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11th November*



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to send in your December & January
entries by 10th November**

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✍️ Editor

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Village Diary November 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: 07832 230774
- 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, 8pm, Northall Village Hall, Lisa: 07832 230774
- Wednesdays Northall & District Age Concern Wednesday Club, 10am - 3pm, Northall Village Hall, Contact Barbara 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 Mermorial 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 Whittlemore on 01525 376124
- Saturdays Jazzercise, 9.30-10.30am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Angela Veryard, 01525 715208
- Saturdays KFPA Musical Theatre classes 4+yrs www.kfpa.co.uk, 10am, Edlesborough Memorial Hall
- Saturdays Bootcamp Fitness, 9-10am, Dagnall Recreation Ground, Josh Thompson 07456 574405 or jtpinfo@gmail.com
- Sundays Sunday Worship at 10:30am and 6pm Grace Baptist Church, Moor End, Edlesborough (across from the post office). Alister King 07572 395687
- Sundays Karate for kids & adults, 4-5:30pm, Eaton Bray Villaage Hall, Contact 07500 007779

Monthly

- 1st Monday Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, The Coffee Tavern (except Jan-2nd Monday)
- 1st Monday Eaton Bray W.I. Meeting, 7.30pm. Eaton Bray Methodist Church Hall. Contact Margaret Jones on 01525 220991
- 1st & 3rd Mon (ex. Bank Hols) Knit 'n Stitch at Edlesborough Village Hall, 1:45pm to 3:45pm. Contact Heather Westwood (01525 839083)
- 2nd Mon Film Society, Sep to May, 2pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Graham Chappell 01525 220883
- 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

- 4th Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club Meeting, 11.30am-4.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall
- 10th Eaton Bray Methodist Church Cafe Community, 11am-1pm
- 14th Leukaemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30am. All welcome.
- 20th Dagnall and Kensworth Friendship Club, 2pm - talk and presentation on life in the Gambia with a stall of local work from the region followed by tea and a raffle.

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One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

- 6th & 20th Tots, 1:30-2:30pm, St. Mary's Eaton Bray
8th Flu Clinic, Edlesborough Surgery 12:30-2pm
10th Poppy Prom, 7:30pm, St. Mary's Eaton Bray, £12.50 Box Office 01525 222283
17th St Mary's Eaton Bray Christmas Fair, 12-3pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall
20th Edlesborough School & Pre-school Open Morning
21st-23rd Front Row present "Secondary Cause of Death" Eaton Bray Village Hall 7.30 pm. Box Office 01525 222283 Open Now
24th Steam In Beds Model Railway Show, 10am - 4:30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall & St Mary's Church
28th Christmas Bingo, 7:30pm, Dagnall Village Hall
30th Father Christmas around Dagnall Village 6:30pm followed by village hall switch on 7:30pm

Charles Keith Parrott

The family of Keith Parrott would like to thank everyone who attended his funeral, their cards, letters of sympathy and huge support during this difficult time. Thank you for all donations given in his memory for Dementia UK. Thank you also to Reverend Joy Couzens for a lovely service in remembrance of Keith.

Cheryl, Gareth and Adam

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

Eaton Bray: Norman Lee Tel: 07975 797202

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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Typetalk: 18001 01582 473418

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

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Email: NHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

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Services at St Mary's Church

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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).

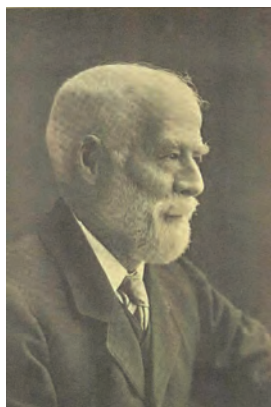
WEEK-DAYS:

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

Wednesday: 10.00am Holy Communion

EVERYONE WELCOME AT THESE SERVICES

“THE WALLACE FAMILY OF EATON BRAY 1851 – 1992 THEIR LIFE AND TIMES” BY PETER MAYNE



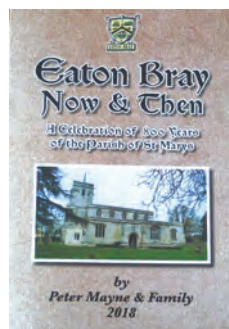
To celebrate the 800th anniversary in 2019 of St Mary's, Eaton Bray, Peter Mayne and his family have prepared two follow-up books. The first, entitled “Eaton Bray - Now & Then” has been on sale since August. The second book is a fascinating insight into the contribution of the Wallace family over 140 years and is on sale now, priced £5.

William Wallace and his wife Annie moved to Eaton Bray in 1886 and, as well as bringing much needed employment and wealth to the village through carnation growing in the Wallace nurseries. King George V wore a Wallace carnation every day, The Wallace's and their children were fully involved in village life. The list of William's activities alone extends to two pages of the book which includes many photographs of

the family, their properties, the Nurseries, their employees and their involvement with, for example, St Mary's Church, the Scouts and WI. Their story is told based on inputs from past employees of the Nurseries and especially from May Oates, William and Annie's daughter who, until her death in 1992 lived in Poplar Farm.

St Mary's is very grateful to Peter and his family for the work and years of knowledge and research that has gone into these publications; especially since the income from the books will be donated to St Mary's. Electronic and paper copies of the books have been given to Eaton Bray Academy and Edlesborough School to facilitate children's study of their local history.

Peter's books will make ideal Christmas presents and will be on sale at the NISA Village Stores in Eaton Bray from St Mary's Church at monthly Coffee Mornings (10.30-12 on the first Saturday each month), at Music@St Mary's concerts, after the 10am service on any Sunday or Wednesday morning and at the St Mary's Christmas Fair in Eaton Bray Village Hall on 17th November from 12-3pm.



Eaton Bray with Edlesborough Parish News

Vicar: Rev'd Joy Cousins

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

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Remembrance Day this year falls on a Sunday exactly 100 years since the end of the First World War on 11th November 1918. Known as the 'war to end all wars' this first global conflict sucked in countries from Africa to Australia, from Europe to Asia. Troops were raised from all parts of the British Empire and other European Colonies. Indians and Africans in the colonies were conscripted to fight or serve as porters. For example, in Kenya, if parents had an able-bodied son old enough to go to war, they were expected to encourage him to join military training and then fight with the British Army in East Africa. Most of the battles were against the Germans and the Italians and fought in Somalia and Tanganyika. This was war on an epic scale, causing millions of casualties and affecting an entire generation. The world changed forever in the aftermath of the First World War. Sadly, it was not the end to all wars.

Over the past four years, the UK has been remembering the events of the First World War. In 2014, many people were deeply moved by the ceramic poppy installation at the Tower of London. Paul Cummins, an international ceramic artist, supervised the creation of 888,246 ceramic poppies, each representing a life lost in the Great War. They were all hand made and placed by hand in the Tower of London, cascading down and filling the moat. In subsequent years, a smaller installation of poppies moved around the country. I visited the installations at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park, close to my previous parish in West Yorkshire, and the display at Caernarfon Castle in North Wales. The poppy, with its blood red petals, fragility and ability to bloom in the toughest of conditions is a powerful symbol of remembrance.

The vision of a better future is what motivated many of the people who fought for their country in both world wars. On Sunday 11th November beginning just before 11am we will hold the annual Act of Remembrance at the war memorial in Eaton Bray at St Mary's Church. We gather together to remember all who have lost their lives in conflict. And we also come to pledge ourselves to living better lives that we may help make the world a better place. The short service contains prayers for forgiveness for our own shortcomings. It includes a commitment to work for reconciliation and peace in our own communities and in the wider world. By recognising the ways in which we fail to live in peace with our families, friends and neighbours, we demonstrate the ways in which we can influence the building of a more peaceful society.

Sebastian Temple wrote these words based on a prayer of St Francis.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.

Where there is injury, your pardon Lord; where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there's darkness, only light and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

With every blessing,

✠ Joy, Vicar of Eaton Bray with Edlesborough





EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL

Neighbourhood Plan



We are under attack, over the past month or so developers have made Planning Applications (or indicated to the Parish Council their intention) to build houses at various locations in Eaton Bray, namely off Northall Road, on the recently closed Rye Nursery, in Bower Lane opposite Café Masala and of course behind School Lane off Eaton Park. Also as many of you are aware, the garden roadside wall bounding Old Ley Farm was partly demolished (removal of this 'listed' wall will enable development of the land behind), demolition was only stopped when residents called the police and CBC's Planning enforcement team – our local MP Andrew Selous is supporting reinstatement of the wall and written to CBC on our behalf.

Our Neighbourhood Plan proposes (amongst other things) the following:

- To protect the Green Belt on existing boundaries.
- New housing should be sustainable and compatible with the heritage and character of the village.
- New homes should be 2 or 3 bedrooms, be suitable as starter homes or downsizing with sufficient off road parking.
- Avoid 4 bedroom executive houses.

Please support our Neighbourhood Plan which when made will help protect our village and support appropriate development.

For more detail please see the Consultation documents which are still available to be downloaded from the Parish web site www.ebpc.co.uk

Thank you for supporting our work over the past 3 years, the Neighbourhood Plan is nearly complete. Final proof reading and editing is underway and consultant's reports are finished. We will soon be presenting the Plan to the Parish Council for approval before passing on to CBC and ultimately the Inspector. If the green light is given a referendum will be held.

We hope that you found this update useful, this and other documents are posted on the Parish web site www.ebpc.co.uk and follow the link to Neighbourhood Plan.

Send your comments to the Parish Clerk at www.ebpc.co.uk

Thank you.

✉ Glenn Wigley – Chairman EBPC NP



Heidi Head, Parish Clerk & RFO

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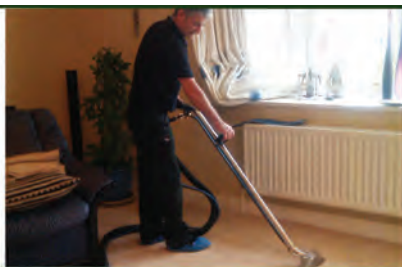


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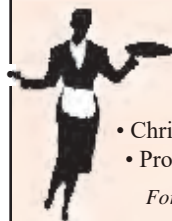
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Saturday 9 November Poppy Prom

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Early Edlesborough History Courtesy of Friends of the Church on the Hill

Origins of the Settlement

The village name is Anglo Saxon in origin meaning 'Eadwulf's barrow' i.e. 'hill or barrow'. Archaeological evidence dates the village back to the times of the Roman occupation.

During the 1086 Domesday Book the village was listed as *Eddinberge*.

Medieval Period

Edward the Confessor spent much of his childhood in Normandy and when he came to England for his coronation he brought with him several friends and relatives whom he could trust: one was Ulf, his bodyguard. Edward gave Ulf lands including 20 hides in Edlesborough (a hide is an area of land sufficient to support a family) as well as 10 in Bedfordshire. He owned 2 mills; one of them was probably near the mill by the ford, where traces of an older mill have been found. This was undoubtedly a water mill as windmills did not exist at this time.

King Edward named Harold as his successor, but William (the Conqueror) seized the throne in 1066 and offered Ulf £13 for his lands, only £1 less than their original value. William gave them to his nephew, Gilbert of Ghent, who also held lands in Dagnall.

There were 26 villeins in Edlesborough, these were serfs who generally rented small homes and were expected to spend some of their time working on the lord's fields. Gilbert gave them some strips of land for their own and for this they had to plough 4 acres of Gilbert's land in the spring, lend him 2 oxen for 7 days a year and work 3 days a week on his land. They also had to pay him 1 hen and 16 eggs per year, bring a cartload of wood from the forest to the manor house and grind their own corn in his mills. They were unable to leave the village except to go to war to fight for Gilbert, and had to pay a fine if their sons were sent to school or if their daughters married. Villeins could try to save up to buy their freedom or, if necessary, run away and live as an outlaw in the many forests, e.g. Ashridge. If a villein managed to stay away for a year and a day then reach a town without being caught he would be given his freedom.

The village was particularly important during the Middle Ages. King Edward III held court in Edlesborough in the mid fourteenth century, possibly in 1349 during the Black Death, possibly indicating that the village was free of the epidemic, which reduced the population of Europe by a third. During Edward's reign in 1332 the county assizes were held in Edlesborough.

Cow Lane Parking Issues

EPC have been working with AVDC in an attempt to gain permission to utilise some of the amenity land adjacent to the Edlesborough Surgery to help alleviate some of the parking issues in Cow Lane. Unfortunately AVDC have now erected a fence preventing the land from being used in this way and have advised the EPC that we are unable to proceed with this proposition because the land is covenanted and has to be kept as open space amenity land.

EPC now hope to reopen discussions with the Edlesborough Surgery with the aim to explore ways in which the current car parking facilities can be improved.

Dogs on Edlesborough Green

Edlesborough Parish Council and AVDC have both received complaints regarding dogs on Edlesborough Green.

EPC remind parishioners that the Byelaw No 4 states the following:

“A person shall not cause or suffer any dog belonging to him or in his charge to remain in the ground unless such dog be and continue to be under proper control and effectually restrained from causing annoyance to any person and from worrying or disturbing any animal.”



Some people interpret that to mean all dogs must be on a lead at all times, but what constitutes effective restraint depends to some extent on the dog and the owner. An unruly dog on a longish lead can cause problems, whereas a well-trained dog that responds immediately to its owner's commands can be effectively restrained without the use of a lead.

The problem with any byelaw of course is enforcement. Thames Valley Police have provided the following information:

- The law states that dog on dog attacks are a civil matter, where owners should exchange details and the offending dog's owner should cover any vets costs; however they do not have to.
- If the injury is a serious one, people can call the police who would look at whether or not that dog is a danger and could oversee payment by liaising between parties.
- Dogs being a nuisance and not in proper control, is a dog Warden issue and should be reported to AVDC Environmental Health.
- Dogs that bite a person causing injury is a police matter and the police should be called every time.
- In addition if a dog is seen fouling and it is not being picked up and photographic evidence is presented the police can issue an on the spot fine as can a dog warden.

EPC reminds dog owners that:

- Not all users of the Green are “dog people” and an excited dog bounding up to say hello can be terrifying to adults, children and other dogs.
- Dogs must not enter the play area under any circumstances.
- EPC provides numerous dog bins around the edge of the green, all dog owners must clear up after their dogs.

If you think you witness any users of the Green breaching the Byelaws please report this to Thames Valley Police on 101. A full copy of the Byelaws is displayed on the Pavilion, parishioners can also request a copy from the Clerk.

Bucks CC Devolved Services

Hedge/Overgrowth on the corner of The Green

Under Bucks CC Devolved Services EPC the maintenance of the hedge/overgrowth on the Corner of The Green has become the responsibility of EPC.

At the June EPC meeting the Council agreed to remove the overgrowth and untidy hedge and to reinstate the grass verge at this location. The primary reasons for this decision were to improve pedestrian and traffic safety. The verge has now been levelled and grass seed sown. The grass verge will now be maintained by the Councils' contractor to the same standard as the other grass verges in the Parish.

Devolved Services – The Future

Bucks CC have now introduced a three levels of devolved service.

Currently EPC are operating the Silver Level of Service.

Bucks CC have introduced a Gold Level which includes:

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- Allows local councils to undertake repairs to local residential roads (minor roads only, 30mph speed limit).

EPC have agreed to continue undertaking the Silver Level of Devolved Service but will also ask to be considered for a one year trial of the Gold Level Service.

The Green – Siding out

At the time of writing this report Council have authorised their contractor to side out the grass verges along the road known as The Green and to remove the nuisance weeds under the hedge thereby reinstating the pavement to its correct width.

Outdoor Exercise Equipment

Following a request from parishioners EPC have been exploring the feasibility of installing outdoor exercise equipment in the Parish. Please see the separate article in Focus about this.

Remembrance Day Service

The Act of Remembrance will take place at The Church of St Mary the Virgin in Eaton Bray on 10:30am – 11:30am on Sunday 11th November.

County Cllr Anne Wight

Cllr Wight attended the September EPC meeting and reported on the following matters, her full report can be found on the EPC Website:

- Brownlow Bridge closure
- Household Recycling Center Service Consultation
- Parking Permits
- Children in Care
- The Chiltern Walking Festival

Streetlights

Please report failed streetlights in Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall to the Clerk for repair. When making a report please ensure you provide the Clerk with the information displayed on the lamp post.

Allotments

The Council are pleased to announce that Val Pratt has kindly agreed to take on the role of warden at the Dagnall site.

Edlesborough Parish Council currently has vacant allotments. Anyone wishing to take on an allotment should contact the Clerk. Fees are £2 per pole and plots range in size from 5 – 10 poles.

Speedwatch

The EDaN Traffic Management team are looking for volunteers to help with their new Sentinel device. If you have an interest in slowing down traffic in the villages or are concerned about Road



Safety, please contact Cllr Alan Williams on 07828 398371

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.

www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/report-a-problem/tell-us-about-a-highways-problem/

Future Meetings

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

- Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 15th November 2018
- Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 20th December 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.

Edlesborough Parish Council Contact Information:

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2nd Monday

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Wednesday

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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>	10-11.30am
Music practices (all welcome)	7.30-9pm

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

*For further details please call Envoy Hilary Chadwick. T:01525 222087 / 07932 057490
E: hilary.chadwick@salvationarmy.org.uk*



Dagnall Community Choir

As the nights draw in and the weather starts to get a bit chillier, those long warm days of summer become nothing more than a distant memory. But choir members know that there is always a warm welcome on a Monday evening at Dagnall Church, the comfort of friendship and the wonderful enjoyment of singing together. We love sharing this feeling with new people, so if you love music and singing, and think you might like to join us, please do come along and give it a try.

November is a month of remembrance, and we will be doing our bit to commemorate those that fought, and those that gave their lives in the line of duty. On the 10th November, the Poppy Prom at St Mary's Church Eaton Bray will provide a wonderful evening of music, and we are pleased to have been asked to take part in this once again. If there are any tickets left they are £12.50 available from the Box Office on 01525 222283.

On Sunday 11th November, the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One will see a number of "Battle's Over" events taking place across the country, and across the Commonwealth, where communities will come together to pay tribute. We will be joining the commemoration at the Stanbridge and Tilsworth Community Hall, where the beacon will be lit as part of the countrywide "WW1 Beacons of Light"

celebration. The event starts at 5.30pm and all are welcome.

Christmas creeps ever closer, and the remainder of November will be devoted to preparing for our Christmas Concert, which takes place on Sunday 16th December, 3.00pm at Dagnall Village Hall. We all really look forward to this performance, which this year will be raising money for Dagnall Village Hall, and hope that lots of villagers will be able to join us for what will be a joyful and fun event. There will be punch and mince pies on offer, and as usual we are expecting a visit from Father Christmas - not to be missed!

It's been a busy autumn for the choir, with a number of performances having taken place, as well as those still to come. We are lucky to have a great musical team to direct, encourage and support us, in the form of Michele Garrard and James Banville. We are equally fortunate to have a wonderful back up accompanist, John Green, who steps in when needed, and we would like to express our gratitude to him for all his invaluable help over the last couple of months, while James has been unavailable. Many thanks John!

For more information about the choir, and to get in touch, please visit our website at www.dagnall-community-choir.co.uk. Or feel free to come along to one of our rehearsals, 7.45pm on Monday evenings at Dagnall Church. We would love to see you!

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Edlesborough W.I.

I am happy to report that we enjoyed yet another informative and very pleasant evening at our September meeting. Chris Ward's talk was entitled Wildlife Gardening and it was beautifully illustrated with his own slides taken in his own and friends gardens. He explained to us the many ways in which we can encourage insects, bugs and "beasties" into our gardens, however small the garden, plus the many benefits of these insects etc. provide. Some of the things he suggests we could do being as follows.

1. Having some water, even in a container, is very beneficial and a small pond, without fish is ideal. Every creature has to drink!
2. A pile of logs or twigs somewhere will provide Winter protection for the critters.
3. Retain a small patch of nettles for the butterflies.
4. Have an area of overgrown or untidy garden for shelter.
5. Make it easier for nectar loving insects by providing flat headed flowers.
6. Leave dead heads on Sedums throughout the Winter as they are full of seeds.
7. Ivy, which we all hate, provides much needed shelter for both birds and insects, and the berries thereon in late Winter provide a very much needed source of food, long after all the

other berries have been eaten.

The message coming across loud and clear from Chris is that all these creatures need our help more than ever before, and we humans need their help too! Think Bumble Bees!

On October 9th we celebrated our 90th Birthday, once again. The hall looked lovely when we arrived and we sat down and enjoyed a delicious hot 3 course meal, washed down with plenty of wine. Our special raffle raised £100 plus in aid of St. Francis Hospice, Berkhamsted. The entertainment which followed was provided by the Ukie Toones who delighted us with their ukulele skills (9 players in all), and their range of wacky, jolly songs and music. The Ukie Toones give all their fees to charity and over the years they have donated a great deal of money to a variety of charities. It was a very happy evening altogether, which was enjoyed by all.

November is an ordinary meeting to which non-members are welcome. Our talk will be Women in World War 1.

We have a Christmas coffee morning in a member's home coming up. In December we have our AGM at which the 2019 committee will be elected, after which we eat drink and party, party, party!!

✍️ Sue Parker

Edlesborough School and Pre-School



Edlesborough School is a welcoming and successful school located at the heart of the thriving village of Edlesborough in Buckinghamshire.

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20th November 2018 and
8th January 2019

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For more information about our School, Pre-School and Before and After School facilities, visit our website at:



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Celebrating 100 Years!

Luton & Its People in the Great War

1914-1919

by Stuart Smith



Coinciding with the centenary of the war, this book on Luton and its people and their role during the Great War 1914-18 uses information drawn from the local papers, from personal accounts of living relatives and from historical accounts of the war, it details the exploits of Luton men and women who volunteered for war service.

There are chapters dealing with all the major land, sea and air campaigns that featured local men; from the outbreak of war and the rush of men of all ages to join the colours. One aspect of the book is the publication of the many letters sent home from soldiers at the front telling of experiences gained during the various battles, large and small, which told of amusing and more often than not, tragic circumstances that the writer had faced. In excess of 350 men from Luton and its close environs are mentioned by name, whether killed, wounded, missing in action or as a prisoner of war. The hat industry, the VAD Hospital at Wardown, the manufacturing of munitions and the task of the Luton Fire Brigade fighting major fires at factories engaged in war work are all mentioned.

Also documented is the part played by the Luton Town Football Club and those players who went off to fight, some never to return; the issues surrounding billeting, especially in the early months of the war and criminal activities.

The final chapter follows through to the early post-war days and the rise of feelings of consciences with the establishment of many Rolls of Honour, placed within the factories, schools and in some cases on the walls of houses in humble town centre streets from where men had left to do their duty. The accumulation of all of this grief and mourning came on 10th December 1922 when Lady Ludlow of Luton Hoo unveiled and dedicated a memorial in remembrance of her fallen son, followed later in the day by the unveiling and dedication of the town memorial in George Street.

This 700 page book is profusely illustrated with over 250 photographs, many being of Luton men who had either paid the ultimate price for peace or had been discharged from the forces as no longer fit for service due to illness or wounds received.

To order contact Stuart Smith: 22 Homerton Rd, Luton, Beds LU3 2UL

Tel: 01582 584367. Email: spk122@btinternet.com providing name, address, phone and payment by cheque. Was £17.99 NOW £12.99 with postage Hermes £6 extra.

Alternatively the purchaser can collect from the above address or contact Sally Siddons 01525 221733



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 3rd September 2018 from 7:30pm at The Coffee Tavern



Vacancy – Parish Councillor

Are you concerned about traffic? Are you concerned about the place you live? Eaton Bray is a great place to live and its residents have the opportunity to shape its development by contributing towards the ongoing activities overseen by the Parish Council. If you are able to contribute and have an interest in the parish (roads/speeding/Speedwatch), then please have a chat with any of the existing Councillors or contact the Parish Clerk.

Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC)

Cllr Ken Janes, email kwjanes@hotmail.co.uk / 07767-496823. CBC Website: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk / CBC Email: customers@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk / CBC Customer Services: 0300 300 8301

Bedfordshire Police:

Eaton Bray Police contact: PC Edward Ruston - Email: Edward.Ruston@Bedfordshire.pnn.Police.uk.

For general Police contact/enquiries: **Non-emergency call 101 / All emergencies 999**

For reporting a crime on-line: <https://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/report/Report-Shared/Report-a-crime>

Village Cameras/CCTV

The Parish Council are trying to build up a picture of the number of vehicle/van crimes experienced in Eaton Bray Parish - if you have been affected the Parish Council would really appreciate hearing from you.

Please email the Parish Clerk with your details, including:

- (1) Date of incident
- (2) Approximate time, i.e. night/day/between hours.
- (3) Location/road
- (4) If reported to the police - crime reference number

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 5th November 2018 *Monday 3rd December 2018



Heidi Head, Parish Clerk & RFO

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

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

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Front Row Theatre Group

Front Row are pleased to announce their next production, a comedy by Peter Gordon, entitled "Secondary Cause of Death", the sequel to our previous performance of "Murdered to Death". It is now 1939, and storm clouds are gathering over Europe. Having inherited Bagshot House, Colonel Charles Craddock has converted the property into a hotel for the discerning visitor. Soon Inspector Pratt arrives once again at Bagshot House, bearing grim news for Colonel Craddock. And where does the flamboyant thespian Cardew Longfellow fit into the picture? When Joan Maple's sister Cynthia arrives to stage a murder mystery evening, it's long not before Pratt's visit turns into a chaotic nightmare as the bodies pile higher than ever! If you thought that Murdered to Death was funny, just wait until you see this one!

The production will run from **Wednesday 21st November to Friday 23rd November.**

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Dagnall Community Choir

invite you to their annual

Christmas Carol Concert

at Dagnall Village Hall

Sunday 16th December at 3pm

This is a free concert and there will be a bucket collection with all proceeds donated to Dagnall Village Hall

Punch and mince pies will be available

Father Christmas will be putting in an appearance

Visit our website: www.dagnall-community-choir.co.uk



Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 8th
December

10.30am - 12.30pm

All Saints Church
Dagnall

All Welcome to visit to
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and meet new people



Dagnall Christmas Bingo

in memory of Basil Thorne
Eyes down for a Christmas
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Wednesday 28 November
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Enjoy ...

**Christmas Carols &
Brass Ensemble Around The Village**

Saturday 22nd December 2018 From 7:30pm

To help us all get in the Christmas spirit, the Parish Council have again arranged for the brass ensemble to play Christmas Carols around Eaton Bray on the evening of the 22nd December.

The evening commences from 7:30pm at Three Corners moving to Market Square/White Horse at 8:15 pm.

All adults & children are urged to come outside and have a good old Christmas sing-a-long.

(song sheets will be available but please bring your own torch/lantern)

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Subject to weather conditions

EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL



CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 15th December 2018, 11am–5pm

Market Square, Eaton Bray

(green outside The White Horse Public House)

Christmas 2018 in Dagnall

Christmas Bingo, Weds 28th November - 7.30pm

Friday 30th November

Father Christmas around the Village, 6.30pm

Father Christmas Switches on the Village Hall Lights, 7.30pm

Christmas Fair, Saturday 1st December - 1pm

Christmas coffee morning at the Church

Saturday 8th December - 10.30am

Santa Dash around the Village

Sunday 9th December - 9.30am

Dagnall Church Carol Service Saturday 9th December - 3pm

Christmas Concert by Dagnall Community Choir

Sunday 16th December - 3pm

Dagnall Friendship Club Christmas Lunch (Members only)

Tuesday 18th December - 1.30pm



Dagnall Christmas Fair

1st December

Time 1-3pm

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Music at St Mary's

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Keeping Backache at Bay for Kids

Does your child ever complain of backache? Do you just put it down to growing pains or one of those things that will pass? There are numerous reasons why

children may develop backache or pain but some of the causes could easily be avoided.

Studies have shown that 30% of school age children get back and neck pain*. Don't let your child be a statistic - here are some easy tips to help your child get into good habits for later life:

1. School bags - rucksacks are best or those with a wide adjustable strap worn across the body to distribute the weight better. Adjust straps so that they keep the bag close to the body and not hanging down the back of the legs.

Packing – put the heaviest things at the bottom and closest to the spine to help the back muscles cope better with the weight.

Posture – get your child to stand tall when

carrying a bag and take care to lift their bag properly to avoid increasing strain on the back by bending their knees and lifting the bag close to them.

Big is not necessary best – they should be right for your child's size and tell them to pack just what they need for that day only.

2. School lockers - are not always available but if they are, get your children to leave their heavy PE kits and cooking materials etc in there instead of lugging around in their bag between lessons.

For advice/treatment speak to St Judes Clinic. *Association of Paediatric Chartered Physiotherapists 2012.



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Theatre

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Shakespeare Schools Festival - 19 Nov
This Is Me - 29 Nov

Live Music

Frankly Sinatra - 3 Nov
The Legends of American Country - 6 Nov
The Billy Fury Years - 7 Nov
The Story of Guitar Heroes - 8 Nov
Bowie Experience - 10 Nov
The Stylistics - 13 Nov
Mugenkyo Taiko Drummers: Tribe - 14 Nov
Think Floyd - 16 Nov
80s Mania - 17 Nov

That'll Be The Day
Christmas Show - 21 Nov
Whitney – Queen of the
Night - 22 Nov
The Sensational 60s Experience - 23 Nov
Soul Legends - 24 Nov
A Celebration of Christmas - 27 Nov
Russell Watson - 30 Nov

Comedy

Tom Elliott - 18 Nov
Jethro: Count of Cornwall - 28 Nov

Dance

Flawless: Chase the Dream THE REBOOT
2 Nov
The Dreamboys 2018 - 15 Nov

Talks

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Edlesborough School News



The children of Edlesborough School have had a very busy and exciting half-term so far.

Our year 4 children spent Friday 28th September dressed as Roman soldiers, as they learnt all about life in the Roman army. This included the clothes they wore, the weapons they used as well as the formations used when fighting. The children also got dressed up in replica army attire and handled swords, shields and javelins.



In Year 2, Dogs for Good charity visited the class to talk about training dogs to work with people who are blind. The children were able to ask lots of questions about how the dogs are trained and what jobs they do. This helped them all with their topic work based on Fur, Feet and Feathers. Alvin the dog was very well behaved!

Vacancy

We are currently looking for an assistant to help run our After-School club. The hours are 2:45pm - 6:00pm every day, term time only, on Bucks Pay Range 1b (£7.90 - £9.30 per hour depending on experience). If you are interested, please contact Mrs Jo Broughton our Office Manager on 01525 220431 for further details.

✉ Mrs J Peel, Interim Co-Headteacher



All Saints' Church, Dagnall

Services in November 2018

Sun. 4th Nov	9.00am	United Service for the Festival of all Saints
Sun. 11th Nov	10.30 am	Morning Service with Holy Communion
Sun. 18th Nov.	10.30 am	Family Eucharist
Sun. 25th Nov.	10.30 am	Family Service
Sun. 2nd Dec.	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.



Guinea Fowl



One of the things I love most about my Weekend Kitchen show is the colorful character of my guests. To put it bluntly, you don't get to be a top chef by being a shrinking violet. You need charisma, creativity, passion – and eyes wide open to the world around you. Cat Ashton fits this bill. She is originally from Australia and has travelled extensively honing her craft at Michelin starred restaurants. She is also a brilliant character and her vibrant and comforting food reflects her personality. She has just landed in St Albans as the head chef at the new Abbey Restaurant and this fancy looking – but easy to execute – dinner party dish is her creation.

Guinea fowl stuffed with curry leaf butter with corn and coconut puree and chilli popcorn

Serves 4

You'll need:

4 large Guinea fowl or chicken supremes (skin on)

Curry leaf butter

250g butter, softened

1 clove garlic, finely grated

1 tablespoon fried curry leaves

½ teaspoon curry powder

1 teaspoon sea salt

Place all the butter ingredients into a food processor. Whip until light and fluffy (note: this recipe makes much more than needed but can last in the fridge for a few weeks and be used for all sorts of dishes).

Stuffing the breast: Using your finger, create an air pocket between the skin of the fowl and the breast meat. Evenly pipe about 2 tablespoons worth of butter inside the cavity and place in it the fridge to set for 1 hour.

Season the supremes and heat a little oil in a pan. Cook them skin side down for 2-3 minutes, to get a golden skin. Flip them over and pop them in an oven at 180C/ Gas Mark 4 to finish them off for 6-8 minutes. You want them to feel moist and slightly bouncy, not rock hard.

Corn and coconut puree

1 shallot, diced

1 clove garlic, chopped

25ml olive oil

250g corn kernels (tinned or fresh)

200ml coconut milk

Heat the oil in a pan and sweat off the shallots for 2 minutes until softened. Add the garlic and a pinch of salt and continue to cook for a further minute.

Add the corn and mix well. Fry for 2 minutes and add the coconut milk. Simmer for 10-15 minutes until softened. Puree in a blender until smooth. Serve warm

Popcorn

50g corn kernels

10ml rapeseed oil

Salt

Garlic powder

Chilli powder

Cook the popcorn as per the packet instructions. Then dust with salt, garlic powder and chilli powder to your desired spice level.

To serve;

Serve the puree on the plate, topped with the guinea fowl and finish off with the popcorn around the plate. This goes particularly well with spiralised raw yellow courgette, served just between the meat and the puree. Add a few final corn kernels on the plate for decoration

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.



LOCAL HERALDRY

BY JOHN HOCKEY

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

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

St Mary's Church, Old Hemel has some lovely hatchments. But don't worry, we are not going to look at every part of this fine but complicated testament to the death of Elizabeth, Countess of Marchmont*, 2nd wife of Sir Hugh Hume Campbell, the third Earl (1708-1794).

There are four items of note:

1. The background is all black behind the shield and this, together with the fact the shield is lozenge-shaped like the hatchment itself means we know that both husband and wife are deceased and that it is the Countess that has most recently died.
2. We know Sir Hugh was an Earl as there is a magnificent coronet above the shield with five silver balls set on top of spikes (= coronet of an Earl).
3. The lions at the side (supporters) are looking over their shoulders which heraldically is termed 'reguardant' – maybe they think someone is about to steal their hatchment!



Marchmont Arms



Marchmont close up

4. The little shield or escutcheon in the centre of the left hand part of the shield is what is called a coat of augmentation and was granted by William III. Appropriately the design of this small shield has a small orange 'slipped and leaved' surmounted by an imperial crown.

The motto at the base translates as 'Faith approved confers a crown'.

*You may have visited the Marchmont Arms in Piccotts End at some stage.

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Eaton Bray Lawn Tennis Club

Where does the time go? No sooner are we sitting round our patio table discussing the hottest summer since 1066, and bemoaning the battle to keep our lawns green, than it's only seven weeks to Christmas and the new worry is where on earth did I hide the Christmas tree last January? The previous January I decided to store it in the loft, but when I came to retrieve it last Yuletide, the central heating had obviously played havoc with my loft hatch, which had cruelly shrunk by about 3 inches each side, so far from not being able to get the tree down, I couldn't even get up to make the attempt. Fortunately my good wife, being less fond of beer and peanuts, was able to negotiate the shrunken hazard and retrieve the aforementioned decoration. So I'm pretty sure that I stored it in the garage this year. Mainly because the door is a lot wider. If it goes on like this I'll be looking to borrow an aircraft hanger soon. I've got my eye on a nice orange one at Luton, where hopefully there'll be enough space to squeeze in my 6 foot collapsible Homebase example, alongside the incumbent Airbus 319. So to tennis matters. Our club Final's day was held in early November, always attracting a noisy and enthusiastic crowd of supporters. This year neither of them were disappointed. In the Men's Singles, the question was whether Nick Browne, who defeated last year's winner Ryan Collins in the semi-final, could defeat 17 times champion Darren Kerins, who had recently become a father. Fortunately, the pressures on new parenthood and constant sleepless nights did not affect his game (mostly because he sleeps through whilst poor Mrs Kerins attends to the baby) and Darren took his 18th title. Believe it or not, his first title was 25 years ago in 1993, well exceeding the 15 years between Roger Federer's first and last Grand Slam wins (2003 to 2018), thus putting Darren ahead of one of the world's greats. Possibly.

The Ladies Singles proved to be a battle of

attrition with Kirsty Glynn & Nicola Griffiths contesting a gruelling three set encounter, narrowly won by Nicola. The Ladies Singles has not always been contested but hopefully, based on the matches that have been played in this year's competition, Nicola will face some stiff opposition next year. Meanwhile in the Ladies Doubles, club coach Sara Bamford teamed up with 'Junior Organiser' Debbie Williams to win against singles champion Nicola, & Laura Williams, Debbie's daughter. It's always good when you beat your children at something, it keeps things in their proper place. None of this 'letting them win' nonsense in the Williams household!

Coach Sara also defended her 2017 Mixed Doubles title, this time not with husband Adam, but with fellow committee member and our Southern African correspondent, Steve Macintosh. Their opponents in the final were Laura Williams & Benjamin Johnson, so bad luck again Laura ... who'd be the daughter of a Junior Organiser? For a couple of years Ben has had his eye on the Men's Singles title & his time must surely come in the future especially as Darren allegedly 'approaches' his half century! He may in fact have already reached it – he's a bit cagey about his birth year. We all suspect it was sometime pre The Beatles ... I thought that we can work it out, with a little help from my friends, yesterday, but I had to get back here to do something. I suppose I should just let it be.

The Men's Doubles Final, played later in the evening due to one pair of the protagonists not being able to make the original afternoon slot, saw Philip Clarke and partner Max Freebairn proving too strong for father & son team Ben & Tom Noithip. It was an excellent contest and all four players were a credit to fair play & sportsmanship.

Well that's it for another month. For any further information about the club, including when we get together for our social tennis sessions up at

the School Lane courts, or our various activities, you can visit our website at www.ebltc.org.uk; Alternatively please call any committee member – names and numbers on the website

- Coach Sara Bamford on 07561 571578, or if they're all out and I'm not trying to secrete an artificial Christmas tree behind an Airbus, then me, Andy Cross, on 07783 667338.

From the Methodist Circuit Lay Worker

Dear Friends,

A few years ago when on holiday in France, we visited the Normandy beaches, trying to envisage what it would have been like during the D-Day landings in 1944. Later that week, after visiting the Bayeux Tapestry, we went to the War Graves on the outskirts of the town.

You've seen the pictures, but nothing prepares you for the sight of those rows and rows of identical headstones – one final parade-ground, a roll call of the dead. So many, too many, just marked with a simple cross and the words "An Unknown Soldier". And with all those rows of graves – peace. A War Cemetery is a quiet place.

Another quiet place that impressed me was in this country – the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. Here at the heart of the shrine, is another roll-call – names and names and names, list after list.

And then the worst thing of all.

The blank spaces waiting for future names, future deaths in conflicts still to happen.

We are used to seeing War Memorials in

English towns and villages, a long list from the Great War, followed by a shorter one from the Second World War. But then the Memorial is full.

This one isn't.

As we commemorate the end of the most terrible waste of young life the last century saw, pray with me that those empty spaces at the Arboretum will remain empty for many, many years to come.

And to help that come about, let us resolve to live in peace and harmony with all our neighbours, whoever they are and wherever their heritage has brought their families from.

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A well known long time resident of Northall is Derrick Bonfield. Many of you will know him as he has lived all his life in Eaton Bray and Northall. He was born at Shepherd's Farm, Icknield Way, Eaton Bray in November 1924 – 94 years old this month!! He has so many tales to tell about his life in the villages. At aged 16 in 1940 he was in the Eaton Bray Home Guard – too young to be called up and too young to drive. However, he was the platoon's designated driver using his Dad's lorry! He also drove the lorry regularly to London loaded with Tottenhoe lime. Apparently it was better for use in house building, repairs and air raid shelters than cement as it shattered less. Early lorries had no instruments, no speedometer and indeed no windscreen but later vehicles such as the one Derrick stands next to in the photograph did! Derrick never took a driving test and after the war when he was legally old enough, he bought a driving licence. He married in 1945 and a couple of years later moved into South End Lane, Northall, where he brought up his



3 children with his wife Dill. Dill was the daughter of the village baker and from an early age attended Northall Baptist Church Sunday School and then throughout her life, regularly attended services. Derrick used to give her a lift there and also took his own children to Sunday School. Eventually Derrick started attending services with his wife and on 8th October 2000, he was baptised in the Church. The Church was packed with family and friends, the towel held by his 11 year old grandson Tom. Well, he'd waited until he was aged 75 to commit himself fully to our Lord Jesus Christ. When Jesus gave the Great Commission to his disciples in Mark 16 v16 He said 'Anyone who believes and is baptised will be saved'. The believing and the being baptised go together in this scripture as a public commitment. Derrick's wife, after many years of faithful testimony was delighted, and for the following 4 years until her death in 2004, confident that they'd meet again in their Heavenly home.

You don't need to wait until you're 75 to put your trust in Jesus. Derrick continues to worship regularly with his friends at Northall Baptist Church and is a valued member who regularly reads our Bible passage and contributes to prayers.

Last time I wrote about Edna Ward. I can now report that she has moved back south to Swiss Cottage Care Home, Leighton Buzzard where she will be nearer friends and more of her family.

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: <http://northallbaptistchurch.org/>

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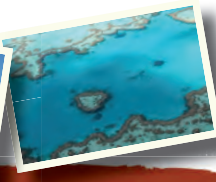
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Eaton Bray Methodist Church

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flowers and fruit and our Minister, Rev Nigel Bibbings inspired us as he talked of 'The Gift of the Harvest', encouraging us to think deeply, not only about the agricultural riches of our land but also of the inner potential each one of us has, the personal gifts we have and what we can do to share them. For the final Sunday of the month we were made very welcome at a shared service in Edlesborough.

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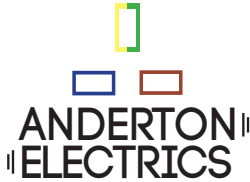
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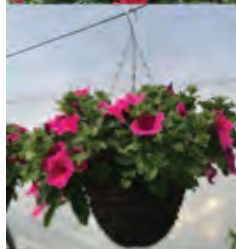
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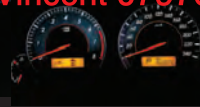
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Ken Bearton Trophy 1st X1 Bowling James Flecknell

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Martin Quinn Trophy 2nd X1 Batting Lee Gauntlett

Dave Wheeler Trophy 2nd X1 Bowling Ian Jones

Lee Bearton Trophy Sunday Batting Joe Braddon

Ian Jones Award Sunday Bowling Neil Scott

John Cole Trophy Most Improved Player Neil Scott

Dave Whittaker Most Catches Jaco Jacobs

Edna Quinn Trophy Clubman Bernie Tickell

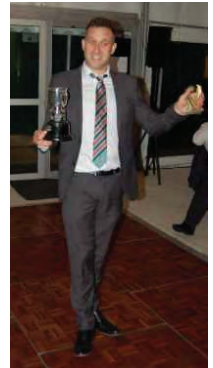
James Flecknell was also named all rounder of the year by the FCCL.

The Club would like to thank the players and supporters for their efforts in getting through a tough season.

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



Prepping for dinner



James Flecknell on one of his many trips to the Trophy Table

Church Ladies with Typewriters

They're back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for the church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water'. The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus'



Dunstable & District Local History Society

13 November, 7.45pm

The Making of Bedfordshire's Countryside

Soil scientist Brian Kerr, a Visiting Fellow at Cranfield University, describes how the landscape of the County has been affected over the years by farming, market gardening, mining for chalk and clay and the creation of parks.

Methodist Church Hall, Dunstable
Visitors always welcome £2



It doesn't seem to matter how old you are, problems with your feet can occur at any point in your life. For example, my youngest client is 15 and suffered from an in-growing toenail and my eldest client is 98 years of age.

Feet are one of the most overworked and underappreciated parts of the human body. The average person takes 8,000-10,000 steps per day, this equates to four trips around the world in your life time. Potentially that's a lot of wear and tear, especially if your feet hurt.

Did you also know that each foot contains 26 bones, 33 joints, over 100 tendons, muscles, ligaments, pain receptors and a whopping 250,000 sweat glands?

Your feet are responsible for the essential task of supporting your entire body throughout the active part of your day. As a result, it can be very difficult to concentrate on anything when your feet are hurting.

The human foot maybe under appreciated, but its design and continuous well-being is essential.

Foot problems can cause limping and or lopsided uneven walking, which can then apply undue stress to other parts of the body such as knee and hip joints and spinal vertebrae causing back pain. All of these potential problems could be easily avoided by giving your feet the best attention they need for as little as £20.

- Callus/hard skin removal;
- Corn removal;
- Cracked heel treatments;
- Verrucae removal;
- Fungal infection treatments;
- In-growing nail removal;

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Eaton Bray W.I.

After the summer holidays, it was good for Eaton Bray WI members to be together for their September meeting. Everyone had enjoyed the lovely sunshine of a beautiful summer. Our President welcomed Pauline, a new member to the meeting.

Members enjoyed a visit to Southend in early September; a birthday dinner at a local restaurant and a craft fair in October. A shoe sale in November will be held at Flitwick Village Hall.

After the minutes of the last meeting and the correspondence, our President introduced Sherry Scott MBE, from the Burma Forces Welfare Association, who was our speaker for the evening. The Association was formed to provide urgently needed, welfare assistance to the surviving ex-servicemen and their widows of pre-independent Burma. Sherry enthralled everyone with her stories of visits to Burma and treks into the jungle, along with all the work carried out over many years to support the soldiers. The charity is run by Sherry from Tyringham Hall in Cuddington and she extended an invitation to everyone to come and visit next year.

The meeting had some social time with tea and cakes.

On a mild October evening, members of the Eaton Bray WI met up together for their monthly meeting. Our President welcomed Barbara to the meeting who was a new member.

Members were invited to bring items for the Charity Shoe Boxes, to the November meeting, which are to be filled with toiletries, socks, hats and gloves etc.

A Group Christmas Evening is to be held at Kensworth Village Hall on Friday 23rd

November. All members will be invited. Our President welcomed Rose Hawkins, and her Mother, Marion, who gave us a very exciting and interesting presentation. Rose had swam the English Channel in September 2017. She told us of the challenges and joys of her swim. Rose explained that the swim has to be organised through the Channel Swimming Association who provide a Pilot boat to monitor the swim. No wet suits are allowed, but you can wear goggles, ear plugs and a swimming cap. We all felt in awe of her months of training, the cold showers, and the tremendous support of her family during her 14 ½ hour swim. Even when she reached France, she had to scramble up the rocks on to dry land. Rose raised an incredible £15,000 for her swim, which was divided between four charities. Rose said it was the best and the worst time of her life!! The English Channel is a distance of 21 miles at the narrowest point, and Rose had actually swam 25 miles.

The meeting had some social time, with tea and cakes.

The next meeting of Eaton Bray WI will be on Monday 5th November at 7.30 pm when Karen will talk to us about Riding for the Disabled.

Meetings are always on the first Monday of the month (except Bank Holiday when it is the second Monday). Meetings 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.



New Blue Cross Education Officer offering free talks to schools and youth groups in Local Area

Pet charity, Blue Cross offers free talks to schools and youth groups to educate children about pet welfare from an early age. The charities vision is that every pet will one day enjoy a healthy life in a happy home and one of the ways they hope to achieve this is by educating pet owners of the future.

As the newest member of the Blue Cross Education team (and also a newbie to the local area); Education Officer Erin Laybourne is on a mission to raise awareness of the Blue Cross classroom talks and assemblies she can deliver in both primary and secondary schools .

Centered on pet welfare and responsible pet ownership; all talks are interactive, informative and give a great insight to the work of the charity. They are a great accompaniment to an animal based class topic and fit well into PSHE and Science aspects of the National Curriculum.

Talks include;

- *What pets need*
- *Safety around dogs*
- *Responsible dog ownership*

Seasonal talks are also available and include *Animals in World War 1, Pets at Bonfire Night and caring for pets at Christmas.*

Age-appropriate resources to help bring the message of Blue Cross to life are used during talks and a large range of curriculum linked learning materials are available to download. These engaging pre and post visit resources can enable teachers and leaders to link our work to their topics.

Assemblies and class talks are not only suitable for nurseries, primary and secondary schools but are also great for youth groups. Talks can be tailored towards specific topics or activity badges for uniformed groups.

To book a free school talk or to find out more information, email your local education officer erin.laybourne@bluecross.org.uk or education@bluecross.org.uk **OR** visit www.bluecross.org.uk/education for more information on our school talks.

Volunteers we need you!

We are looking to recruit more volunteers to help us spread the Blue Cross vision by reaching as many schools and youth groups as possible. Education volunteering is flexible and fits in with busy lifestyles. We are looking for friendly, outgoing volunteers who are up for a fun challenge. You can become an education volunteer no matter where you live, and we give full training through distance learning. For more information on education volunteering please contact education@bluecross.org.uk

Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

Weather Conditions for September 2018

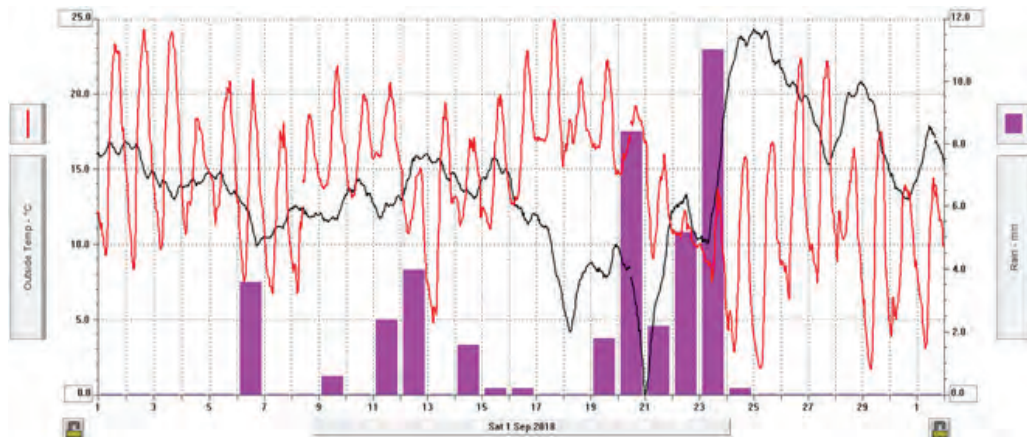
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September began settled and warm with plenty of sunshine. On the 6th we had showers, but they didn't add up to much. The middle of the month was unsettled. By the 16th, another warm and sunny period brought the hottest day of the month of 25.0°C on the 17th.

This was followed by a few days of showery rain at the end of the month. High pressure gave us sunny days and starry nights which resulted in cold mornings and a touch of frost. The rainfall was down 18% on the 10 year average.

Temperature:	High 25.0°C	Date/Time 17 Sept 15.30	Low 1.6°C	Date/Time 29 Sept 07.00
Mean Temperature	14.1°C			
Dewpoint:	17.7°C	11 Sept 15.30	0.5°C	29 Sept 07.00
Humidity:	96%	13 Sept 08.30	30%	27 Sept 17.00
Barometer:	1038.8mb	25 Sept 00.00	995.1mb	21 Sept 00.00
Wind Speed	42mph WNW	21 Sept 00.30	Months avg.	4.9 mph
Wind Chill:	24.3°C	2 Sept 16.00	1.7°C	29 Sept 07.00
Dominant Wind:	w			
*Rain Days: 13 (T), 13(R)		Wettest Day 23rd Sept	11.00 mm	0.433 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	Sept 2018	41.4 mm	1.630 ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	9 Months	459.1 mm	18075ins

September 2018 Temperature, Rain & Pressure

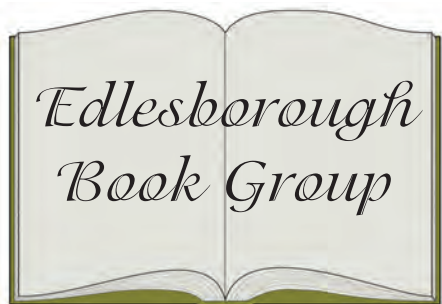


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If anyone has a question, comment or wishes to contact me please email: david@dagnallweather.co.uk or telephone: 01442 843883.

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Reservoir 13 by Jon McGregor

This highly commended novel won the 2017 Costa Novel Award and was long listed for the Man Booker prize.

It begins dramatically, with the disappearance of a teenage girl from a Derbyshire village where she was on holiday with her parents. The villagers join in with the police to search the surrounding hills and countryside and soon their quiet village is at the centre of national news, as the young girl remains missing.

As time goes by, the village returns to its day by day activities, which the author describes in detail making us aware, gradually, that this is not just the story of a missing girl,

but of the village, its inhabitants and the passing of time. The descriptive writing of the natural world, interwoven with village life is excellent and underlines the relentless passage of time. However, although the descriptions of the animals and plant life through the seasons is very evocative, after thirteen years they are also repetitious. Apart from the hope that one day we will discover what really happened to Rebecca, there is no strong story line.

We are introduced to various villagers, but their characters are not fleshed out enough to be memorable.

Perhaps this is what the author intended; perhaps we are meant to be just observers on the periphery, as the village continues as it always has done.

This is certainly a beautifully written book and a song of praise to the English countryside, detailing all its seasons in their full beauty.

Our group was divided in its opinions. Some liked the writing but found the repetition boring. Others liked the book, but felt that it lacked a strong story line. It is a difficult book to recommend as its appeal is limited.



THANK YOU

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning held in St Mary's Church on Friday September 28th was once more an amazing success and I would like to thank everyone who supported in any way. I am especially grateful to the magnificent team of helpers who make it happen every year, and everyone who contributed to the success of this event by joining us on the day.

Also, many thanks for all the donations of cakes, books, raffle prizes etc.

The total raised was **£1,561**, a truly brilliant result and this demonstrates real charitable support in our villages.

Edna Moore would like to say a special thank you to all the people who baked for her. The cake stall raised £562.

We are very grateful and this will be put to very good use to try to ensure that no-one should face Cancer alone.

Thank you to everyone.

✍️ Sheila Banks,

Macmillan Cancer Support Fundraising



Christmas Carol Concert

Sunday 2 December

4pm

at Eaton Bray Village Hall

Admission is by FREE TICKET

NB. For health & safety and fire regulations reasons tickets are required. These can be obtained FREE of charge from:

Hilary Chadwick (Envoy). Tel: 01525 222087; 07932 057490;

Email: hilary.chadwick@salvationarmy.org.uk

Guest soloist: Lucy Sallows

School choir

Community Brass Band

Carol singing

A collection will be taken for Keech Hospice Care (Children's Hospice)



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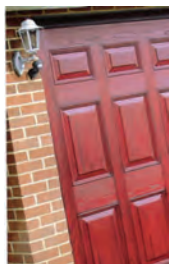


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