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✍️ Editor

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Village Diary June 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
- 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 | |
| 3rd | Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club Meeting, 11.30am-4.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall |
| 8th | Leukaemia Research Coffee Morning and Plant Bring & Buy, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30am. All welcome. |
| 19th | Dagnall and Kensworth Friendship Club - Garden Party at 6, Dunstable Road, in the garden of Brian and Rosemary Holt |

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One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

- 2nd Eaton Bray Methodist Church Music Night, 7:30pm
6th Eaton Bray Neighbourhood Plan Open Meeting, 7pm, The Coffee Tavern
7th Eaton Bray Academy Pre-School Nursery Open Morning, 9:30-11am
8th & 9th Eaton Bray Beer Festival 12pm - 11pm Eaton Bray Village Hall
9th Ivinghoe Fete
9th Friends of Edlesborough School Summer Rock Night, 7:30pm, Edlesborough School, £15 chairoffoes@gmail.com
15th & 16th EdleFest at St Mary's church, Edlesborough. Tickets: www.ticketsource.co.uk & Janes Flooring
17th A Midsummer Night's Dream, St. Mary's Church, Edlesborough, 3pm, Tickets £12.50, under 16s £5, family of 4 £32, 07732 253311 www.thisismytheatre.com
17th Marsworth Steam & Classic Vehicle Rally, 11-5pm, Startop Farm, Marsworth
23rd Slapton Midsummer Fete, Slapton Recreation Ground, 12:30
23rd Iain Rennie Hospice Care Tring Beer & Band Night, 7:30pm, Pound Meadow, Tring, £10 01442 820720 or £12.50 on the night
24th Eaton Bray Methodist Church Open Air Service & Picnic, 11am, Dunstable Downs National Trust Car Park
24th Christian Magic, 11am, Salvation Army, Booth Place, Eaton Bray
29th Northall Village Hall A.G.M. 8pm, Northall Village Hall



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Village Info



EDaN Community Transport
Peter Williams: 01442 842506

Village Hall Bookings

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

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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Thames Valley Police (Edlesborough, Dagnall & Northall)

PCSO Jackie Dodson Mobile: 07800 703 524

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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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Office Hours: Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 09:30-13:30hrs [messages can be left on answerphone]



Join Us at The Swan Beer Festival

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For details contact Matt at swan-northall@outlook.com

Eaton Bray with Edlesborough Parish News

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

Reader: Gordon Gray (01525 220136)

Website: www.stmaryseatonbray.org.uk Facebook: St Mary's Eaton Bray

Time is a precious commodity which always seems in short supply. Is it because we are working harder than ever before? Or because there are so many choices of what to do? As the summer approaches and the evenings are lengthening, we hope for time to enjoy the outdoors as well as good weather in which to do it. There are lots of events coming up in our villages including fetes and the Carnival when we can come together and celebrate the beauty of our neighbourhood.

W. H. Davies in his 1911 poem, 'Leisure', wrote:

What is life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare?
No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.'

However much we feel we need to do, taking time out is important to get a better perspective on life.

The Bible establishes this principle right from the outset in the book of Genesis. In the Creation Story, God created the heavens and the earth in six days, and on the seventh day he rested. This established an important principle for the people to follow. It recognised our need as human beings to include down time as part of our lives. The idea of a day of rest is enshrined in the Ten Commandments. The Sabbath was set apart as a day on which everyone could take a well-earned rest. That also included animals who worked, like donkeys and horses.

The concept of a day of rest continued into the New Testament. But Jesus was careful to point out that adhering to the spirit of the Law was more important than obeying only the letter of the Law. The idea of Sabbath rest was to help human beings rather than to become a rigid structure. So Jesus healed people on the Sabbath if they needed it, despite criticism from the religious leaders. The Jewish Sabbath was a Saturday, but the early Christian church established Sunday as a day of worship, because that was the day on which Jesus rose from the dead. So Sunday became a day of rest, a day on which to worship God and to lay aside the usual pattern of the working week.

Jesus often took time out to be with his Father in the midst of a hectic schedule. Despite demands from many people who crowded in on him wherever he went, Jesus made time to be alone with God. For those of us who are Christians, time out with God is important for us too. It is an opportunity to make space for prayer and contemplation. That can happen anywhere, but some people find that a church building helps them to connect with a need for inner stillness. St Mary's church has been used as a quiet space for reflection for almost 800 years. The church is open daily so that anyone can come in and spend a few moments of quiet in that sacred space.

Whatever our preference, it is good to be able to take some time out of our own busy schedules. In the long, hot summer days that lie ahead (hopefully!) perhaps we can make time to 'stand and stare'. It may help us sift out what is truly important and let go of some of the things which are not.

Wishing you all a very happy summer,

☞ Joy, Vicar of Eaton Bray with Edlesborough



EATON BRAY

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2015-2035



The Neighbourhood Plan is your opportunity to shape development within our village until 2035, and tell Central Beds Council what the village wants.

Following the consultations last year, Eaton Bray Parish Council have published the draft Neighbourhood Plan. All residents of Eaton Bray are invited to view and comment on this.

Currently the village is protected by Green Belt regulations which limits development. This may not always be the case as the Green Belt is under threat!

Documentation and comment forms can be accessed on the website www.np.ebpc.uk Or contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@ebpc.co.uk or The Clerk, Eaton Bray Parish Council, 20 Good Intent, Edlesborough, Dunstable, LU6 2RD.

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME

We're also holding two open meetings at the Coffee Tavern for you to discuss any concerns you may have and ask questions.

- ▶ **SATURDAY 19 MAY**
9.00am-11.30am
- ▶ **WEDNESDAY 6 JUNE**
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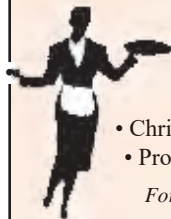
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Local music festival to feature award-winning line-up this summer

It's always good to see local events gather momentum and this summer our local music festival EdleFest is set for its strongest line-up yet. As usual there will be something for everyone's tastes with traditional folk fiddle tunes from the young and talented *Starlight Barking* - winners at last year's Towersey Festival, some beautiful harmonies from *Vick and Mick* and virtuosic cello from *Emily Noithip*. Not to mention *The Dicemen*, providing a new take on some rock favourites with a line-up that includes banjo and mandolin!

But it's the opportunity to catch this year's headline acts that makes this year's festival so special. Friday June 15th is headlined by the king of contemporary English singer-songwriters *Chris Wood*, winner of five BBC Radio 2 folk awards. His most recent album 'So Much to Defend' has received wide critical acclaim and was given 4 Stars by THE GUARDIAN.

Then on Saturday one of the best live acts on today's circuit makes a rare visit to the area - *Rob Heron and the Tea Pad Orchestra*. 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*. They've already blown away audiences at Glastonbury, Wilderness and Towersey, as well as appearing twice on Radio 4's Loose Ends – and if you're lucky enough to be at this year's EdleFest, I'm pretty sure they will blow you away too!

And just to add to the atmosphere, the festival is held in a beautiful old medieval church, set on the hill above the village of Edlesborough just minutes from Leighton Buzzard, Dunstable and Tring. Now owned by the Churches Conservation Trust, it provides a spectacular venue for two very special evenings of music accompanied by a glass of Pimms or real ale.

You can find out more about the whole event by searching online for **EdleFest**, or at the festival website edlefest.site123.me, by calling 01525 221744, or by email to edlefest@gmail.com

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## The FlowerFest

We are inviting budding or experienced flower arrangers to join us in a workshop, once again guided by Phrena Wilkinson. We will meet at the church on the hill on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 11.00 a.m. **Free of charge.**

Our aim is to fill the church with the fragrance and beauty of our freshly arranged blooms, visually enhancing this magnificent building for visitors to enjoy for the entire festival weekend.

You are welcome to take your arrangement home after the festival, or leave to be sold. We will provide the mechanics and foliage. All we would ask you to bring are a few flowers from the garden, secateurs/scissors and enthusiasm. **Free refreshments!**



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# Games

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# St Mary's Village

# Carnival 2018

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

This year's Carnival is on Saturday the 7th of July 2018, which means it is now only a month away. If you want to get involved now is the time!

## **Carnival Queen 2018**

This year's Carnival Queen, Princess and attendants were chosen in April. All of the entrants were: Hannah Johnson, Kayleigh Dixon, Poppy Naish, Charlotte Morran, Ella Pryer, Isobel Thorne and Erin Thorne.

The Carnival are pleased to announce the results:

Carnival Queen – Ella Pryer

Carnival Princess – Poppy Naish

Attendants: Kayleigh Dixon, Charlotte Morran



*Carnival Queen*



*Carnival Queen,  
Princess and Attendants*



*All of the entrants*

The girls will be leading the carnival procession in an elegant form of transport. Make sure you give them a wave!

## **The Carnival Procession is open for ALL Families**

As per previous years the Carnival procession is open to all families. If you want to be part of the procession contact us!

Part of the excitement of Carnival day is seeing the hard work villagers have put into decorating their houses. Whether it's a full games themed house decoration, or some bunting and balloons, everyone loves seeing the village decorated in colour, so please get involved and make this years the best. Don't forget your house could be the winner of the house decorating competition.

## **Struggling for games themed ideas? Here are some examples:**

Archery, Basketball, Connect 4, Draughts, Football, Monopoly, Chess, Tennis, Cards, Snakes and Ladders and Golf,

## **An Ongoing Appeal to Local Businesses and Organisations**

This is an appeal to local businesses as well as schools, youth groups, and Organisations to get involved in the Carnival and have your organisation promoted during this event. The ever increasing foot print of the Carnival, with visitors from Aylesbury, Milton Keynes, Dunstable, Luton and Hemel Hempstead, is an ideal opportunity for promoting your business. As an organising committee we can work with you to find the best means

of advertising your businesses.

Here are a few ways that the Carnival could work for you:

- Advertising in the arena or having a float in the Carnival Procession
- Have a stall at the Carnival
- Donating a prize for the Grand Draw
- Donating a prize for the Silent Auction

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

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

### Can You Donate A Prize or Your Time?

The Carnival Committee is always looking for people who can help with:

Manning stalls

Helping in the tea tent

Driving a vehicle

Acting as a marshal during the procession

Supervising the car parking

Picking up litter

Baking cakes

There are other ways of supporting the Carnival by donating equipment, money or prizes for our Grand Draw, Silent Auction and Tombola. It's never too late to offer your help for this year. Whether you can spare an hour or all day to help we can find something for you to do. Its as much fun setting up the carnival, spending an hour or two helping on a stall and meeting new people as it is attending the event itself!

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

## Appledown's Rescue Dog of the Month



Handsome Roger Black, in this instance, is a lurcher who was born in 2016. Roger loves a fuss, is very friendly and affectionate and walks well on the lead. It is quite probable that he has never lived in a house and will need a home with owners who are willing to house train him. Because of his natural prey drive, he will need exercise on the lead and a very secure garden. He could probably live with a female dog pending introductions

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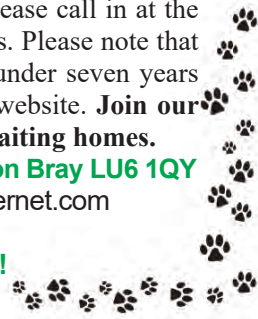
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# Edlesborough Parish Council News

## Including Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall

### Annual Parish Meeting

On 19th April the Annual Parish Meeting was held in Edlesborough Memorial Hall. Seven parishioners attended. The meeting consisted of a presentation by representatives of the Community First Responders, the EPC Chairman's report and a summary of the Council's financial position.

Parishioners asked questions and raised concerns about the issues with speeding within the villages, in particular along Edlesborough High Street and along the B440 through Dagnall.

The draft minutes of the meeting, along with a copy of the Chairman's report can be viewed on the Council website.

### 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 07828 398371.

### 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/>

### Sajid Javid's "Minded to" Decision for a Single Unitary for Buckinghamshire

In response to Sajid Javid's "Minded to" Decision for a Single Unitary for Buckinghamshire EPC have sent a representation outlining their disappointment in this statement. A full copy of the representation can be viewed on the Council website.

### County Cllr Anne Wight

County Cllr Anne Wight continues to provide EPC with comprehensive reports

which include information about:

- Potholes & Damaged Road Surfaces
- EPC's request for funding for Traffic Calming Feasibility Studies
- Children's Centres
- Freight Strategy Consultation
- Sajid Javid's "Minded to" Decision for a Single Unitary for Buckinghamshire

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

### Grass Verges

Two years ago Bucks CC devolved the cutting of the grass verges in the 30mph limit in the three

villages to EPC. As EPC now enter the third year carrying out this service the Council have now decided to include the verges in the 40mph limit ensuring greater consistency across the villages.

EPC requests that parishioners do not park their vehicles on the grass verges as this results in damage to the verges and prevents the contractor from cutting the grass.

### Hedges & Boundaries to Properties

The Parish Council asks parishioners to ensure that the planting around the boundaries of their properties does not cause a danger or inconvenience to others.

**IMPORTANT** – Section 154 (1) Highways Act 1980 states that cut-back is required where a hedge, tree or shrub overhangs the highway or any

Please do not park on grass verge





other road or footway to which the public has access so as to endanger or obstruct the passage of vehicles or pedestrians, or obstructs or interferes with the view of drivers or vehicles or the light from a public lamp.

Please check that the planting at the edge of your property does not overhang the highway/footpath so as to:

1. Endanger or obstruct the passage of vehicles or pedestrians
2. Obstructs or interferes with the view of drivers or vehicles
3. Obstructs or interferes with light from a public lamp
4. Potentially cause danger to the highway/road/footpath.

### **Streetlights**

EPC continues to consult with residents and their streetlight contractor about the feasibility of installing additional streetlights in Edlesborough.

### **New Pavilion Update**

The ECSC Trustees and representatives of the Council recently met to discuss the New Pavilion project. The group have agreed to apply for a grant from the New Homes Bonus Scheme. They are currently completing an Expression of Interest for this Scheme. Should the project qualify they will then submit a full application.

If the project does not qualify for the New Homes Bonus Scheme a revised plan will be developed.

### **Best Kept Village Competition**

Edlesborough have once again entered the Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition, judging will take place between 1st June and 7th July 2018.

Our volunteer litter picking teams have been out and about in the villages recently collecting over 20 sacks of rubbish during one pick. EPC thanks the volunteers for



all their hard work. Anyone wishing to get involved with the EDaN Beautification Team or Litter Picking group should contact Mrs Lorna Cabbage on 01525 220361.

### **Potholes, Pavement & Road Issues**

Any parishioners that have concerns about a Highways issue should report their concerns to Transport for Bucks 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/)

### **EPC Meetings**

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

Edlesborough Memorial Hall,

Thursday 21st June 2018.

Edlesborough Memorial Hall,

Thursday 19th July 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.

### **Edlesborough Parish Council Contact Information:**

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# A Weekend at Eaton Bray Beer Festival

Friday 8th and Saturday 9th June

This year's beer festival will be taking place at Eaton Bray Village Hall on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th June – and we're hoping for sunny weather! By now you'll probably have seen the various posters up around the villages, the banners near major roads, and even read why the annual Beer Festival is so important to the Village Hall in last month's Focus. Okay, so you know it's happening – but what is a weekend at the beer festival actually like?

Priced out of my hometown and in search of a 'greener' life, my wife and I moved to Eaton Bray 2½ years ago to buy our first home. One of the great appeals of moving out of a big town was the village and community feel - something that we've really found in Eaton Bray and the surrounding area. One of the times when everyone really comes together is the annual Beer Festival. Okay, we've only been to two, but what we see, hear (and drink) is a community coming together to enjoy themselves. So how does a typical beer festival weekend go for us?

On the Friday, I tend to work from home. Hearing the festival start up from midday can be a bit of a distraction from the task at hand, but as soon as the clock strikes 5pm I'm out of the door making the short walk to the Village Hall. £3 entry and a commemorative glass sees me into the area where the beers are set up and served by local CAMRA members. 20 real ales spanning all types of beer from breweries such as Tring, XT, Leighton Buzzard, and Dark Star. Start on the half pints (you can get more in that way) and outside for some time in the sun with views of Ivinghoe Beacon and the Chilterns. When my wife gets home from work she usually tries the Ciders and Perrys before we have dinner from the excellent barbecue. As the evening cools down, it's inside for the live music, more beers for me, and wine from the village hall bar for Jill - she's looking forward to the Prosecco this year! As 11pm rolls round it's time to wander back home reflecting on a great evening.

Saturday morning comes with a slightly fuzzy head but getting ready for another day. We usually invite friends and family and spend some time in the sun on the grass outside (hopefully...). We chat with people of all ages around us, soaking up the atmosphere and watching the children's entertainment keep everyone amused. Having some more time today is a chance to work through the beer list savouring favourites from last night and ticking off untried brews, maybe even a couple of lagers from the hall bar. After an afternoon chilling in the sun it's time to wrap the weekend up with more live music.

I hope you can make it to the beer festival this year and enjoy it just as much as we do. If you need more information just search for 'Eaton Bray Village Hall Beer Festival'.

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**Saturday 23 June - 7:30pm**  
**Pound Meadow, Tring**



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**THIS EVENT IS CASH ONLY - YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO USE CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS ON THE NIGHT**

We do hope you are able to join us for what promises to be a excellent evening!  
Best Wishes,

**Community Fundraising Team, Rennie Grove Hospice Care**



## All Saints' Church, Dagnall

### Services in June 2018

Sun. 3rd June 9.00 am Eucharist  
10.30 am Morning Service  
Sun. 10th June 10.30 am Morning Service  
Sun. 17th June 10.30 am Family Communion  
Sun. 24th June 11.00 am Circuit Service - "Sent out" on Dunstable Downs  
Sun. 1st July 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

# Eaton Bray Academy Pre-School Nursery



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For more information please see our website [www.eatonbrayacademy.co.uk](http://www.eatonbrayacademy.co.uk).  
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## RESIDENTS of NORTHALL

Please join the Northall Village Hall  
Management Committee  
(Northall Village Trust)

### AGM 2018

8.00pm

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018

at Northall Village Hall



Meet the Members  
of the Management  
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Find out about  
our future plans  
for the Hall!

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about how we might  
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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 9th April 2018 from 7:30pm at The Coffee Tavern

**Reminder: St. Mary's Village Carnival, Saturday 7th July 2018**

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

**Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) – Councillor Ken Janes**

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### 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
- REMINDER: Please report incidents/see something suspicious - at any time of day. Try to obtain as much detail as possible to aid the police in their investigations.

### Problem Parking

Concerns have again been raised regarding problem parking in the parish. The Council wished to remind all residents that you can report a parking problem in Central Bedfordshire by calling CBC on 0300 300 8005 or via the link: <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/transport/report/parking-problem.aspx> or illegal/dangerous parking to Bedfordshire Police.



### WW1 Centenary

The Parish Council felt it was important to mark the centenary of the First World War (2014 to 2018) and is looking at purchasing Silent Soldiers, life-size silhouettes, which will be located within the parish.

### Neighbourhood Plan

Residents - keep your eyes on the Parish Council website/facebook - for consultation details/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 4th June 2018
- \*Monday 2nd July 2018
- \*Monday 3rd September 2018



Heidi Head, Parish Clerk & RFO

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Office Hours: Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 09:30-13:30hrs [messages can be left on answerphone]

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Keep up to date with what is going on in the parish

# SUMMER TENNIS CAMP 2018

## EATON BRAY LAWN TENNIS CLUB



### EATON BRAY SUMMER TENNIS CAMPS 2018

|        |                              |                               |                             |                               |                                |
|--------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| WEEK 1 | Mon 30 <sup>th</sup><br>July | Tues 31 <sup>st</sup><br>July | Weds 1 <sup>st</sup><br>Aug | Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>Aug  | Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>Aug     |
| WEEK 2 | Mon 6 <sup>th</sup><br>Aug   | Tues 7 <sup>th</sup><br>Aug   | Weds 8 <sup>th</sup><br>Aug | Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup><br>Aug  | Fri 10 <sup>th</sup><br>Aug    |
| WEEK 3 | Mon 13 <sup>th</sup><br>Aug  | Tues 14 <sup>th</sup><br>Aug  | Wed 15 <sup>th</sup><br>Aug | Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup><br>Aug | Friday 17 <sup>th</sup><br>Aug |

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## Could you Volunteer with Samaritans?

The idea of a non-religious telephone Help Line was started by a young clergyman The Reverend Chad Varrah in 1937 after he had officiated at the funeral of a 13 year old girl. He

was shocked and saddened to discover that the girl had committed suicide because she thought she had some dreadful disease. She had nobody to whom she could talk to, nobody that she felt that she could discuss things with. She felt that the only option open to her was to take her own life. Because she committed suicide she was buried in unconsecrated ground. Chad Varrah decided there and then to try to help put an end to some taboos and to give ordinary people the opportunity to talk openly about sensitive subjects.

It took some time to set things up, but in 1953 he began pastoral counselling at St Stephen's Wallbrook in London and he was able to set up a 'non-religious' telephone help line.

There are now 200 branches in the United Kingdom and Ireland. Last year the entire Samaritan organisation received over 5,000,000 contacts. Every 5 seconds someone contacts the Samaritans; every 57 seconds Samaritans receive a contact from someone who is feeling suicidal.

We are a volunteer led organisation. Samaritans has a central office which prepares standard training materials, deals with the media, provides websites and manages the countrywide telephone platform. They have around 85 staff. That means there are 212 volunteers for every paid member of staff. The average ratio among the top 500 fundraising charities is estimated at 44 to 1.

Luton, South Beds and Harpenden Samaritans to give us our official title, usually shortened to Luton Sams have been in Luton since 1966. We try to man the phones 24/7 and to do this we should really keep our volunteer levels at around 100. Our ages range from 18 to over 80. Because we are a completely confidential service you will never hear about what, if anything, we achieve. We do not ask callers anything about their background or where in the country they are calling from, we just listen to what they want to tell us.

We currently have 90 listening volunteers and between us we took 19,689 calls, answered some 2,116 emails and 1,456 texts whilst seeing 83 Face to Face callers over the 12 months. Many of these callers are coping with some degree of suicidal feelings

All our volunteers are trained to an extremely high standard. Each volunteer receives about 6 weeks of intensive training (6 full days) and then are given a Mentor to work with and support them until they become a probationer. The probation period lasts for about 6 months after which they become a full Samaritan.

In our modern world of pressure and rush, there needs to be someone who just simply listens without any time constraints and who doesn't judge you. Sometimes talking to a stranger on the phone means you can tell that stranger things you have never been able to say before with the complete confidence that we will not tell them what to do.

We are never shocked or try to give advice

We simply listen

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That's why we are so busy

And that is why we need more volunteers

**Would you consider volunteering with Luton Samaritans?**



# VOLUNTEER WITH US

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# Eaton Bray Methodist Church

On 2nd Sunday in April the Wednesday Morning Bible Study group led a service which explored the parables of Jesus. It involved readings and commentaries which revealed interesting insights into the teachings of Jesus and the cultural context of parables like the Prodigal Son. Our Café Service took place on the third Sunday under the perceptive guidance of Elisabeth Bibbings who focused on the astounding moment when Jesus first appeared to his disciples after his Resurrection. There was a valuable discussion about confronting fear and rolling away the barriers that block us from radiating the love of God. Joan Gregory made a welcome return on the fourth Sunday, when she spoke to us of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, reminding us that each in his flock is known to God by name and has a duty to follow and do his will. We are here to serve all men and women and treat them as equals. Our final service in April, shared with our friends from the Salvation Army and Edlesborough Methodist Church, was in the inspired hands of Colin Quine. The theme was 'Love' and Jesus

Christ was blunt about this: loving God means loving other people, He reminded us that in a loving relationship, it is not about being perfect but learning to deal with imperfections. We need to discover the beauty in everyone. Our first May meeting was a Communion Service conducted by our Minister, Rev Nigel Bibbings. His message built on the previous week's theme of Love. With characteristic warmth he encouraged us to resist negative views of ourselves. God knows us better than we know ourselves, loves us deeply and unconditionally. We need to opt in to this belief.

## Music Night

**Saturday 2nd June at 7.30pm**

There will be a concert of choral singing by the Dunstable U3A Choir led by Elaine Trevor, and an organ recital by Stephen Turner (organist at The Square, Dunstable). Refreshments served. Entry free but donations to church and charity welcome.

## Social Afternoons

**Weekly on Thursdays 2 - 4pm**

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## Sing Karl Jenkins' *The Armed Man* with the Danesborough Chorus

The Danesborough Chorus will be rehearsing the most performed work of this generation, Karl Jenkins' *The Armed Man*, starting on Wednesday 27th June.

We've chosen this work because this year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. *The Armed Man*, which is subtitled A Mass for Peace, was first performed in 2000, and it reflects on the passing of a war-torn century, looking forward in hope to a more peaceful future.

Our choir will continue rehearsing each Wednesday through July, before taking a summer break in August. Rehearsals resume on Wednesday 5th September, in preparation for a concert jointly with Bedford Choral Society and Milton Keynes City Orchestra in Milton Keynes Theatre on Sunday 14th October.

**New singers, in all voice parts, are invited to join us in Aspley Guise Village Hall on Wednesday 27th June, 7.45 pm-9.50 pm. If you'd like to sing this 20th century choral classic with us, please 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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## When do I start teaching my child to read?

It is a question many parents ask themselves, how young is too young? Will I put my child off if I start teaching them how to read too soon? Shouldn't they just play?

The answer to these questions is simple; children learn through play and it is never too young to start playing with words, stories and language.

Children who love literacy are the children for whom the language of stories has been part of their early lives from a very young age. Stories open the door to a world full of imagination and language and to words, illustrations and vocabulary that is totally new and shiny.

Learning to read and write is part of a whole world of becoming literate, it is not about phonics in isolation or merely reading to your child but should encompass a range of exciting and engaging activities to develop vital early skills.

Children who attend our preschool classes come with different experiences of phonics, literacy and books and are of different ages. All the children are unique and they each gain different skills from their experiences in class.

So parents the answer is now, don't wait but begin with stories, with language and pictures, explore the world through stories and imagination and open up your child's mind to the fantasy world, to fact and fiction and to expression and creativity.

Learning to read and write is not about drilling children letter names and sounds, it is about creating a safe space where they can explore materials and have a go at new experiences, above all it is about learning through play, making friends and having fun.

✍️ **Kate Daurge – Founder of The Story Frog**

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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.

### BERKHAMSTED RE-VISITED

Last time we visited St Peter's, Berkhamsted, we looked at a hatchment for a man who had had two wives. This time I want to look at a monument in the South Aisle, to Henry Johnson who died in 1760 aged 61. The monument tells us he was descended from the Barons of De Vesci who came over with William the Conqueror.

The monument is nice enough but I want to look at the coat of arms that is colourfully displayed underneath. Colourful, yes, but I fear here we have another instance where the colours are wrong!

These arms are what is called 'quarterly of six' that is, six separate coats denoting the families married into and I wager that at least four of them have the wrong colours painted on. Rule number one in heraldry is 'No colour on colour, no metal on metal' referring to the colours of charges placed on the field or background. It is obvious that for the sake of clarity, contrast is best achieved if a charge in one of the colours (red, blue, black, green, purple) is placed on a background of one of the metals (gold or silver). In this case we have two instances of water bougets (the strange shaped devices on the two shields on the left) being coloured Sable (black) on a background which is Gules (red). Moving to the right-hand or sinister side we see the uppermost shield has what look like green frogs (but are probably fleur de lis) on black and below three black stars on blue.

The only parts of this coat of arms which appear correct are the two central shields where the lions rampant are gold (Or) on a background of green (Vert) – just to complete the bizarre nature of this monument, the lower lion has two heads, which strangely enough is quite correct!

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# Elisabeth's Thoughts

## Methodist Lay Worker

Dear Friends,

I've just stopped shaking from the surprise and alarm, as I write this. There was a huge bang on my bedroom window, and a loud squealing. When I looked out into the garden, I saw a female sparrowhawk with her wings spread out on the lawn below.

All the thoughts that rushed through my head – where do I take an injured bird of prey? Have I got gloves strong enough to withstand its beak when I pick it up? – were dispelled as it calmly folded its wings and started to pluck the young blackbird it had caught. Fortunately for the victim, our dog came rushing out into the garden and both attacker and attacked flew away – separately.

I then remembered that sparrowhawks spread their wings over their prey to stop others coming in – “mantling” I believe falconers call it.

This is my favourite time of year. Long summer days, the garden full of wildlife and flowers, and Springwatch on the telly when I can tear myself away from outdoors.

On days like this, it's easy to believe in a wonderful God who organises all of creation to be a joy to us. Then we see the blackbird helpless under the hawk, and remember not all nature is kind and beautiful. Yet there is an order to it – the hawk has chicks that need feeding too. One thing I like about Springwatch's approach to this, is that they don't shrink from showing that these things happen.

Human life is also capable of brutality and beauty in equal measure, and the Bible reflects that in full, from the battles and crimes in the Old Testament, inflicted by God's people, to the sufferings of Jesus himself. Yet

God promises at the end of time, a world where there will only be joy, a world where suffering and violence will not exist, where “there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” (Revelation 21: 4)

If life is giving you more almonds than raisins at present (to quote a Jewish saying), then I invite you to trust in the God who is in charge even when it doesn't feel like He is, and to still rejoice in the beauty He sends us wherever and however you find it.

God bless you through these long summer days,

Elisabeth Bibbings

Lay Worker, South Bedfordshire Methodist Circuit.

Sunday 24th June at 11 a.m.

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# Dagnall Community Choir



If you are the sort of person that enjoys an evening stroll during these lovely summer months, and your footsteps take you past Dagnall Church on a Monday evening, you will no doubt hear some beautiful harmonies emanating from within the old building, so please stop to have a listen... This is Dagnall Community Choir at rehearsal, and I'm sure you will agree that we make a wonderful sound!

If this inspires you to come along to one of our concerts this summer or autumn, then all the better! We will be performing at St Mary's Church, Redbourn on Saturday 16th June, at St John the Baptist Church, Stanbridge on Friday 14th September, and at Little Gaddesden Village Hall on Saturday 13th October. More details can be found on our website [www.dagnall-community-choir.co.uk](http://www.dagnall-community-choir.co.uk).

The choir is very lucky to have an expert musical team to encourage and guide us, and with their help we continue to master a wide variety of musical styles, and some increasingly tricky pieces. Each week, Michelle Garrard, our Musical Director, and James Banville, our accompanist, share with us their expertise, their immense love of music and their shared sense of humour, making rehearsals fun and productive.

We are equally lucky to have an alternative accompanist, in the form of John Green, who happily (and extremely competently) steps in to play for us in rehearsals and concerts on the occasions where James is unavailable. We're very grateful to John for his help at our recent performance at the Salvation Army in Luton, and look forward to welcoming him again to play for us at Redbourn this month.

The choir has grown in size over the last few months, and we have been delighted to welcome so many new faces. Every new member that joins us strengthens our sound and adds to our stature, so we are always on the lookout for recruits! If you would like to join us then we would love to hear from you.

And if you are the sort of person that enjoys an evening stroll during these lovely summer months, and your footsteps take you past Dagnall Church at 7.45pm on a Monday evening, then why not open the door, come in and see what we're up to... you may just find that you want to stay!

**The Salvation Army,  
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**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> |                        |
| <b>Tuesday</b>                                   |                        |
| Coffee Morning                                   |                        |
| <i>(Alternate weeks)</i>                         |                        |
| Music practices (all welcome)                    | 10-11.30am<br>7.30-9pm |
| <b>Wednesday</b>                                 |                        |
| 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            |
| <b>Thursday</b>                                  |                        |
| 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>                   |                        |
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| Ladies Fellowship                                |                        |
| <i>(Last week of month)</i>                      |                        |
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# Northall Baptist Church

Northall Baptist Church – 200 years and still going  
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Regularly we have a ‘Mission Sunday’ where we contribute to the work of various individuals and teams serving our Lord Jesus through their skills.

In May we supported Tony and Ann Giles from Bedfordshire. Tony is an Oral and Maxillofacial surgeon, “retired” from the NHS. Ann is a nurse. Together they have served with Mercy Ships in West Africa and with the Smile Train improving the quality of life for many people via head and neck surgery and in training roles, especially with cleft lip and palate surgery. They aim to build the skills of the local medical staff, to operate in their own countries – Guinea, Kenya and The Gambia. Tony and Ann also operate on many large tumours which are disfiguring and in some cases life threatening. Many with cleft lip and palates have feeding difficulties and those with facial disfigurements can be outcast by their communities. There are many logistical obstacles that Tony and Ann have to overcome, including very poor (virtually non-existent) roads and extreme weather conditions. We help this work, enabling a more normal life leading to employment so they can be self supporting. You can see here the remarkable results below.

Our Sunday morning service is at 11am. Come and join us, you’ll get a warm welcome.

For those interested in the history of Northall Baptist Church, a free copy of the booklet, Rebels in Green Pastures can be supplied or downloaded from our website:

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*After*

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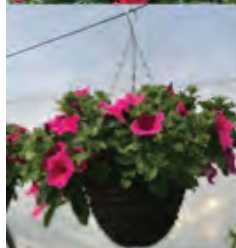
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*Above: Stowe Gardens  
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*Top right: Owl by Chris Miller*

*Right: 18th Cross View, Whipsnade  
Park Golf Club by John Hockey*

*Below: Lambs by Phil Wood*



# Grace Baptist Church Edlesborough

## What Is a Church?



What does the word 'church' mean to you? It provokes many different reactions from positive to negative, interested to bored and approving to angry opposition.

Over the centuries the word 'church' has come to be used with different meanings. Sometimes it means a building or a large organisation or association. In the Bible, however, the word has only one meaning - a group of people.

The Bible says that a church can gather, pray and be spoken to. The Bible also says that Jesus died for the church. That's why we prefer to call the building we meet in a chapel, to emphasise that the church is the people.

A local church consists of people who have trusted in Jesus Christ, God's Son, as their Saviour and Lord and are committed to supporting and encouraging each other in following him and making him known. For that purpose we meet regularly to worship him and learn about him.

As a local church we have committed ourselves to do four things together - things the first church in Jerusalem devoted themselves to. First, we learn from God's word, the Bible. In this way we grow in understanding and knowing God and are helped to do what pleases him. Secondly, we treat one another like brothers and sisters, sharing, supporting, encouraging and helping each other. Thirdly, we remember Jesus Christ in the way he told us to, by sharing bread and wine together. We call it the Lord's Supper. The bread represents his body broken on the cross for us and the wine represents his blood shed for us. Fourthly, we pray together for one another, for those around us and for God's will to be done in the world.

Our Sunday services are open to all. In them we simply sing praise to God, pray, hear the Bible being read and then listen to it being explained and applied to our lives. Come and join us - you'd be very welcome. Everything is

explained as we go along. You won't be asked for money and don't need to dress up specially. You are also welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings when we study the Bible, with opportunity for questions and discussion, and pray together.

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### Grace Baptist Church Edlesborough

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#### Weekly Activities

##### Sunday Services

10.30am Morning Worship  
6.00pm Evening Worship

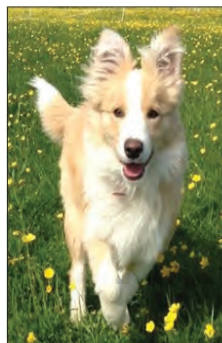
##### 2nd Monday

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##### Wednesday

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As well as the rare opportunity to spend an evening with some of the most spectacular species on the planet, guests will also be treated to an evening of lively entertainment and delicious food at the UK's largest Zoo.

At Safari Base Camp, a team

of acrobats will be getting the celebrations underway, alongside musicians, including a steel pan band and flamenco duo, while carnival performers will transform themselves into colourful creatures. Visitors can also immerse themselves in the safari spirit by getting their faces painted as their favourite animal.

The Food Market on the main lawn will be offering an array of hot and cold delicacies and the Watering Hole will be serving a range of delicious, cooling drinks.

Those interested in finding out more about the Zoo's amazing animals will enjoy a series of fascinating animal talks, demonstrations and feeds, including Fearsome Faceoff, a fact-fight between brown bears and wolverines. Families can hop on the Jumbo Express steam railway for a guided tour around the Zoo's elephants, Asian rhino, deer and sloth bears.

Adventurers looking to get stuck in can head to the Conservation Station to try their hand at being a zoo vet, while safari truck tours will give visitors exclusive insights into the Zoo's Asia section and elephant keepers will offer behind the scenes tours of the elephant enclosure.

As the sun sets, visitors can settle down to enjoy the stunning views over the Chiltern hills



as live jazz is performed at the River Cottage Kitchen and Deli, but don't miss the Safari Spectacle Finale with acrobats, limbo and fire artists taking centre stage to finish this special evening on a high.

For a summer evening like no other, book tickets now for Sunset Safari at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo and save 15% at [www.zsl.org](http://www.zsl.org)





# Eaton Bray Cricket Club

It's been a bit of a damp start to the 2018 cricket season. After weeks of ground prep the first two friendly matches against Great Horwood and Potten End were cancelled. Better luck the following week with another friendly against Stoke Hammond. Batting first and after a tad of trouble on 46-6 we posted 191-7 from 40 overs. This was thanks to good knocks from James Flecknell 78 and James Munson 63. In reply Stoke Hammond were never in the hunt and were bowled out for 90 with Arron Gauntlett taking 3 wickets.

Sunday saw us in a friendly at St Albans who posted 179-7. Josh Edwins taking 3 wickets. Our chase was not the best and we ended on 140 all out with Lee Gauntlett making a very painstaking 59 and eventually being run out knackered.

The FCCL has not started very well for the 1st XI with the first game against newly promoted Westcroft called off due to rain. The saving grace being that no other matches in Division 1 were played. The second week we travelled to the current champions Thurleigh. On what was described as not the best wicket we lost the toss and batted first and posted 191-9, the best contribution being 58 from James Flecknell. A couple of quick wickets gave us hope but a stand of 113 saw Thurleigh home by 6 wickets with James Flecknell with 3 wickets being the best figures.

In contrast the 2nd XI started very well in Division 6 winning by 49 runs against Eggington. Winning the toss and batting first Bray scored 202-5 with Lee Gauntlett making 59 and Paul Harris 57 backed up with a very nicely made 28 from colt Jack Cullen. Eggington were never really allowed to settle being faced with some tight bowling the best of which came from Ian Barmy Jones taking 5

for 10 from 9 overs and 5 maidens. A mention should be given to the 4 colts in the side who all contributed well with bat or ball and in the field, Nathan Monger, Jack Cullen, Justin Cooke and Ollie Harris.

Our first outing in the Beds Sunday league Division 6 this season can be described as somewhat disappointing. After bowling Lutonians out for 170 with 3 wickets each for Neil Scott, Phil Spicer and Junaid we crumbled to 64 all out. Top scorer was Joe Braddon with 20 and next best extras 19.

## June Fixtures

FCCL Div 1 1st XI  
2nd Westcroft Away  
9th New Bradwell Home  
16th Gt Horwood Away  
23rd Thurleigh Home  
30th Milton Keynes Away  
FCCL Div 6 2nd XI  
2nd Caddington Home  
9th Amptill Town Away  
16th North Crawley Home  
23rd Eggington Away  
30th West Oxley Home  
Beds Sunday Div 6  
3rd Wolverton Away  
10th Caddington Away  
17th Amptill Town 3rd Home  
24th Wolverton Home

Eaton Bray Cricket Club are always on the look out for new players. Any age ability or gender. We run 2 senior teams in the FCCL on Saturdays and a senior team in the Beds Sunday League. Junior teams are run at age U9 U11 2XU13 AND U15. For more information please follow us on Facebook and Twitter @eatonbrayCC .

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

Enjoy your cricket with Eaton Bray in 2018.

## Cherry Bakewell Tart



I cannot resist a sweet treat, and luckily we have them every week on the Weekend Kitchen. This

sumptuous Bakewell Tart was created by a highly talented young local cake maker and pastry chef called Victoria Chidgey. She set up her business, Little Tring Cakes, after several stints in top London businesses – and the pastry recipe here was given to her by a chef at the Savoy Hotel when she was 16 years old. She swears by it, and it creates an incredibly light, flaky and moreish tart.

You'll need 1 x 9" Pie Mould / Tart Ring or a 12 whole bun tray with round pastry cutter.

### **Pastry:**

340g Flour

225g Butter

110g Golden Caster Sugar

1 Egg

### **Frangipane:**

120g Butter

120g Golden Caster Sugar

120g Ground Almonds

2 Eggs

5g/1 teaspoon Almond Essence

25ml Brandy (if you have it knocking about)

### **Filling:**

125g Black Cherry Compote

### **Topping:**

Flaked Almonds

Icing Sugar (Golden is best but it doesn't matter too much)

Preheat the oven to 160C, 140C Fan, Gas Mark 3.

Beat the butter (at room temperature) with the sugar until it is well incorporated and has lightened in colour.

Scrape the bowl and add the flour. Beat on a low speed and, when the flour is just incorporated, add the egg. Keep mixing until it all comes together.

Wrap the pastry in clingfilm and leave in the fridge for an hour or so, or in the freezer for 15-25 minutes. The recipe is enough pastry for two tarts so you can freeze whatever you don't use.

For the frangipane, melt the butter in the microwave until it is very soft but still holds its shape.

Mix in the sugar with a wooden spoon and lightly beat for around 3 minutes.

Add the ground almonds and brandy (if using) and mix until incorporated. Add the egg and beat for 1-2 minutes.

Roll out the pastry to approximately 3mm thick. Line the tart case. Push the pastry into the corners and then use your fingers in an upward motion. If you have opted to do smaller individual tartlets, use a round cutter to cut a disk of pastry and line the bun holes.

Trim away any excess pastry with a sharp paring knife, leaving a slight lip if possible. Prick the bottom of the tart with a fork. Patch up any imperfections with pastry using your thumb.

Spread the cherry compote on the bottom of the tart case and place in the fridge or freezer. This prevents any of the filling bleeding through the frangipane.

Using a piping bag or the back of a hot spoon, spread the frangipane on top of the compote to just below the rim of the pastry. Scatter flaked almonds on top and bake for approximately 35-40 minutes. Once out of the oven dust the top with icing sugar while still warm.

Serve with brandy cream or crème fraiche mixed with some lemon zest.

*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.*



# Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

## Weather Conditions for April 2018

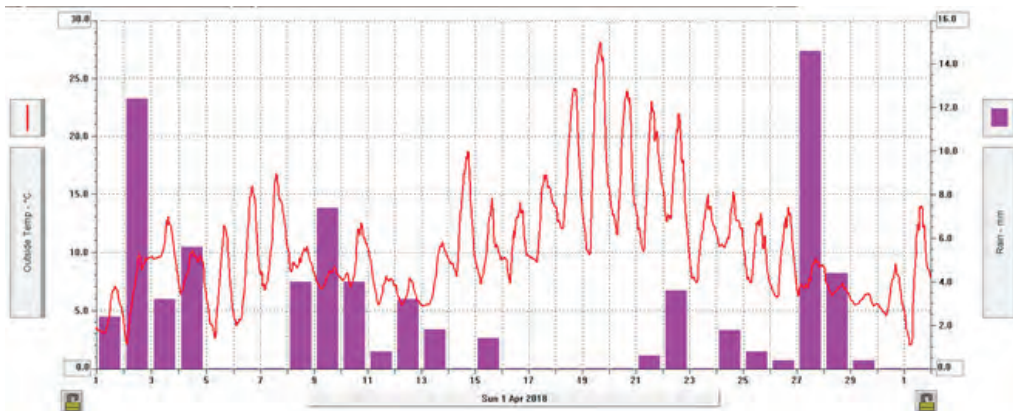
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It was a very changeable month. April started very unsettled, cold, cloudy and wet. We had a brief interlude from the 5th as temperatures rose slightly with three dry days, then it was back to cloudy and damp. The 11th was a misty day and, by early evening, it had turned to fog to be more like November. Then it was all change again as winter conditions switched to midsummer with bright sun and record temperatures to 28.3°C between the 18th and 22nd. Just as quickly, it resumed to cold and wet, with the wettest day being the 27th when we had 14.6mm rainfall. Rainfall for the whole of the month was 72.7mm, which is 163% of the 10 year average, and a huge increase on April 2017's 9.8mm.

Over the last couple of articles, I have shown comparisons between months and years in the table of highs and lows. If this is of more interest, please let me know and I can incorporate them more often.

|                               | High             | Date/Time                                | Low                | Date/Time             |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Temperature:</b>           | <b>28.3°C</b>    | <b>19 April 16.00</b>                    | <b>2.1°C</b>       | <b>2 April 02.30</b>  |
| <b>Mean Temperature</b>       | <b>10.3°C</b>    |                                          |                    |                       |
| <b>Dewpoint:</b>              | <b>15.8°C</b>    | <b>20 April 14.00</b>                    | <b>- 0.5°C</b>     | <b>5 April 13.30</b>  |
| <b>Humidity:</b>              | <b>97%</b>       | <b>12 -13 April</b>                      | <b>35%</b>         | <b>19 April 14.00</b> |
| <b>Barometer:</b>             | <b>1027.1 mb</b> | <b>18 April 11.00</b>                    | <b>990.1 mb</b>    | <b>4 April 16.30</b>  |
| <b>Wind Speed</b>             | <b>34mph SSE</b> | <b>6 April 13.00</b>                     | <b>Months avg.</b> | <b>6.3 mph</b>        |
| <b>Wind Chill:</b>            | <b>28.1°C</b>    | <b>9 April 15.30</b>                     | <b>-2.4°C</b>      | <b>2 April 02.30</b>  |
| <b>Dominant Wind:</b>         | <b>S</b>         |                                          |                    |                       |
| <b>*Rain Days: 9(T), 9(R)</b> |                  | <b>Wettest Day 27<sup>th</sup> April</b> | <b>14.6mm</b>      | <b>0.5748 ins</b>     |
| <b>Monthly Rain:</b>          | <b>Total</b>     | <b>April 2017</b>                        | <b>72.7mm</b>      | <b>2.8622 ins</b>     |
| <b>Yearly Rain:</b>           | <b>Total</b>     | <b>4 Month</b>                           | <b>271.6 mm</b>    | <b>10.6929 ins</b>    |

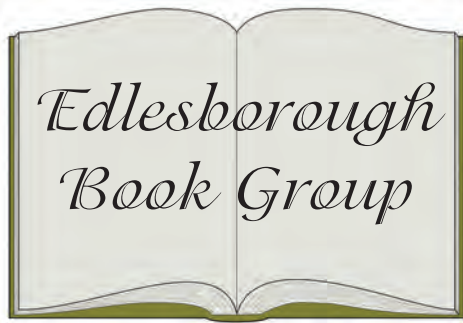
Plot shows high rainfall and the rapid change in temperatures



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## **The Girl from Station "X" by Elisa Segrave**

Elisa Segrave is a feature writer for the Guardian and other newspapers and literary magazines. She has had only one other book published, a personal memoir entitled *The Diary of a Breast*, which charted her experiences whilst suffering from breast cancer. This book, *The Girl from Station "X"* is also a memoir, but unusual in that it incorporates extracts from diaries written by her mother between 1930 and 1950, which were discovered shortly before she died from alcohol induced dementia.

The diaries came as a complete surprise to Elisa, who throughout her life had had a troubled relationship with her mother. She had come to the point of dismissing her as selfish and uncaring and, due to her dependence on alcohol very difficult to deal with. Clearing her mother's belongings, as she became more unable to live independently, Elisa discovered the diaries, written in 30 notebooks. Unfortunately, now, her mother was in the last stages of dementia and the two women had lost the chance to repair their relationship. It was as she read her mother's personal thoughts and experiences, that Elisa found a completely different personality revealed to the one she knew as Mother.

Anne Hamilton Grace was born into privilege. Her early life was one of ease and luxury, with nannies and servants and country houses with lots of land. Her life changed when her beloved son died in an accident

and she withdrew from normal life. This happened when Elisa was five and she was conscious of her mother changing into a self-absorbed depressive.

The diaries though, show the young Anne to be completely different, a vibrant adventurous and intelligent girl, who had travelled extensively. When war broke out, she eschewed what she saw as an idle life, volunteering for the W.A.A.F as she wanted to do something useful. The diaries show that her potential was recognised and she was given a series of interesting posts in Intelligence. She appears to be well thought of by her superiors and gives the impression that she enjoyed her wartime work.

The book gives us excerpts from the diaries, which are very interesting, giving an insight to life during that time, especially the work on Naval Surveillance at Bletchley Park. Alongside these Elisa Segrave makes her own comments, linking the different pieces from the diaries.

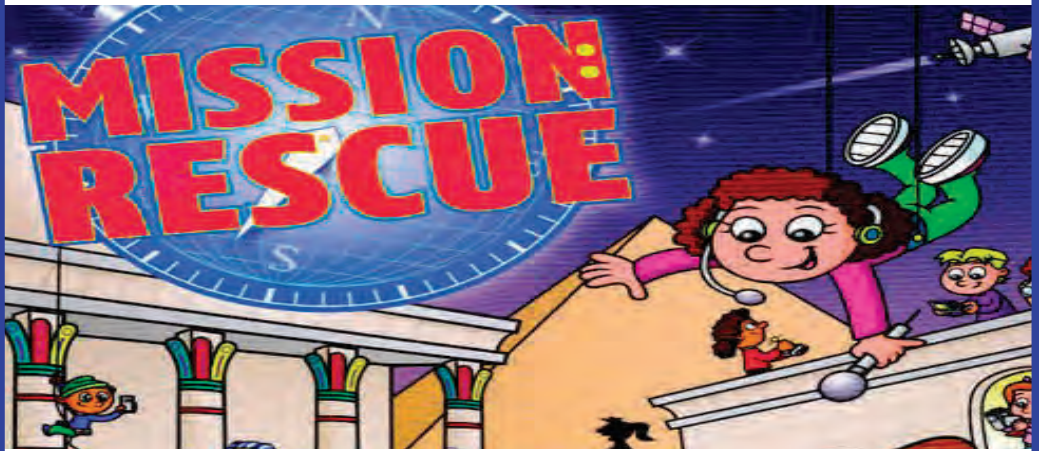
In effect the two different voices in the book take the attention away from the main subject, which are the diaries. Our group found this and the many characters and different time frames distracting and hard to follow. We found the author to be rather unkind and selfish and thought she was using the book as a kind of catharsis.

We thought the wartime information interesting, but overall did not enjoy the book.



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