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✍️ Editor

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Village Diary February 2019



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, Edlesborough 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 jtptinfo@gmail.com
- Tuesdays Fortnightly Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy, Table Top Sale, 10-12noon, Salvation Army Hall, Booth Place, Eaton Bray
- Wednesdays 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 (term time) Caterpillars Baby and Toddler Group 10am to 11:30am, Grace Baptist Church, Moor End, Edlesborough, £1 per family unit, Frances King 01582 475896
- Wednesdays Pilates 6.45 & 7.45pm, Dagnall Village Hall, Andrea on 07855 138005 or andrea@naturalpilates.co.uk
- Wednesdays Art of Ju Jitsu martial arts class, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 7 -7.45pm ages 6-15yrs
- Wed (term time) Art Courses, Whipnade Village Hall, 9.30am – 12.30pm. Lorna Moore 07896 619660
- 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 jtptinfo@gmail.com

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- Thursdays Eaton Bray Methodist Church Social Afternoons, 2 - 4pm, All Welcome
- Thursdays Retro Line Dance Class. 11.15am to 12.45pm. Eaton Bray Village Hall. Beginners welcome. www.jukeboxjunction.co.uk info@jukeboxjunction.co.uk 07864212171
- Fridays Keep Fit class, Edlesborough Memorial Hall 10 - 11am
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- Fridays (term time) "Little Luvvies" baby ballet classes 10am-11.30am. Contact Emma Whittemore on 01525 376124
- Fri (term time) Art Courses, Whipsnade Village Hall, 9.30am – 12.30pm. Lorna Moore 078 9661 9660
- 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 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**
- 3rd Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club Meeting, 10.30am-3.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall

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Other Regular Events Cont'd

8th Leukaemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30am. All welcome.
19th Dagnall and Kensworth Friendship Club lunch at the Red Lion in Dagnall on at 12.30 for
1pm sit down

One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

16th Music at St. Mary's 'The Wandering Minstrels', 7:30pm, Tickets £7.50. Box Office 01525
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Simon Peter Woodgate

1968-2018

Eunice, Les, Anne, Karen, Paula and Family would like to say a heartfelt thank you for all the love, support, flowers and cards received on the sudden death of Simon, at home, on the 6th October. We were overwhelmed.

A special thank you to Kate and Debbie at Edlesborough Flowers, who made a beautiful floral tribute, using a grandfather clock Simon made and a motorbike; both in three and a half days!

Simon was a lifelong devotee of "The Lord of the Rings", and it was poignantly apt that The Shires Funeral Directors from Dunstable, took him on his last journey. They were caring, comforting and kind.

A Humanist funeral, attended by The Salvation Army, Catholics, Jehovah's Witnesses, Anglicans, Agnostics and others, brought together in a celebration at Luton Vale by David Dooley.

Simon, our much loved son, brother, uncle and friend, REST NOW IN PEACE.
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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

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WEEK-DAYS:

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

Wednesday: **10.00am** Holy Communion

EVERYONE WELCOME AT THESE SERVICES



Our village is a very caring community as is revealed in our quarterly review of help by our wonderful team of volunteers. The Eaton Bray Good Neighbours have been very active in the last quarter, with some 225 completed activities, helping the local community. Client numbers increase each quarter, with many requests for collecting prescriptions from our local Pharmacy and help with transport to local hospitals.

The Volunteers, along with our clients, all met up for a Christmas Social in December. Some 40 people attended, with lots of cake and chatter. This was an excellent gathering for both clients and volunteers to meet up, helping to promote support and comfort which is mutually offered and accepted.

The Befrienders group continue to flourish, with monthly meetings when outings are planned for the Friends they visit. Afternoons out have been made to Rushmere Park and a Christmas visit to Poplars Garden Centre followed by afternoon tea. During the winter months they have met for soup and rolls followed by board games or memories of days gone by. We support 5 Friends with home visits, and also keep in contact with telephone calls to those living on their own. One Friend moved away and two have now moved to Care Homes. Our Befrienders are very kind and supportive, particularly during the winter months and there is equally a feeling of appreciation by everyone.

We have over 40 volunteers, some of whom gave their time to undertake tasks in the last quarter. They are rewarded with the gratitude and thanks extended to them. Volunteering can give you a feel good factor when you help somebody.

We are always looking for volunteers, in particular, those who are prepared to be Phone Holders. Too often we rely on a small group of people to provide this essential link in the provision of our services. As a driver, or Befriender, the time involved may only be an hour or two now and then. If you are interested in fulfilling any of these roles, please call the number on our Good Neighbours flier.

Eaton Bray with Edlesborough Parish News

Vicar: Rev'd Joy Cousins

The Vicarage, 11 High Street, Eaton Bray - Tel: 01525 220261

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

Reader: Gordon Gray (01525 220136)

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There are many people who find February a hard month, and I am certainly one of them. The excitement and wonder of Christmas has been and gone and those New Year resolutions, which we made with such earnestness and hope, seem like a distant memory. It is still cold and wet and the nights continue to be long and lights are switched on far earlier than we would like. The heralding of spring in snowdrops and daffodils and blossom, may be just around the corner, but in February, after all those dark evenings, Spring can still seem very far away. But we all know that Spring will come. The flowers will grow again and flower, the birds that have wintered in warmer climes will fly back to our gardens and our fields, and before we know it the warmth of Summer will be here.

The seasons often feature in the Bible. When the Bible was written the vast majority of people would have worked on the land, and even if they were city-dwellers their lives would still have been regulated by agricultural seasons: the time to sow the grain and the time to harvest. Until relatively recently, life in Britain would have been dominated by farming life too, from the way people worked and the jobs that needed doing, to the types of fruits and vegetables that were available in the shops. In our modern consumerist world, we don't really have 'seasonal' fruit and vegetable any more, most things are available all year round.

The changing of the seasons also had an important spiritual message for many people too. The progression from one season to another marked the passage of time and created a sense of order. A passage in the book of Ecclesiastes (which also appears in the song "Time, Time, Time" by Peter Seeger) says, 'For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. . . . a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted' (Eccl. 3:1-2). And in the Psalms it says that God has made 'the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting' (Ps. 104:19). There is a rhythm to the year and, also, a rhythm in our daily lives. However much some of us may dislike the cold, long nights of winter, and however much the coming of Spring seems to drag in February, each of the seasons gives us that sense of time and rhythm that we really need.

For many Christian writers the way the earth could at one time be so cold and seemingly dead in winter, and suddenly be full of life in the Spring, was like the death and resurrection of Jesus. When Jesus died on the cross, it seemed that all was lost; but on Easter Day, Jesus was resurrected and appeared to his friends: new life had come. The coming of spring was seen as a metaphor for the hope and promise of new life. This sense of hope for the future, can also be used of our lives. There will always be times when we feel like winter, because life is not always easy and life is not always joyful like the spring; but Christians draw hope in the new life that will come with the Spring. So in February, think about your hopes for the future and the new life and joys that may come.

✠ Rev'd Stephen Burge
Curate





14th-15th June Church on the Hill Edlesborough



The inside track on the line-up for this year's village music festival!

Those of you that have been before will know just what a great event our village music festival has become. And after last year's finale left people dancing in the aisles, 2019 looks set to be even better. So, we thought we better give you some early warning to make sure you die hard festival-goers don't miss out on a ticket – they are already available on-line!

This year, on Friday June 14th June you can see the iconic Chris Difford, co-founder of Squeeze, right here in the village. As well as writing hits for Squeeze such as 'Cool For Cats', 'Up The Junction', 'Labelled With Love', 'Goodbye Girl', 'Pulling Mussels', 'Tempted'... he has with also written with Jools Holland, Paul Carrack and Elton John. And in between his dryly observed songs, Chris is known for telling a few dryly observed anecdotes too.

Then on Saturday June 15th we host the brilliant young Sam Kelly trio. Kelly hit the spotlight in 2012 as a nineteen-year-old, singing to millions in the final of ITV's Britain's Got Talent – and yes, he even impressed Simon Cowell, who said, "Sam... you have an amazing voice". Now forging a career on the folk circuit, Radio 2's Mark Radcliffe describes the band as playing, "Amazing, thrilling music!"

And that's not all – there are also some great support acts, such as the Jaywalkers, a virtuosic bluegrass band who recently headlined at The Stables in Milton Keynes in their own right, and local favourites Starlight Barking, part of our next generation of musicians.

Even better, you won't even have to pack your wellies, as the whole festival takes place inside the beautiful medieval Church on the Hill, in Edlesborough. You can come for the fabulous view, you can come for a real ale or even a glass of Pimms, but mostly you should come for the music!

And because it's so hard to pick between the two nights, this year you can also get a reduced price ticket for the whole weekend. Find out more about the whole event online by searching for *Edlefest*, or visiting edlefest.site123.me, by calling 01525 221744, or by email to EdleFest@gmail.com.

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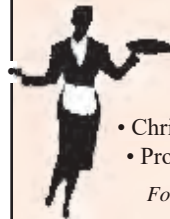
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Edlesborough Parish Council News

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Traffic Calming Proposals for Dagnall & Edlesborough

EPC have been working with Transport for Bucks looking at ways to implement Traffic Calming measures on the B440 in Dagnall and along the B440 at the junction with Ivinghoe Way and the top of Pebblemoor, Edlesborough.

EPC will now send letters of Consultation to all residents of Dagnall and Edlesborough outlining the proposed traffic calming measures in their respective village. The Council urges residents to read the information carefully and to respond accordingly.

Allotments



Do you have a keen gardener in the family? We currently have plots available at all our sites. 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.

Streetlights

Following a request from three parishioners in 2018 EPC considered installing four additional streetlights in Edlesborough. Residents adjacent to the four proposed locations

were consulted; three locations were objected to. The Council proceeded with obtaining quotes for the purchase and installation of and connection of an energy supply to one additional light on the High Street in Edlesborough. At the December Council meeting Cllrs agreed not to proceed with the installation of this additional light due to the fee for providing an energy supply to the proposed new light being almost twice the amount of the purchase and installation cost.

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.

County Cllr Anne Wight

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

- Brownlow Bridge Closure
- Temporary SLOW signs on B489 at Junction
- Anglian Water Works in Ivinghoe
- Bucks CC Cabinet meeting recommendations for Brexit Preparedness

Edlesborough Parish Council Contact Information:

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Dagnall Village Hall and Recreation Ground



We have recently had the toilets refurbished in the Village Hall, including installation of disabled facilities. We have now moved on to our next fundraising task!

We are currently fundraising to buy new playground equipment for Dagnall Rec, having had to have the old gear removed after it failed its safety test last year. We have already raised £16k but need approx £6k more to hit our target.

We are taking part in a Spacehive crowdfunding initiative, backed by Aylesbury Vale District Council among other sponsors. It is a quite convoluted process but could be very lucrative for us!! We have pitched to receive up to £5k from AVDC, along with other pitches to other less well known sponsors.

It seems to revolve more about how many 'backers' we get, and how quickly, rather than how much money we get pledged, although the more the better, obviously!

If we achieve enough backers in a short enough time, we may be successful with our pitches, so I'm pleading with you all to sign in and LIKE and BACK our project.

So please, if you wouldn't mind, sign up at the link below and pledge even £2 to support us.

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✉ Trish Owen

DVH Chairperson

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We are a very small village school with small class and with children's individual needs at the heart of all we do.

We recently made biscuits for our Kindness Café for parents/relatives and raised £77 for Charity.



Children decorating the biscuits they made for the Kindness Café

Dagnall Community Choir



With the excitement of Christmas and New Year celebrations behind us now, Dagnall Community Choir members are looking forward to the year ahead.

Our focus for the first part of 2019 is the Milton Keynes Music Festival, where we will be taking part in the Community Choir section on 15th March. This is the first time that we have entered a music festival, so are looking forward to seeing what goes on, and enjoying some friendly competition with other adult choirs in the local area. We think our biggest challenge will be performing without our music books, meaning that we have to learn all the words as well as the tune off by heart!! Luckily only a small part of our chosen song is in Latin, so this shouldn't be too taxing...

After that, we will be working on new songs, building up our repertoire ready for our main annual concert, scheduled for June this year, rather than in the autumn as it has been in previous years. Please watch this space for further information, or take a look at our website **www.dagnall-community-choir.co.uk**.

In the meantime, we will be continuing to enjoy our weekly rehearsals, singing and socialising together, with plenty of fun and much laughter. Of course, there is always room for more choir members in Dagnall Church on a Monday evening, and a warm welcome for anyone who would like to join us. So if you have been thinking of taking up a new hobby in 2019, and think singing in a friendly choir might be for you, please do come along – Mondays, 7.45pm at Dagnall Church - we'd love to see you!

Message for All Dog Owners

Especially the dog owner that walks his/her dog early in the morning on the public right of way entrance at the bottom of Church Lane. Please pick up your dog poo on the field not far from the entrance. Some of you dog owners must have missed the signs around the village that says 'It is an offence not to clean up after your dog'. This applies everywhere across Bedfordshire and, if ignored, could result in a fine of up to £1000. Not everybody might know this but it covers all public rights of way (Around and the fields), bridle paths, parks, other open spaces and, of course, pavements and paths so, in other words, EVERYWHERE.

Farmers fields growing crops are tested for dog poo, if there is a high incidence, the crop is deemed not fit for Human consumption, this is then a loss to the farmer. All of the above applies to Aylesbury Vale (Dagnall, Edlesborough and

Northall) as well.

Other things you may not know;

Dog poo left will take a year to bio degrade so please don't flick it into the hedge. Poo left in a plastic bag, either left hanging on hedges or thrown into the undergrowth will be there a lot longer than we will be. So please pick it up and put in the nearest dog bin or take it home and put it in your bin. There is no shame or embarrassment in using a bag to pick up dog poo, in fact, quite the opposite.

There are now bio degradable poo bags. Maybe this is something all dog owners should be using. Do our bit for the environment. We are so lucky to live where we do so let's look after it for our children and grandchildren.

Happy walking

✍️Kathy Ellison



Eaton Bray Methodist Church

At the end of November one of our members, Keith Blackburn, led an interesting and thought-provoking service considering the Seasons of the Year in relation to our spiritual life. On the second Sunday of Advent Fiona Arscott-Smith joined us for our Café Worship, when we had a valuable discussion on the meaning of our lives and God's mission for us. Our Carol Service took place on the 3rd Sunday in Advent and was an inspiring presentation by the Junior Church. The theme was "Put Christ back into Christmas". It involved a delightful dramatisation of the events in the Inn set against a striking mural. We are very fortunate to have such gifted junior members and are immensely grateful to their teachers who invested so much time and effort in the preparation. On the final Sunday in Advent the Rev Wallace Edwards took our Communion Service and gave a moving sermon on the

principle of self-sacrifice. The Christmas Day service, led by Elisabeth Bibbings, was a very well-attended and happy occasion, celebrating joyfully the birthday of our Lord. December closed with another service led by one of our members, Jaquie Stamp, whose uplifting message helped us to look forward to the coming year, reminding us that we have all been given gifts which we can use to achieve miracles. We need to 're clothe' ourselves in our faith in Christ Jesus.

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New Year Resolutions

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Stress can leave us feeling tense, causing tight muscles in our back and neck but by making some simple changes, we can improve our stress levels and general health. Here are a few tips to increase activity and reduce stress:

- Feel calmer by relaxing your breathing - take a few deep breaths.
- Go for a walk outside and get some fresh air.
- If you are working at a desk, take regular, short breaks and stretch.
- Take the stairs instead of the lift and park at the opposite end of the car park.
- Don't skip meals and do drink water regularly.

Physiotherapists recommend 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous exercise each week, raising your heart rate, but not being so short of breath that you can't talk. It's OK to be active in 10 minute bouts. Aiming to get fit and lose weight? We all have good intentions but the difficulty is in sustaining our efforts. The most important factor to consider is to choose physical activity that you enjoy, exercise should not be seen as a chore but an uplifting experience. We are fortunate to live

in an area full of exercise opportunities with local leisure centres, golf clubs and beautiful woodland such as Ashridge and Rushmere, to "forest bathe" (using all of your senses to soak up the atmosphere of the forest) or Nordic walk.

Set yourself realistic exercise goals and keep track with the vast number of mobile apps available. Get some family members or friends together to turn it into a social experience or join a local club – there are many to choose from: walking groups, running, rugby, football and tennis clubs, to name a few.

Have you considered Pilates? St Judes run local classes with day time and evening sessions. Each class has a maximum of 12 participants and are run by a Chartered Physiotherapist, who is also a fully certified Pilates instructor. For more information on safe exercise and Pilates contact:

Tips by your local physiotherapy team at



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Tuna Tartar with Jalapeno Chilli, Avocado, Cucumber and Radish

Sometimes food takes us back to a moment in time. I'll always remember the first time I braved raw tuna (well, it felt like "braved" at the time!). It was nearly 20 years ago, on a trip to Reykjavik, and it was like nothing I'd ever tasted before. Fresh, delicate, textured – and full of flavour, thanks to clever use of Asian fusion ingredients. Recently, on my Weekend Kitchen show, I had the pleasure of welcoming Nick Male, head chef and owner of Loft, St Albans. Here's a chef who knows how to blend flavours from across the world to make classic dishes, and this tuna dish is just bursting with character and zing. Better still, it's really incredibly easy to make and is a real show-stopper way of opening a dinner party. The only requirement is buying high quality fresh tuna to give this dish its best chance of amazing your guests,

Serves 4

Dressing

50g lemon grass

50g Ginger

2 cloves garlic

1 small red chilli

100ml fresh lime juice

50ml soy sauce

50ml sesame oil

100ml veg oil

350gm Sashimi grade raw tuna

½ cucumber

20g jalapeno chilli, finely sliced

6 breakfast radishes

1 avocado

Micro herbs/ edible flowers to decorate

First make the dressing. Blend all the dry ingredients to a paste using a pestle and



mortar, then add all the wet ingredients to make a smooth dressing.

Dice the tuna into small cubes and keep them well chilled in a bowl. Dice up the cucumber and cut the breakfast radishes into quarters. Just before serving, dice up the avocado too. You're now ready to "build" the dish. You can do this in bowls or, for more of a wow factor, use a metal ring to build up a perfect cylinder, as you can see in the photo.

Start with a layer of avocado on the bottom. Next place some jalapeno peppers on top, followed by some diced cucumber.

Mix enough dressing into the tuna to just coat it and place the dressed tuna on top of the cucumber.

For a final flourish, garnish the top of the tuna with micro herbs and/or edible flowers. Serve and eat immediately.

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.





Nigel's Thoughts

Methodist Minister

Dear Friends,

Some of you will be aware that by time you read this

I may very well be in India. A group of people of different faiths, and none, are travelling to West Bengal on an aid visit to a rural hospital. This is a part of my Sabbatical plans which mean that I shall not be generally available from now on until Holy Week in the middle of April.

I am aware that whilst we are in India we shall meet some of the world's poorest people, whose individual lives are likely to put my own life and struggles into perspective. I shall have to learn to 'get over' myself.

The area we shall be visiting is generally unaffected by the 'caste' system which permeates so much of Indian society and the way in which people think of themselves.

The people of the villages that the hospital serves are mainly tribal peoples, who are way more affected by grinding poverty and, for the most part do not seek the hospitals help – because they have no money to pay hospital fees. The hospital offers its services free of charge however and therefore much of its work is going out into the villages, to spread the word, identify diseases and bring people in for treatment. It offers a full range of treatments (maternity, paediatrics, male and female surgical wards, ophthalmology and basic A & E), in a poor set of buildings mainly unrefurbished and reminiscent of the 1920s.

All that we shall see is perfectly 'normal' as far as their society is concerned, it is just the way things are out there. Individual people do not generally have more than a glimpse into the world that we live in, with its wonderful NHS and social and welfare

payments.

This got me wondering about the contexts of some of our arguments. Yes, I am thinking of the 'B' for Brexit word and the comparative insignificance of the way in which we order our lives alongside our European and Worldwide neighbours. The people we shall meet in India have far more important things to think about and fret over. So do many individuals and families in our own country and across the world. Everything is relative.

It is not that Brexit is unimportant, far from it.

Unfortunately some people in our nation have shown their intolerance of others and their views – and I can be like that myself at times. We have become so polarised. I hope that we can learn to be better than that and can reason carefully and considerately together to forge a common future, which while not satisfying everybody is good news for all the people of these islands – especially those who have the least.

I expect to be challenged and changed by our Indian travels and encounters. I will let you know how we get on.

God bless,

✍️Nigel

Eaton Bray Cricket Club 100 Club Winners December 2018

£25	John Sirett	No.71
£10	Eric Pratt	No.115

January 2019

£25	David Wheeler	No.9
£10.	Gillian Moss	No.130

Eaton Bray Cricket Club is kindly sponsored by Meadow Marquees and Houghton Insurance.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MINUTES

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

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

Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council

Held on Monday 5th November 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

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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>

PC Helen Pecorini was in attendance, she went through the list of crime states for the parish and confirmed details of this can be found via the following CBC link:

<https://onedrive.live.com/view.aspx?resid=D6887C725A89E06B!269&ithint=file%2cxlsx&app=Excel&authkey=!ACH4oLYDzsYjmVU>

School Lane Recreation Ground Dog Hygiene Bins

A note to ALL dog walkers to be please use the dog bins located at the entrance to School Lane Recreation Ground. Wallace Drive and car park, and to NOT use the general waste bins. Thank you.

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>

Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council

Held on Monday 3rd December 2018 from 7:30pm at the Coffee Tavern



Speedwatch:

If you would like to get involved in trying to slow down traffic in the village/concerned about road safety, please contact the Parish Clerk.



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]

Follow Eaton Bray Parish Council on Facebook and Twitter

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



Litter Pick Day – Saturday 16th March 2019

Do you want to take action against litter? The huge strides we need, to create the clean areas; parks, roads etc., we all want to see can be made up of small individual steps - picking up a single piece of litter could be your first step. Interested? Then put the proposed Litter Pick Day, Saturday 16th March 2019 in your diary. Full details to follow [facebook/noticeboards/website].

Advertising on Parish Council Land

Due to a number of unauthorised advertising/fly posting appearing on council land, the council has agreed to amendments to the current policy - to take effect from 4th December 2018.

To apply for advertising: <https://eatonbray.com/parish-council/business-matters/Application-AdvertisingonEBPCland.pdf>

ADVERTISING ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND

Advertising or Fly Posting is not permitted on any green spaces, lamp posts or any other public areas in the Parish of Eaton Bray. By exception, e.g., for established annual community events such as the Carnival, Beer Festival, Christmas Carols and other events of participation by the whole community - a request may be made to the Parish Council. Applications will be considered on a case by case basis. [Unauthorised parties will be asked to remove all their advertising within 24 hours after which time the Parish Council will have these items removed and seek recovery of the associated removal costs incurred].

Sponsored advertising boards must be able to clearly show the sponsored event and not be overshadowed by the organisation sponsoring the signage. Inappropriate signage will be removed or the organisation sponsoring the event will be asked to replace them with more suitable signage.

Advertising boards (if approved) can be placed in the following locations and must be removed immediately after the event:

(1)Entry to village [Harling Road/1x sign] (2)Entry to village [The Rye triangle/1x sign] (3)Three Corners [1x sign] (4)Market Square [1x sign]

Those wishing to advertise on Parish Council land must complete the application form and forward to the Parish Clerk for final decision by the Council.

Parish Council Meeting Dates:

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

*Monday 4th February 2019 *Monday 4th March 2019 *Monday 8th April 2019



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Who Draws the Lines?



After the blessed relief of Christmas, the daily sound and fury of Brexit has engulfed us again.

It is still the second week of January as I write; no-one knows what will have happened by the time you read this.

It is amazing how much turmoil can be caused by a line on a map - such as the border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

All around the world lines on the map either cause or result from trouble between neighbours. Think of Kashmir, Cyprus, Ukraine, Crimea, or Korea. That's before we start on the Middle East.

How the lines were drawn where they are is often buried in the morass of history. Sometimes it was population movement, sometimes armed conflict, or geographical logic or simply where a power struggle ground to a halt.

The Bible tells us that God decides where those lines are drawn. It says that God's sovereign control extends to deciding where each nation lives and what area each government controls.

Paul, the first great Christian missionary, took the good news of forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ all around the north-eastern Mediterranean. In Athens he spoke about the living God to an elite group of influential people (see Acts 17 in the Bible). Here is part of what Paul said: *"From one man [God] made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands."*

So God determines not only where national borders and administrative areas lie but also how long they remain. Paul went on:

"God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us."

So God's purpose in deciding where the lines would be drawn and for how long was so that people would reach out for him and find him. He wants to be found by those who are separated from him through turning their backs on him - something we have all done.

Whatever happens to Brexit, will you reach out for God this year? The promise is that you will find him if you come to him through his Son, Jesus Christ. God sent him to bring us to God by dying on a cross for our sins.

Join us as we learn more of this good news each Sunday.

✍ Timothy Reynolds (pastor)

Grace Baptist Church Edlesborough

Pastor: Timothy Reynolds
gbcepastor@gmail.com
Secretary: Alister King
gbcesecretary@gmail.com

Weekly Activities

Sunday Services

10.30am Morning Worship
6.00pm Evening Worship

2nd Monday

2.30pm SilverLink for over 60s

Wednesday

10.00am Caterpillars Toddler Group
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

Find us on Facebook @gbce2014



Open Gardens 2019

Since 2006, one of the social highlights of the year in our villages has been our Open Gardens event. We have had some wonderful afternoons enjoying gardens that have been opened by willing gardeners; both gardeners and visitors seem to enjoy the experience in equal measure.

This year's event will on 28th July and will form part of the celebrations of the 800th anniversary of St Mary's Church Eaton Bray. This is a really special event in our villages' calendar and we would be delighted if you would be willing to open your garden for the day.

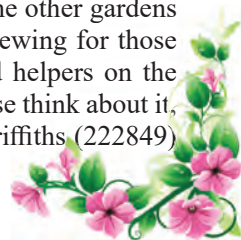
Your garden can be large or small – all gardens have something to offer visitors and past experience suggests that those who open their gardens are delighted by the

**Please would you open
your garden?**

Contact

**Kay - 222849 or
Gordon - 220136**

positive feedback they receive. If you do open your garden you will still be able to see the other gardens as we traditionally hold a special viewing for those who have opened their gardens and helpers on the following Tuesday evening. Do please think about it, then get in touch with either Kay Griffiths (222849) or Gordon Gray (220136).



Come for Coffee at St Mary's, Eaton Bray

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Music at St Mary's



St Mary's Church 16 February, 7.30pm

The Wandering Minstrels, formed 27 years ago, is a group of semi-professional performers who specialise in performing excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.

With their own lighting and costumes you will be in for a great evening's entertainment so please book your tickets early - priced £7.50 - Accompanied children Under 16 FREE, from the Box Office on 01525 222283



Northall Baptist Church

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Love Conquers All

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way; it is not irritable and keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful and endures through every circumstance.

1 Corinthians 13 v 4-7.

The Bible has a great deal to say about Love and I've quoted the most popular verses above.



Stained-glass window depicting Saint Valentine at basilica in Terni, Italy

It's often read at weddings.

Saint Valentine's Day or Feast of Saint Valentine originated as a western Christian feast day honouring 2 early saints, one in AD269 and the other in AD273, both named Valentine. St. Valentine of Rome was imprisoned for conducting weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and also for ministering to Christians persecuted under the Roman Empire. According to the story, he was martyred on 14th February. Also according to legend, St. Valentine is said to have restored sight to the daughter of his judge and before his death he wrote a farewell letter to her, signed 'Your Valentine'.

It has evolved into an occasion for lovers, introduced by Geoffrey Chaucer in the 14th century. In this country £1.3bn is spent on flowers, confectionery and 25 million cards. So as you send your loved ones a card, flowers or box of chocolates remember that love has a behavioural responsibility and a lasting quality. Think about Jesus own words 'There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends' John 15 v 13.

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/>

✉ Ruth Cox Tel: 07791 425625

Dagnall Church Christmas Coffee Morning

Thank you to those who worked so hard on the day, baked numerous cakes, donated items for the bric a brac and of course to all those who attended this very festive event. We had a jolly time and thanks to our combined effort, £462.23 was raised to be shared between Dagnall Church and Dagnall School.

One, Zoo, Three...

Zookeepers Complete the Annual Stocktake at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo

ZSL Whipsnade Zoo's keepers began the mammoth task of counting every animal for their annual stocktake today (Thursday 10 January 2019).

Home to more than 3,500 animals, zookeepers at the UK's largest Zoo gathered their clipboards and calculators, to take stock of each invertebrate, bird, fish, mammal, reptile and amphibian.

Keepers have to count every animal; from the troop of curious squirrel monkeys to hundreds of Madagascan hissing cockroaches. They'll also tally up the individuals from eight different species of deer, the Bactrian camels and more than 60 species of birds, including the stunning military macaws, George and Inca.

2018 saw the UK's largest Zoo celebrate the birth of Amur tiger cubs, Dmitri, Makari and Czar, who were added to the census, along with their parents Naya and Botzman.

ZSL Whipsnade Zoo's animal manager, Matthew Webb said: "Today marks the start of the annual stocktake, where we make sure every animal is recorded as part of our official zoo license requirements.

"We'll also share the information with other zoos around the world, as the numbers are used to plan the conservation breeding programmes for endangered species. It's a really important task."

The information is shared with other zoos around the world via a database called Species360, where it's used to help manage the worldwide conservation breeding programmes for endangered animals.

ZSL Whipsnade Zoo is a fantastic day out for the whole family, and is open every day of the year except for Christmas Day. Book online now at www.zsl.org.



Eaton Bray W.I.

Sparkling attires and Christmas Jumpers were the order of the evening when Eaton Bray WI met for their December meeting. This evening was the Christmas Party, and we invited some members from the Group WIs. All was very well attended, and everyone soon relaxed to listen to some lovely Christmas music. This was provided by Michelle Aitken and her friend Dave, who was on Guitar. Michelle led some lovely songs and we all joined in, giving us memories of some Christmases gone by.

A wonderful supper was provided by the

President and her Committee, everyone enjoyed the sumptuous food. We exchanged Christmas cards and plans for the Christmas season. We all agreed it was a memorable and very enjoyable evening for our WI.

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.



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PROGRAMME 2019

14 January	Board Games
11 February	A Dutch Afternoon
11 March	Missionary Aviation Fellowship
8 April	Time To Reminisce
13 May	What's My Line?

February at the Grove



Film

Mary Poppins Returns - 3 Feb
Wildlife - 4 Feb
Suspiria - 7 Feb
The Girl In The Spiders Web - 13 Feb
Holmes and Watson - 18 Feb
The Favourite - 25 Feb

Live Music

Thank You For The Music - 1 Feb
Mercury: The Ultimate Queen Tribute - 2 Feb
Islands In The Stream - 9 Feb
Pop Divas Live! - 12 Feb
Nathan Carter and His Band - 14 Feb
The Illegal Eagles - 15 Feb
The Magnificent Music Hall - 17 Feb
The Story of Guitar Heroes - 27 Feb

Comedy

Barnstormers Stand Up
Comedy - 28 Feb
Jim Davidson: The People Fight Back Tour
2019 - 26 Feb

Encore Screenings

La Traviata - 4 Feb
Anthony & Cleopatra - 10 Feb
Don Quixote - 25 Feb

Musicals

Footloose - 21 - 23 Feb

Children's Theatre

The Sooty Show - 11 Feb

Dance

Gaelforce Irish Dance Show - 16 Feb
Anne Gale School of Dance – Annual School
Show 2019 - 24 Feb

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

Annual Festive Bingo in Memory of Basil Thorne - 2018

The bingo dobbers came out in Dagnall in late November and kicked off the village Christmas festivities with a lovely bingo party evening. There was a wonderful buffet and lots of food and Christmas themed raffle prizes!

Over 40 people came along even though the weather wasn't on our side! In total the event raised £78 for Dagnall Village Hall.

As always everyone said what a good night it was and are looking forward to the next one! Just the sort of evening Basil would have enjoyed.

Many thanks to caller Claire who as always did a marvellous job and also Brian, Dave, Carol, Bobbie, and family for their help setting up and on the night. Also thanks to Josh and Erin for helping us set up the hall. We couldn't do it without all of them!

We appreciate everyone's support and are happy to say this year's event will be on Wednesday 27 November at Dagnall Village Hall!

We hope to see you there!

☞ The Thorne family



Edlesborough W.I.

Our 2019 Committee was elected at our AGM in December and Elizabeth Braiden is our new president. We also celebrated Christmas with a super meal (especially the “puds” provided by members) alongside general nonsense and jollity.

Our first meeting of the New Year, was, as usual, busy and members greatly enjoyed a talk by Wilf Powell, from the Butterfly Conservation Trust, on British Butterflies, illustrated with very beautiful slides. There are 59 species native to Great Britain, 31 of which can be seen on Dunstable Downs or Totternhoe Quarries, at various times of

the year. What most amazed us is the fact that many of these lovely and delicate little creatures over-winter in southern Europe and return to Britain for the summer. They are declining in number so we must take care of them and their habitats.

A full monthly programme for 2019 is already “on the drawing board”, including outings, meals-out and coffee mornings. Looks like being another busy year! If you would like to join us, we meet monthly at the Memorial Hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. Just come along, we’ll be pleased to see you.

✍️ Sue Parker

Dunstable Probus Club

Dunstable PROBUS Club meets on the second Monday of the month at Tilsworth Golf Centre and membership is open to retired or semi-retired professional and business men. The Club’s main purpose is the promotion of good fellowship. Members enjoy some social activities and the occasional organized visit throughout the year and at their regular monthly meetings are entertained by after-lunch

speakers. If you are interested in joining the Club, please contact the Secretary, Philip Savage on 01582 662462.

Speakers for forthcoming meetings include Ann Cross on Beekeeping in April, Gordon Bell on the History of the Victoria Cross in May and Helen Nellis, the Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire on the Work of the Lord Lieutenant in June.



Dunstable & District Local History Society

12 February, 7.45pm

Man On The Spot

Reflections on 50 years as a radio and tv broadcaster by former BBC journalist Bill Hamilton, whose front-line reports included revelations about Stalinist Albania and who was once the voice of BBC Television's Saturday football match results.

Methodist Church Hall, Dunstable
Visitors always welcome £2

St Mary's 100 Club

The lucky prize-winners are:

November 2018

- 1st prize - Alan Trantum
- 2nd prize – Robert Feaviour
- 3rd prize – Theo Gray

December 2018

- 1st prize – Hazel Gibbons
- 2nd prize – Roger Wilkinson
- 3rd prize – Robert Dickson



Eaton Bray Cricket Club

We hope all have Wintered well and are getting ready for the 2019 season. Preparations are already under way with Indoor Nets at Dunstable Town Cricket Club for both Youth and Senior teams on Wednesday evenings. More details to follow.

The 2018 season was not great. The 1st XI finishing half way in FCCL Division 1 and the 2nds ending up 2nd bottom in FCCL Division 6. As I write there is still no news on relegation. The Sunday side were the bright spot ending up 4th and winning half the games they played and bringing through a few of the Youth side.

Off field activities were again very well supported with Race Quiz and Darts Nights and made for some decent conversation in the Club House.

The 100 Club again returned over £700 in prize money to members and is becoming a

good source of income to the club for which we must thank Nick Pearson.

All work at the club continues to be done on a voluntary basis including the wicket and grounds which is considered not only one of the best in the league but also in the County. The club would like to thank James Flecknell for all of his dedication and hard work.

As is the norm we are looking for new players of any age ability or gender. We field 2 Senior teams in the FCCL on Saturdays and a Senior side in the Beds Sunday League. We also run 5 Youth or Junior teams at U9 U11 2XU13 and U15 age groups. For more information please follow us on Facebook and Twitter @EatonBrayCC.

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

Enjoy the 2019 season with Eaton Bray.

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London Luton Airport

With an increase in aircraft in the area and in particular when the wind is from the East, we are getting some aircraft flying directly over the village to join the flight path into the airport. If you are disturbed by the traffic flying over the village, there is a complaints hotline number: 01582395382. This is an airport number where you can register your concerns. It is important to do this if we are to reduce these disturbances over our village.

If you need to complain about Heathrow flight noise the number is 0800 344 844. Email: noise_complaints@heathrow.com



LOCAL HERALDRY

BY JOHN HOCKEY

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

DUNSTABLE – HENRY FAYREY

Henry Fayrey who died in 1516, was a member of the Mercers' Company and is best known for donating a funeral pall or cloth-covering to the Fraternity of St John the Baptist (1442 – 1547). This magnificent coffin-covering is of rich crimson cut brocaded velvet on cloth-of-gold and was formerly on display in the Priory Church in Dunstable. It has, since 1976 been on permanent loan to the V&A in London.

Amongst the decoration on the pall are the coats of arms of the Mercers' Company and the coat of arms of Henry Fayrey, which is also to be seen in stained or coloured glass in a north aisle window of the Priory. It is a great example of what is known as *counterchanging*, that is where the shield is divided (in this case half gold (*Or*) and half blue (*Azure*)) and any *charges* placed on the shield are shown in the contrasting colour of the other half of the shield. This is a superb example of early heraldry which is usually very simple but also very effective graphically.

The full description or *blazon* is:

Per pale Or and Azure, a chevron between three eagles displayed all counterchanged and on a chief of the first three lozenges of the second. Look at the coat of arms and see if you can work that one out!

Next time: Scallop shells



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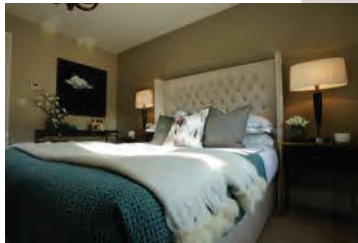


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Ten Years Ago

Some readers may remember hearing about a young missionary who volunteered to work as a physiotherapist for three years in a remote Ugandan hospital? At the time Focus printed monthly articles about Rebecca Baldock's time at Kagando. You may wonder what happened to her? In her own words here is her continuing story '2018 marks the 10th anniversary of Accomplish Children's Trust, (which St Mary's has supported for most of that time). I don't think that 10 years ago any of us, including the African organizations we work with, would have dared to believe that so much would have happened and so many disabled children's lives transformed. So now is a great opportunity to offer our heartfelt thanks for your support and believing in us. '10 years ago when I left Uganda, I promised two tiny rural self-help organizations that I'd try and raise funds to support the work they were doing. They seemed to be trying to meet a big need in their community by reaching and

working with families of children with disabilities, with virtually no resources. Having struggled to raise any support for them in the UK it seemed like the only option was to set up our own charity. I remember being embarrassed by the fact we'd set up another charity when there were already so many. Yet none seemed willing to work with disabled children in remote rural regions of Africa. I also struggled to explain exactly what we would be supporting. After all it's very difficult for folk in prosperous countries to imagine the awful situation faced by these extremely poor, ignored and vulnerable children – and we were starting from scratch. I felt the burden of being responsible for needy people in Uganda trusting me and believing that they would be able to achieve their dreams if given the opportunity.'

So in 2008 Accomplish Children's Trust was born - with £10 in the bank and a **BIG** dream - to reach Africa's disabled children. There was no doubt about the need. The stories about babies being abandoned and young children being ignored because they had a disability were heart breaking – and still are. So we prayed, after all God is Almighty and we needed a miracle; plenty in fact.

Moving onto 2018

God provided lots and lots of miracles. For instance ACT now provides treatment for nearly 600 children with epilepsy (which if untreated leads to disability) and there



is demand for more clinics. The newest clinic is at our primary school for deaf or blind children, (which now has 200 pupils – and a waiting list). The therapy clinic ACT supports treated 450 severely disabled children during 2017!! A new therapy clinic (again supported by ACT) has opened near our primary school, a very exciting development. The dream to have a secondary school is making slow progress – but it now has 100 pupils even though the school is by no means finished. The two vocational training centres continue to expand, each with about twenty boarding disabled students receiving a year’s vocational training plus lots of agricultural outreach projects in remote villages.

ACT is beginning to support a school for deaf children in the Democratic Republic

of Congo – a notoriously difficult country to work in so again an exciting new arena. Our fledgling project in Malawi needs your prayers as ACT seeks ways to constructively support the enormous needs faced by disabled children in that extremely poor country.

And Rebecca herself? She still works as a physiotherapist, now at the UCH in London. She’s married and has two children – and she’s still passionate about the work of ACT and eager to help transform the lives of more disabled children.

✉ Sue Baldock (Rebecca’s proud Mum)
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2016 - Rebecca (centre) with Edd, her husband, (centre back), son Joshua (6 months old) and some staff and pupils from the Primary School for deaf or blind children which is supported by ACT.

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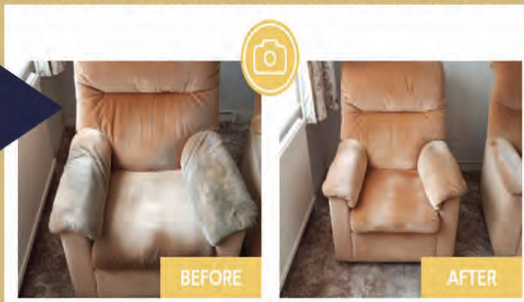


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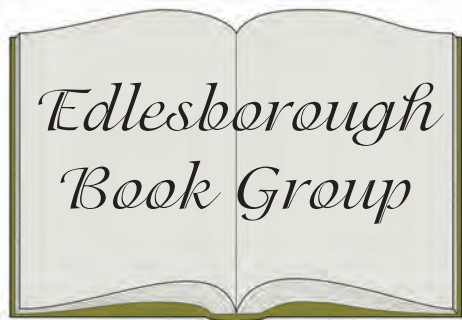
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Slow Horses by Mick Herron

This month's choice was recommended by a group member. We have not chosen a thriller for some time, so this was a nice change for us. *Slow Horses* is the first novel in the Slough House series and since its publication in 2010, Mick Herron has added three more stories to the list.

The eponymous slow horses are members of MI5 who, as a result of failures in their assignments, have been banished to Slough House and given very mundane tasks. The reasoning behind this being, that the boredom of being underemployed will lead to their resignation. The building is uncared for and gloomy, matching the people who work there. A recent recruit to Slough House is River Cartwright, who managed to shut down a railway station whilst conducting a terrorist training exercise and through his eyes we are introduced to the other members of staff. Their various crimes and misdemeanours are revealed to the reader but not to one another, making them suspicious and wary. In short, not the ideal makings of a team, although that is what they become.

A video of a young Pakistani man is shown nationwide on television. He appears to have been kidnapped and his captors are threatening to decapitate him within 48 hours. Gradually the slow horses, instead of remaining on the side lines, get drawn into the drama, unaware that strings are being pulled by MI5 in the Regent's Park building by Diana Taverner the second in command

there, who is using the slow horses for her own benefit.

We, the readers, want to know the outcome of the kidnap and although the descriptions of the various characters are rather scanty and unappealing, we want to cheer them on as they try to save the boy before the deadline.

The writing style is modern with short sentences, giving a staccato effect at times. Perhaps this is deliberate to add to the tension of the story. The book is described as a spy thriller and also as a satire. There are political characters that are recognisable and Mick Herron takes a few pot shots at them, but overall it is the workings of the Secret Service that takes the most ridicule.

There are a lot of characters to assimilate, which some of our members found difficult, but generally most of our group liked the book.

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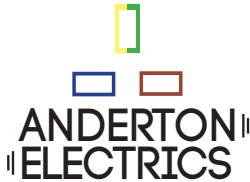
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Prunes were grown on unenclosed land; they are peculiar to the Vale of Aylesbury. Every spare piece of ground in Edlesborough was planted with these trees and each resident was allowed to encroach on the common land 40ft in depth along the front of his property – many of the old houses that lay back from the road still have damsons in their front gardens. The prunes were of sufficient importance to the villagers to be mentioned separately from the other crops during the prayers for the harvest.



These 2 photos were taken in George Bates' orchard in Cow Lane, about 1938.

The railway van collected the baskets in the evening and delivered them to Stanbridgeford station to be dispatched to various markets. After a good season the station master stated that he had dispatched 1111 tons during the season. Most of the prunes were used to dye the fabric that was used to make sailors uniforms. The industry started to decline after the 2nd world war.

Straw Plaiting

Straw plaiting was mainly a cottage industry in which the whole family took part when not required for farm work, and many yards of plait was eventually sewn into hats and bonnets in Dunstable and Luton factories. This industry had been in existence since before the 17th century, when Edlesborough was amongst the villages that petitioned against a Bill brought by felt makers to enforce the wearing of woollen hats. The representatives of the plaiters were heard at the Houses of Parliament and helped bring about the failure of the Bill.

The men usually prepared the straw by stripping it to lengths of 9-10 inches (about 250 cms), which were fitted into pottles (about half a gallon). The straws were then bleached and graded.



Imperial Measure with official stamp and date, 1874

*George Cook with his imperial measures:
 1 bushel = 8 gallons or 32 quarts,
 half a bushel = 4 gallons or 16 quarts,
 1 peck = 2 gallons or 8 quarts,
 1 pottle = half a gallon or 2 quarts (about 2.5 litres).*

The women and children did the plaiting. The straw was tied in a small bundle and held under the arm, the straws were then drawn out and held in the mouth, the moisture making them more pliable. Many different patterns were plaited. The plaits were made into bundles of 20, which took about 6 hours to plait and earned about 1s (5p). One person could earn between 6s and 12s per week.

The children were often sent to other cottages, popularly known as plaiting schools, to learn to plait and give their mothers more time for plaiting. One village school was open from 9am to 10pm each weekday. Indeed, straw plait was so important to Edlesborough that plaiting was even allowed for 3 hours a day in the village school. Both sexes attended the schools, though boys left earlier to do farm work. Parents paid 2d per week and supplied their children with straws, reaping the profit from the finished article. A child of 7 was expected to produce 5 yards of plait in the morning, 2 in the afternoon and 5 more at night, with an extra yard at lunch time and another at tea. The children could earn between 9d and 3/6 per week (between 4 and 17.5 pence).



Clara Field was born in Northall. At the age of 5 she was sent to a plaiting school to learn to plait, which she did for the rest of her life. She married George Tibbett and they lived in 2 cottages near Sparrow Hall Farm, where they had 11 children. At the age of 79 years she was invited to take part in the Easter Bonnet Parade at Luton and this photo was taken on that day. She died in 1965 aged 91 years.

A weekly plait market was held in the village. Two men worked full time as straw plait dealers and on market days other dealers came from nearby villages. One of the dealers, Walter Gray, lived at “Westleigh”, the house next to the Methodist Chapel. The shed on the right was where the straws were issued to the women for plaiting.



Women plaiting – cottage in Church Row, Eaton Bray (knocked down for the access road to the bungalows).



G. Cook and G. Broyd demonstrate how straw bands were made, which were used instead of string to tie up straw and hay into bales.

Flour Milling

The Domesday book records the mill at Edlesborough; it would have been a water mill as windmills did not exist for another century. The water comes from 3 springs which join to make a tributary of the river Ouzel. The water mill was used until the 1920s but the windmill in the adjoining field, owned by the same miller, was struck by lightning in 1890 and never rebuilt.

There were another 2 mills on the same stream in Eaton Bray, one of which was Alfred Thorne’s Two Counties Mill.





A pair of grey horses and delivery van outside the offices of Alfred Thorne, in the charge of Ernie Fountain, about 1912. His other duties were to ride around the villages to collect orders for corn and maize.

Mining

In 1748 a Swede named Pehr Kaln visited England, including Totternhoe He observed that Edlesborough "carls" (stone workers) worked in the stone mines at Totternhoe. There were 3 entrances to the mines at this time, one went 660 feet underground. The tunnels were walled round for about 12 feet, but thereafter consisted entirely of natural rock. The tunnels were mostly about 6 feet wide and 7 feet high and went mostly horizontally into the hill, with side tunnels off. Water trickled down everywhere during the winter, but in the summer the tunnels were dry.

For the most part the miners appeared to enjoy good health, and were not aware that they were exposed to more illnesses or cramps than others.

When first hewn the stone was very soft and could be cut with a knife, it became harder and harder as it was exposed to the open air.

Highways

In the 19th century the Parish Surveyor of the Highways inspected the roads at regular intervals and arranged for repairs. He also collected the Highway, or Stone, Rate which was levied on the parishioners to pay for the upkeep of the roads. In 1840 it was agreed in the parish that only residents who kept or used carts would be required to pay the rate.

The residents of the parish were supposed to undertake 'statute labour' which meant they should contribute towards the repairs by physical labour or by providing appropriate raw materials.

In Edlesborough the road repairs were carried out by the labouring poor. The chalk for the road and house repairs came from a small quarry between Edlesborough and Dagnall.

Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

Weather Conditions for November & December 2018

Elevation: 450 ft - Latitude: 51° 50' 13" North - Longitude: 0° 33' 34" West
November 2018

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature	15.1°C	5 Nov 13.30	-1.8°C	22 Nov 03.30
Mean Temp	8.0°C	Dominant Wind:	S	
Humidity:	96%	5 days in Nov	65%	Nov 15.30
Barometer:	1028.4 hPa	18 Nov 08.00	989.8 hPa	10 Nov 00.30
Wind Speed	44 mph SSE	9 Nov 20.30	Months avg.	6.5 mph
Wettest Day	12.9mm	1 Nov	12.19mm	0.480 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	Nov	69.2 mm	2.724 ins

November started on the cold side, but by the 3rd it had turned mild and this lasted up until the 17th. We had rain in the second week. On the 18th, the east winds brought much colder conditions with the temperature dropping to -1.8°C on the 22nd. By the end of the month we were back to mild with rain again. The monthly rainfall was down by 14% on the 10 year average.

December 2018

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature	13.4°C	2 Dec 12.30	-1.9°C	14 Dec 09.00
Mean Temp	7.0°C	Dominant Wind:	W	
Humidity:	96%	10 days in Dec	68%	21 Dec 13.00
Barometer:	1036.4hPa	22 Dec 22.30	993.3 hPa	10 Dec 06.30
Wind Speed	47 mph SSE	13 Dec 13.30	Months avg.	6.2 mph
Wettest Day		7 Dec	10.59mm	0.417 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	Dec	71.2 mm	2.803 ins

December The first week was mild and wet. Then, by the end of the second week, we had a quick cold snap with a low of -1.8°C on the 14th. It turned mild and wet again right up to Christmas Eve when the temperature plummeted to below zero, but by Christmas Day we were back to dry mild weather which lasted to the end of the month with a few foggy mornings. Overall it was a mild month which was totally different to December 2017 when we had an unusually cold month with a mean temperature of 4.9°C, whereas December 2018 was 7°C.

All Saints' Church, Dagnall

Services in February 2019

- Sun. 3rd Feb. 9.00 am Eucharist
- 10.30 am Morning Service
- Sun. 10th Feb. 10.30 am Morning Service with Holy Communion
- Sun. 17th Feb. 10.30 am Family Communion
- Sun. 24th Feb. 10.30 am Family Service
- Sun 3rd Mar. 9.00 am Eucharist
- 10.30 am Morning Service

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



Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

Annual Climatological Summary for 2018

Temperature

Precipitation

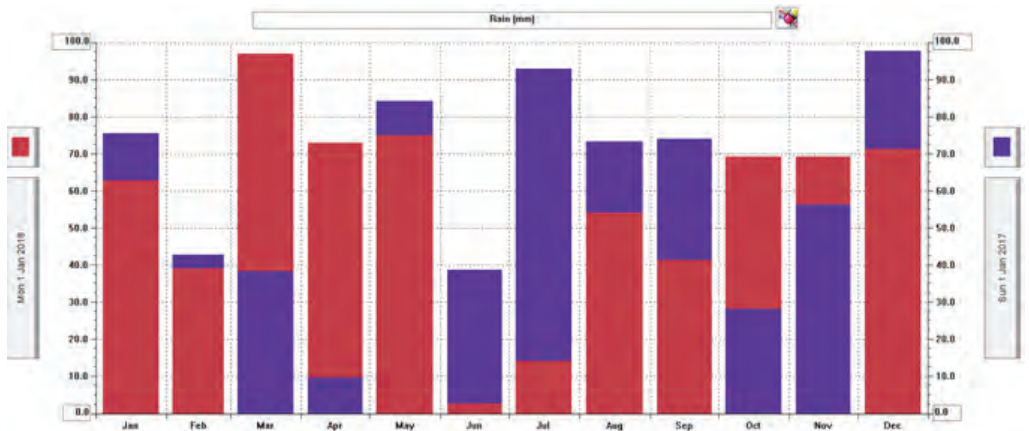
Wind Speed

	High Temp	Date	Low Temp	Date	Mean Temp	Rain Day Max	Date	Month Total	Hi Wind	Date	Avg	Dom Dir
Jan	12.8°	23 rd	-1.8°	6 th	5.4°	11.2mm	21 st	62.8 mm	53.0	18 th	7.2	W
Feb	10.0°	17 th	-6.1°	28 th	3.8°	10.8mm	14 th	39.2 mm	44.0	14 th	6.0	S
Mar	13.2°	10 th	5.7°	1 st	5.0°	12.8mm	30 th	96.8 mm	36.0	8 th	6.5	ESE
Apr	28.3°	19 th	-2.1°	2 nd	10.3°	14.6mm	27 th	72.7 mm	34.0	6 th	6.3	S
May	28.2°	7 th	1.0°	18 th	13.8°	21.0mm	29 th	75.0 mm	33.0	2 nd	3.8	NNE
Jun	29.3°	25 th	6.0°	13 th	16.7°	1.0mm	18 th	2.8 mm	29.0	14 th	3.7	NE
July	33.2°	26 th	10.2°	12 th	20.5°	6.8mm	29 th	14.2 mm	35.0	28 th	3.3	E
Aug	31.1°	6 th	6.7°	25 th	17.4°	13.4mm	16 th	54.0 mm	34.0	26 th	3.9	W
Sep	25.0°	17 th	1.6°	29 rd	14.1°	11.0mm	23 th	41.4 mm	42.0	21 st	4.9	W
Oct	22.9°	10 th	-1.1°	31 th	10.7°	36.2mm	14 th	69.2 mm	42.0	12 th	5.5	NW
Nov	15.1°	5 th	-1.8°	22 nd	8.0°	12.2mm	1 st	69.2 mm	44.0	9 th	6.5	S
Dec	13.4°	2 nd	-1.9°	14 th	7.0°	10.6mm	7 th	71.2 mm	47.0	15 th	6.2	W
	YEAR	TOTALS										
Lows /Max	33.2°	June	-6.1°	Feb	Year Avg 10.8°	Total Rain	Year	668.7mm 26.327ins	Wind 53.0 mph	Jan	Wind 5.3 mph	Year avg W

2018 Highlights: - February temperatures below Zero for over a week; down to -6.1°C. June, July, August and September very dry and hot with only 2.8mm of rain in June. Temperatures peaked at 33.2°C

This shows the difference in the yearly rainfall patterns
month by month between 2017 / 2018

2017 BLUE 711.5 mm – 2018 RED 668.7mm



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Salvation Sound



Happy New Year to you all!

Christmas seems an age ago but I just wanted to thank everyone who supported our Community Carol Concert on the first Sunday of Advent 2018. We raised an amazing £557 for the fabulous work of Keech Hospice Care (Children).

Here is an excerpt from the letter of thanks from Keech Hospice Care.

'I would like to share with you Deon's story which shows how your support can make such a difference.

"As parents already to our beautiful little girl Mia, my husband Riaan and I were absolutely thrilled when our second child came along," said Deon's mum, Carina. But, at my 20 week scan, our whole world came crashing down; our tiny boy had a serious heart condition and might not even make it through the pregnancy.

Deon's condition means the left side of his heart is very under developed, so the right side needs to work harder to pump the blood around his body. He had his first heart open heart surgery at just four days old, his second at 10 weeks. Then, at barely a few months old, Deon had a stroke.

From the very beginning, the amazing team at Keech Hospice Care has been there for us, starting with one of Keech's specialist nurses, Judith, who's been part of our family life since before Deon was born. She gave us so much support when we didn't know what to think or do.

In 2017, we started going to Keech's Tots 'n' Toys sessions on Thursday morning at the hospice. We also used the hydrotherapy pool for a family swim – Deon has so much fun splashing his arms and legs around. He can't go to normal swimming pools because they're too cold and he could easily catch an infection.

We're in a better place now and I don't think it would have been possible without Keech's support.'

There is no second chances to get it right so, at Keech Hospice Care, we do everything we can to ensure our patients and their families are able to make the most of each day.'

Thank you for all your support.

God bless

✍️ Hilary Chadwick (Envoy)

The Salvation Army, Booth Place - Weekly Activities



Sunday

Footprints (Sunday School)	9.45-10.45am
Morning Worship	11am
Songs of Praise	4pm

(3rd Sunday of the month from May to Dec)

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Home League <i>(Ladies meeting but all welcome)</i>	2.30-3.30pm
Champions Challenge Club <i>(term time)</i> <i>(Ages 5+ years)</i>	5.30-6.30pm 6.45-7.45pm

Thursday

Parent and Toddler Group <i>(Term time)</i>	9.30-11.30am
Girls' Night Out <i>(1st Thursday of month)</i>	7.45-9.45pm
Ladies Fellowship <i>(Last week of month)</i>	7.30pm

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