter.

Did you peek a butterfly?  
It’s too cold to be a flinter.  
Perhaps it was a fairy,  
With icicle tines of winter.

The bitter cold may bite you,  
But dare to glance with eyes of youth.  
All at once you’ll realise,  
Sometimes magic carries the truth.

If you’re passing by the ford,  
To ev’ry child be a hinter.  
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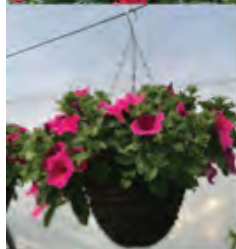
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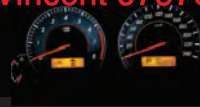
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Jerk sauce ingredients:

2 bunches spring onion, chopped

2 tbsp thyme

1 tsp fresh ginger, chopped

4-6 garlic cloves, chopped

1 tsp cinnamon powder

1 tbsp Pimento (Allspice)

1 tbsp coarse black pepper

½ tsp freshly grated nutmeg

2 tbsp dark brown sugar

2 tbsp soy sauce

2-4 Scotch Bonnet chillis, chopped (adjust to your taste)

6 tbsp water

Chopped parsley to serve

- You can use whatever cuts of chicken you want – leg, thigh or even breast. Allow a couple of pieces per person.
- This is plenty of marinade to serve four people.
- It goes without saying that you can also cook this chicken on the barbecue!

Place all the sauce ingredients into a food processor and blend until you get a smooth consistency.



Adjust for taste and heat, by using more or less chilli.

Wash the chicken pieces (skin on), in water mixed with a really good squirt of lemon. Slash small slits onto the chicken. Massage all the marinade into the chicken and leave in the fridge overnight.

Place in a tray and cover with foil. Bake at 160C/ Gas Mark 3 for 30 minutes then remove the foil, turn the oven up to 200C/ Gas Mark 5 and bake for another 10 minutes, or until the chicken is fully cooked through and a lovely deep colour.

Scatter with the chopped parsley and serve with chips, mash or rice.

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- A headache present for days, weeks or months.
- The headache is worse with certain movements or sustained postures.
- There is a history of trauma to the neck eg whiplash, sporting injury or repetitive work.
- The neck movements are restricted.

The cervical spine (neck) is made up of 7 vertebrae (bones) which stack on top of each other. The vertebrae are linked together by facet joints which are either side of the neck and an intervertebral disc between each vertebra. The joints that most commonly cause headaches are the upper facet joints. These should normally glide freely to allow

neck movements. However, if the joint, surrounding muscles or ligaments are injured, then the joints can become stiff and the spinal nerves irritated causing referred pain into the head or behind the eyes.

If the headache is caused by the neck then physiotherapy can often be beneficial. After an assessment, a treatment programme can be suggested. This may include joint mobilisation to help restore full pain-free range of motion to the cervical joints and massage to help relax the surrounding musculature. A home exercise programme to stretch and strengthen the muscles will be given.

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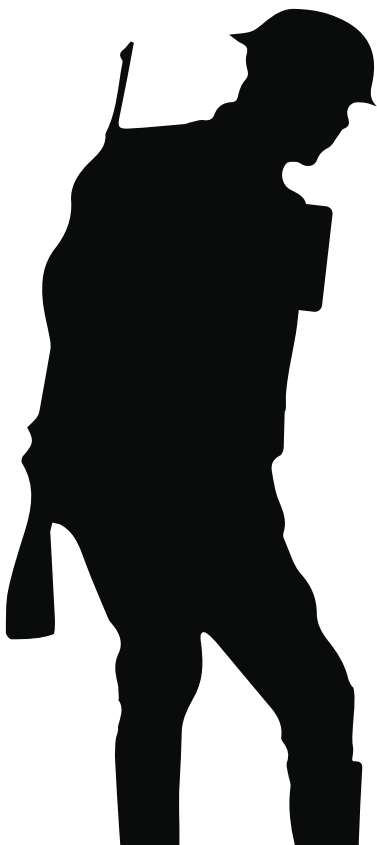
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**More than 1.1 million British and Empire service men and women gave their lives during the First World War so that future generations could live theirs. The Royal British Legion aims to ensure that we pay our respects to those who gave so much.**

The First World War changed communities across Britain and the allied countries forever. These same communities are coming together in many different ways to reflect and remember the huge sacrifice that so many made during the First World War and say thank you to those who rebuilt the country after the war. The Silent Soldier stands as a tribute to those who didn't return home and to those whose lives would never be the same again.

#### **Why a Silent Soldier?**

Following the end of the war in November 1918, the process of demobilisation and discharge was still a long process as the British Army still had commitments to fulfil in Germany, North Russia and in the garrisons of the Empire. On arrival back in England the men would move to a Dispersal Centre, this was a hutted or tented camp or barracks where they received a railway warrant or ticket to their home station. From there they were on their own, and would be seen across the country, walking back home, down the roads and across the fields, returning to their families. Most of the war service men were back in civilian life by the end of 1919.

#### **How to get involved**

The Royal British Legion is inviting organisations, community groups and individuals to support the Silent Soldier campaign by donating for and displaying a Silent Soldier to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War, from now to the end of December 2018. The Silent Soldier could be placed on a roundabout, in gardens, fields, on buildings, in the countryside, towns and cities across the nation. The silhouette is supplied with both wall and ground fittings to make sure it stays put.

**The First World War changed the world forever. If you would like to find out more, get involved and show your gratitude to a generation who fought for our freedom, please contact:**

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# Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

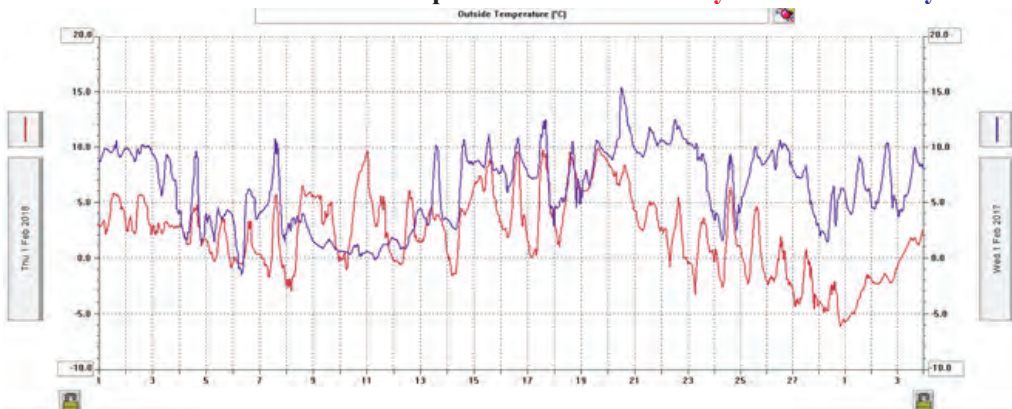
## Weather Conditions for February 2018

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

February can be described as being a cold month if not, very cold! It started sunny with temperatures below average, by the 8th the temperature had dropped to -3.1°C. The wind then turned to the west and brought in slightly milder temperatures and rain. Mid-month we move into a period of high pressure that gave frosty nights and long sunny days, as the month drew to a close the wind moved to the east resulting in the temperature plummeting to -6.1°C with a wind chill of -11.3°C and bringing snow on the 28th. To emphasize how cold it was I have shown below the comparison between February 2017 & 2018 you will see the marked differences in particularly in the Mean/Average temperature, it is considered that 1°C is a big margin, but we recorded 3.7 degree difference. The rainfall was 30% down on the 10 year average.

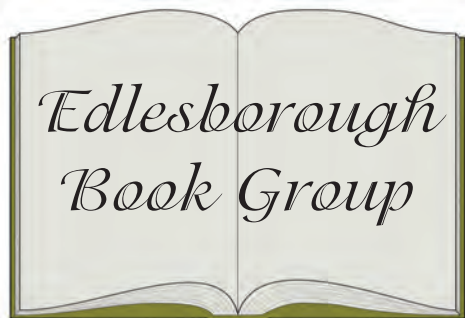
	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
<b>Temperature:</b> February 2017	<b>10.0°C</b> <b>15.5°C</b>	<b>17 Feb 14.00</b>	<b>-6.1°C</b> <b>-1.5°C</b>	<b>28 Feb 19.30</b>
<b>Mean Temperature</b> February 2017	<b>6.3°C</b> <b>2.6°C</b>			
<b>Dewpoint:</b> February 2017	<b>9.2°C</b> <b>12.2°C</b>	<b>19 Feb 14.30</b>	<b>-7.2°C</b> <b>-2.1°C</b>	<b>26 Feb 07.00</b>
<b>Humidity:</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>3 days 18-19-20</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>24 Feb 14.30</b>
<b>Barometer:</b>	<b>1031.8 mb</b>	<b>26 Feb 10.30</b>	<b>994.9 mb</b>	<b>11 Feb 00.30</b>
<b>Wind Speed</b>	<b>44 mph NW</b>	<b>14 Feb 15.00</b>	<b>Months avg.</b>	<b>6.0 mph</b>
<b>Wind Chill:</b> February 2017	<b>9.6°C</b> <b>12.9°C</b>	<b>16 Feb 15.00</b>	<b>-11.3°C</b> <b>-3.7°C</b>	<b>11 Feb 06.00</b>
<b>Dominant Wind:</b>	<b>E</b>			
<b>*Rain Days: 12(T), 12(R)</b>		<b>Wettest Day 6 Feb</b>		<b>10.80 mm 0.425 ins</b>
<b>Monthly Rain:</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>February 2015</b>	<b>39.2 mm</b>	<b>1.543 ins</b>
<b>Yearly Rain:</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2 Month</b>	<b>102.0 mm</b>	<b>4.016 ins</b>

This chart shows the difference in temperature between **February 2018** and **February 2017**



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**The Trouble with Goats and Sheep  
by Joanna Cannon**

The story is set in The Avenue, during the summer heat wave of 1976. The Avenue is a small cul-de-sac of eight houses where Grace Bennen, aged ten, lives at number four with her parents and is the narrator of the novel. She begins the story by telling us of the sudden disappearance of Mrs Creasy one day at the beginning of the summer holidays. Mrs Creasy, it would appear, has vanished without any explanation to anyone, but her husband maintains that she will come home soon and that no harm has been done to her. Grace and her best friend Tilly are not so sure and decide that they will try to solve the mystery that all the adults are discussing, by going door to door in The Avenue under the guise of a Brownie task, conducting interviews. Grace is sure that God will help her and her friend in this task and as she has heard the vicar say that "God is everywhere", she is convinced that she will find out what has happened to Mrs Creasy. As Grace and Tilly carry out their investigation, the backgrounds of the inhabitants of The Avenue are revealed and we discover that most are hiding secrets. Behind each individual door lurk secrets that link something that happened nine years ago (which no one speaks about openly) with Mrs Creasy.

There is Dorothy, bullied by her husband, Brian whose domineering mother denies him a life of his own and Sheila who we learn is a secret drinker. There is also Walter Rishon,

who is somewhat of a recluse and is viewed with suspicion by his neighbours. All these factors, together with the unrelenting heat come together to create an atmosphere which adds to the tension of the narrative. There are also a lot of humorous observations from Grace and Tilly which lighten the mood as well.

The book is a debut novel by Joanna Cannon, who is a doctor specialising in psychiatry. This is apparent in the way she gives us an insight into the way that the outward appearance of people is not always their true character. The sheep can sometimes be goats and vice versa.

Our group liked the book very much and found plenty to discuss. We would recommend this book.

**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 <i>(term time)</i>	<i>(Ages 5-10 years)</i>
	5.45-6.45pm

**Thursday**

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

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## Clearing Out the Rubbish

I am currently in the process of moving house. As I write I am awaiting a telephone call to say that we have exchanged contracts.

Through our lives my husband and I have moved many times because of the nature of our jobs and while many people dread the prospect, we love it. We love the opportunity to clear out all the rubbish in the loft, at the back of the garden shed and in the back of the cupboard under the stairs.

Some things are worth treasuring for the rest of our lives but on our numerous trips to charity shops and the tidy tip I have questioned how we have managed to accumulate so much rubbish in such a short time. I suppose we all have a tendency to cling onto things, to want to hold fast to the familiar.

The difficulty we have in freeing ourselves from physical clutter parallels our difficulties getting rid of spiritual and emotional clutter. In our spiritual and emotional lives it is good to have a clear out. We all have a tendency to tenaciously cling onto self-defeating and destructive thoughts and behaviours. At times we can all collect resentment, grudges and hold onto injustices, nursing them like a dirty comfort blanket.

As the popular song from Disney's 'Frozen' suggests for some of these negative thoughts, feelings and actions there is a need to 'let it go'. The Bible, God's word advocates getting rid of any excess baggage. In Hebrews 12 it says: '...since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us. . . .'

Spring is a time that is often used to spring clean, so why not use this time to get rid of the things that are holding us back; the things that are crippling us spiritually and emotionally. Let go of anger, guilt, shame, resentment and unforgiveness and take hold of the good, the things that are treasures in life - our faith, our values, and our friends and family. Happy spring cleaning!

✍ Hilary Chadwick (Envoy)



## Brunch & Bring & Buy

### Saturday 19 May

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at

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bacon rolls, etc.**

**Sale Table**

**All welcome**

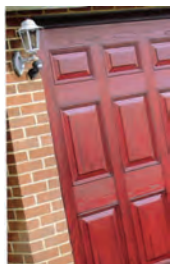


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