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month**

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*If the event you wish to advertise falls in the first
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✍️ Editor

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Village Diary May 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 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 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
- (term time) 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, Whipsnade 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
- 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

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- Thursdays Eaton Bray Methodist Church Social Afternoons, 2 - 4pm, All Welcome
- Fridays Keep Fit class, Edlesborough Memorial Hall 10 - 11am
- Fridays Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 01582 620576
- Fridays Stay & Play toddler group, 'Musical Monkeys' at the Eaton Bray Village Hall, 10-11.30am, £4.50 for one adult and child, £1 for extra children/adults, 0-6 months free
- Fridays Scouts, 10 ½ to 14 years old), 7.00-8.30pm, 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Hut, High Street, Edlesborough. Contact Mark Owen, 07899 892344, ebescoutleader@ebescouts.co.uk
- Fridays (term time) "Little Luvvies" baby ballet classes 10am-11.30am. Contact Emma 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 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, Contact Sally Taylor on 01525 221576 Email: sally.taylor32@btinternet.com
- 2nd & 4th Tues Dagnall Church Welcome Club, 2-4pm, Dagnall Church. Contact Catherine Hayden 01525 220527
- 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, 10:00-12 noon, Edlesborough Methodist Church

Other Regular Events

- 5th Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club Meeting, 10.30am-3.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall

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Other Regular Events

- 10th Leukaemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30am. All welcome.
21st Dagnall and Kensworth Friendship Club Ploughmans lunch followed by entertainment by a group of Ukulele players

One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

- 11th Eaton Bray Spring Market, 10am, Market Square
11th Music @ St Mary's Caduceus Brass Quintet, 7:30pm, £7.50 Box Office 01525 222283
12th Appledown Rescue & Rehoming Kennels Fun Dog Show, 11am
12-18th Christian Aid Week
18th Markyate Plant Sale supporting the Hospice of St Francis, 10am, 64 High Street, Markyate, AL3 8HZ
18th Beds Young Farmers Rally Day, 10am - 4pm, Walducks Farm, Stewkley, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 0DL
18th Magic Dave at Leighton Buzzard Children's Theatre, 2:30pm, Tickets 0300 300 8125
18th Macmillan Rocks Again at Leighton Buzzard Theatre, 7:30pm, Tickets 0300 300 8125
22nd Dagnall Village Hall AGM, 7:30pm
23rd Eaton Bray W.I. Coffee Morning, 10am-12noon, Eaton Bray Methodist Hall



From Singing to the Cows to Britain's Got Talent Final and now to our Village



Sam Kelly grew up in a dairy farming family, and often recounts his experiences of singing in front of a herd of hurtfully disinterested Friesians. But by the age of 19 he was singing to millions in the final of ITV's Britain's Got Talent where, as Simon Cowell (never the easiest critic!) proclaimed, "Sam, you've nailed it... you have an amazing voice". What's more we now have the chance to see him for ourselves here in the village at EdleFest on June 15th.

And Sam hasn't been resting on his laurels. As well as growing up with a large number of cows, he also grew up surrounded by traditional music and songs. And this is the genre in which he has really made his mark. Touring as a trio with Jamie Francis (banjo) and Evan Carson (percussion), Sam has gained a reputation for an incredibly high class and dynamic live show. After a barnstorming performance to a completely rammed Club Tent at Cambridge Folk Festival 2015, the guys were invited to play their first session on Radio 2 live from the festival, and have never looked back.

"Amazing, thrilling music," said Mark Radcliffe, of BBC Radio 2, and Cara Dillon also extols his virtues, saying, "Sam has such a beautiful voice and sings with so much soul. I've seen him perform live a few times and he's amazing."

The Sam Kelly Trio will be just one of the acts at EdleFest 2019, which takes place in the special atmosphere of the Church on the Hill. Alongside Sam on Saturday 15th June are the Jaywalkers, who recently headlined at The Stables in Milton Keynes in their own right. Their combination of powerhouse double bass, flame-fingered mandolin, blistering fiddle and three-part harmony pack a virtuosic Americana punch as fiery as Jay's lead vocals. And if that isn't enough, Friday sees one of the greatest British song-writing icons come to the village – Chris Difford of Squeeze!

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

✍ Richard Brandon

Village Info



EDaN Community Transport
Peter Williams: 01442 842506

Village Hall Bookings

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

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

Eaton Bray: Norman Lee Tel: 07975 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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Thames Valley Police (Edlesborough, Dagnall & Northall)

PCSO Jackie Dodson Mobile: 07800 703 524

Email: NHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

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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:

Wednesday: 10.00am Holy Communion
EVERYONE WELCOME AT THESE SERVICES

Dagnall Church Welcome Club



Tuesday May 14th & 28th 2pm to 4pm
Drop in for a chat, a cuppa and cake.
Join us to 'knit and natter'. Games and toys for children and babies provided.
All ages welcome.

Dagnall Church, Ringshall Road HP4 1RL

2019
EdleFest

The FlowerFest

We are inviting budding or experienced flower arrangers to join us in a morning workshop, once again guided by Phrena Wilkinson, meeting at the Church on the Hill, Edlesborough, on Friday 14th June at 10.30 a.m.

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

You are welcome to take your arrangement home after the festival - or leave it to be raffled. We will provide the mechanics and foliage. All we would ask you to bring are some flowers from the garden (or bought) and secateurs/scissors. **No charge plus free refreshments!**



PLEASE pre-book by calling Chris Yates: 01525 220739 or email: chris@brooklyns.org.uk OR if you would like details of this year's **yarn-bombing please also contact the above - also donations of any unwanted wool would be very much appreciated!**



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)

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

This year, St Mary the Virgin church in Eaton Bray celebrates its 800th anniversary. There was a place of Christian worship on the site from earlier times, but the first known vicar of the parish, Nicholas was recorded in 1219. William de Canteloup owned the Manor of Eitone and he began to build a stone church which forms the basis of the church we have today.

If you visit St Mary's you will see two rows of arches described by Sir John Betjeman as 'nave arcades of absolute and quite unexpected magnificence.' Yet they do not match. One row of arches is much less decorative than the other, but we are not quite sure why. The font dates from the 13th century and has carving very similar to that on the capitals of the north arcade which are probably of the same date. Also dating from the 13th century is the intricate ironwork on the south door. It is thought to have been made by Thomas de Leighton who also made ironwork for Westminster Abbey.

In 1490 the manor of Eaton was granted to Sir Reginald Bray- hence the name of Eaton Bray. He was closely involved in the building of St George's Chapel, Windsor. He applied his architectural skills to St Mary's and was responsible for the present appearance of the building. Other features, including the stained glass windows, have been added in more recent years.

The church building has faced challenges, particularly in the nineteenth century when it was in a serious state of disrepair. For several years services had to be held in the schoolroom across the road. Eaton Bray was a place of poverty and the vicar a man of fiery temper. That changed which Revd Edwin Sutton became Vicar in 1890. In conjunction with Jeffrey Sharratt, a local builder, and Mr Wallace, who built the nursery, the church was restored.

In 1930, Mr and Mrs Wallace gifted the money to build the vestry in memory of their son. More recently, in 1991 the organ was replaced and in 2016 a new extension housing toilet and storage facilities was opened. Both of these were accomplished by fundraising, generous grants and donations. As part of our 800 year celebrations we are privileged to be having a Royal Visit. His Royal Highness Richard Duke of Gloucester, the Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, the High Sheriff of Bedfordshire, the Bishop of Bedford, and other dignitaries will visit St Mary's on the afternoon of Wednesday 15th May.

There will be a short service of thanksgiving with choirs from Dagnall Church of England School, Eaton Bray Academy and Edlesborough School. Canon Malcolm Grant will give a brief guided tour of the church after which HRH will plant a tree and unveil a plaque in commemoration of the occasion.

There are a limited number of tickets available for the service. If you wish to apply for a ticket (these are free on a 'first come first served' basis) please contact us via the church email admin@stmaryseatonbray.org.uk There will be a limit of 2 tickets per household. The tree planting will take place in the church yard following on from the service.

I hope you can join us for some of our 800 year celebrations.

✍️ Revd Joy Cousins, Vicar of Eaton Bray with Edlesborough





St Mary's Village Carnival 2019

In aid of St Mary's Church Fabric Fund, Eaton Bray, Wildlife Trust (supporting College Lake and Totterhoe Knolls) and other local charities & good causes

This year the Carnival will be held on Saturday the 6th of July 2019 with the theme of 'VILLAGE LIFE'

JOIN THE CARNIVAL PROCESSION

If you fancy showing off your creative flair then why not get involved in decorating your car, van, bike, skateboard, scooter or even yourself and come and join in with the procession.

DECORATE YOUR HOUSE WITH A 'VILLAGE LIFE' RELATED THEME

Start designing, creating and painting so your house is ready for Carnival day. If you don't have the time but still want to get involved then why not decorate your house with some bunting or balloons.

THE CARNIVAL NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Carnival Committee is in need of people who can help in a variety of ways. If you can spare a couple of hours, or are even happy to help all day, your assistance will be gratefully received. You can help by:

- Deploying and collecting cones and road closure signage
- To look after the selection of the Carnival Queen
- Assisting with bringing equipment to and from the Green, before and after the event.
- Helping on a stall
- To organise next year's classic vehicles display
- To work with businesses next year to raise programme advertising income.

INFORMATION FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

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

In order to make sure you have a presence at the Carnival, the Carnival committee are urging local businesses, schools, youth groups and organisations to make contact and be part of this brilliant event. With visitors attending from all over, the Carnival offers the perfect platform for business' to gain new customers. Just a few ways the Carnival can help are:

- Advertising in the Carnival arena, offering prime exposure within the heart of the Carnival.
- Having a stall at the Carnival. Prices unchanged from last year.
- Donating a prize towards either the grand draw or the silent auction.

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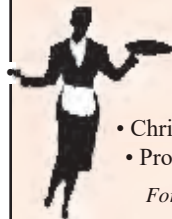
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Edlesborough's New Pavilion Progress!

Edlesborough Parish Council (EPC) is pleased to announce that the planning application to renew permission to knock down the existing pavilion and build a new two-storey building was approved by AVDC on the 29th March 2019.

The building plans show new showers, changing rooms, gym, sports club storage and toilets on the ground floor. On the upper floor it is planned to have a meeting room, toilets and a club room/lounge with kitchen and bar. A balcony overlooking Edlesborough green is also included.

The building will reflect current design criteria for people with disabilities including a lift for access to the first floor.

The final internal content and layout will be determined following further consultation with sports clubs and parishioners.



Here's the building set in context of the surrounding area



In April 2018 the original planning application expired and the fundraising had stalled with the Lottery and the Football Association rejecting applications for funding. The Lottery considered Edlesborough as too affluent to need extra funding support. The FA funding was conditional on the installation of an all-weather pitch on the green. That was immediately rejected as unacceptable by both EPC and the Edlesborough Community Sports Club (ECSC). EPC with the help of ECSC then made a successful application to Aylesbury Vale District Council New Homes Bonus Fund. Approval was received in October last year and the project became viable again. In November EPC made a new application for planning approval.

In February, in anticipation of the renewal of planning permission, EPC commissioned a project 'board', including a councillor and two parishioners with specialist experience to, seek quotations for professional help in getting the project to the tender stage. At the EPC meeting in March approval was given to the chosen bidder. It is expected that detailed specifications will be issued sometime in May and that the tenders will come before the council at the end of June to make the final choice of who will be engaged to build this exciting new facility.

If you would like more information, the planning application can be found on the AVDC website. The application number is 18/03920/APP. Alternatively you can visit the Edlesborough Community Sports Club Facebook pages. EPC continues to work with ECSC for the management and maintenance of the new pavilion once it has been built.

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Grass & Hedge Cutting in the Villages

Now that the spring time has arrived the cutting of the grass verges has resumed. EPC requests that parishioners do not park on the grass verges as this causes damage to them and inconveniences the contractors. EPC asks all parishioners whose hedges boarder the pavements to ensure that their hedges are kept well-trimmed ensuring that the maximum pavement width is available for pedestrians, pushchair and wheelchair users.

Edlesborough & Dagnall Traffic Calming Consultation

EPC thanks all the parishioners who took the time to respond to these consultations. For more information please see the separate article in this edition of Focus.

Outdoor Gym Equipment for Dagnall

Thank you to all the residents who took the time to respond to the Consultation for Outdoor Gym Equipment in Dagnall. EPC has now considered all the responses and can share the following information with Parishioners:

- In favour 21
- Against 11 37 responses were received from 210 households = 17.6%
- Not sure 5

Once again EPC wishes to clarify that the Outdoor Gym Equipment is an EPC project and that the Dagnall Recreation Ground Replacement Children’s Play Equipment is a Dagnall Village Hall Project. Therefore the funds come from two different entities and cannot be used solely for the Children’s Play Equipment. EPC has agreed that the project will be “put on hold” until Dagnall Village Hall Committee had successfully funded and installed their new Children’s Play Equipment.

County Cllr Anne Wight

Cllr Wight was unable to attend the March EPC meeting, prior to the meeting she had provided the Council with a report on the following matters, her full report can be found on the EPC Website:

- Brownlow Bridge Closure
- The Anglian Water Works at the junction of B488 & B489
- Brexit Updates
- Brexit in Buckinghamshire
- Early Help
- Home School Transport (more information on this can be found at <https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/documents/s130428/Report%20for%20Home%20to%20School%20Transport.pdf>)

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New Pavilion

EPC have now appointed Richard J Diggle Ltd as independent Architectural Services company.

District Cllr Chris Poll

Cllr Poll was also unable to attend the March EPC meeting. He had sent a report confirming the following information:

- The law courts have refused permission for the southern Bucks districts to judicially review the decision of the SoS regarding the new unitary authority. Cllr Poll understand that they are seeking further legal opinion. He does not feel there is anything now which could disrupt the shadow authority proceeding as planned.
- Cllr Poll intends to raise the issue of the lack of decision on the Swallowfields planning application and other late decisions by our planners at our next full council meeting. Normally he would run this question past the relevant cabinet member beforehand, but since he has done this on numerous occasions without resolution he now intends to do it in the most public way he can.
- Cllr Poll will be attending the upcoming meeting regarding the closure of the Brownlow Bridge. Cllr Poll feels that it is of such consequence that it could have major impacts to Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall and all the other villages within our LAF area.

Speedwatch

The EDaN Traffic Management team are looking for new members and volunteers to help with their new Sentinel device. If you have an interest in traffic management in the villages or are concerned about Road Safety, please contact Cllr Alan Williams at Alan.williams@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk or 07828 398371

EdleFest 2019

The EdleFest dates for 2019 have been confirmed as 14th and 15th June. More information and tickets are available via the EdleFest website <https://edlefest.site123.me/>

Allotments

EPC currently has plots available at our Dagnall, Cow Lane and The Green 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

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.

EPC Meetings

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

- Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 16th May 2019. This evening will include the AGM and will be followed by the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting.
- Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 20th June 2019

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.

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What's going on at the Church on the Hill?



The answer is lots! Our prized village asset is slowly regaining its former glory. Its visibility has improved in so many ways; the building is open more often and further changes are afoot...

Following its closure, the Church is owned by the Churches Conservation Trust (CCT) with the Parish Council (EPC) maintaining the grounds on behalf of the villages. Throughout this time, various individuals and groups have tried to preserve the relationship between the building and the local community: to name a few, - Jack & Joan Horne, Barbara Adams, June Thorne & family, Deirdre Ellins, Mike, Dorinda & Vera Pearson, John Plater, Fred Sear, Jean Bates, Sue and John Parker and many others. There is a long list.

Ambitions increased and to help achieve these the CCT insisted that a Friends' Group be formed to take a longer term view. Our group was formed in 2012 and we created a prioritised five year plan. The first major landmark was the completion of the long awaited and hard fought "EDaN" plans for floodlighting the Church, finally achieved in 2015. See our website www.edlesboroughchurch.org.uk

We are in the seventh year of our Music Festival, our major fund-raising event. Applications are received from artists all over the world. This year EdleFest 2019 is on June 14th & 15th, with tickets available from Janes Flooring or via our website edlefest.site123.me

The team of Friends regularly cleans the church, and hosts National Heritage Open Days in September. This is becoming a major event for us and is completely free to visitors. We display historical and more recent pictures and stories of life in our village. Visitors have recognised family members from photographs never seen before. Last year a small group of enthusiasts provided research on significant women through the ages with connections to our Church. Another team is researching burial records and graves with the aim of providing a map of the Churchyard. www.heritageopendays.org.uk

As well as celebrating Carols by Candlelight, the church was open every day in December until Christmas Eve, enabling visitors to place their

thoughts on the CCT Memory Tree. We have improved the signage and updated the notice board, incorporating a "Church Open" sign to encourage visitors, especially during the summer months as a new and very local team member has kindly offered to facilitate this whenever possible—but don't forget that the key can always be obtained from Edlesborough Post Office, except when an event is being held or there are "champers" in situ.

Under the auspices of the CCT, our Church is available for 'Champing' so if you see lights in the middle of the night, people have paid to camp in the church. See www.visitchurch.org.uk and "Enjoy a Sleepover at our Place".

Our aim is to make the building more used and loved and our recent expenditure has been on ground clearance, improving sight lines and the overall impression of a place that is cared for. We will also be planting more bulbs. A current project is to convert the North Porch into a "Tea Point". We have obtained Listed Building Consent and have appointed local contractors, thanks to the support and generosity of a local trust.

We are in discussions with the CCT to open the tower, and are trying to overcome Health & Safety issues. Following the rediscovery of the Edlesborough Rose Brass, we are looking to have a replica for permanent display in the Church. Recently an art collector donated to us an etching of the Church, previously displayed in the Royal Academy, London, in the 1930's. We hope to have this installed for the Heritage Open Days. We restored the Victorian font lid, and financed repairs for bell ropes and the organ.

We work closely with the CCT, EPC, EDaN, Rev. Joy, Mike Pearson (Bell Captain) and volunteer helpers. We will always welcome new members or helpers (PLEASE!)

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GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN IN EDLESBOROUGH



Well, the angels smiled, and we had a couple of lovely days for it! The intrepid litter pickers of Edlesborough have been hard at work on your behalf, not just during the two “official” litter

picks on Friday 5th April and Saturday 13th April, but also, at odd times during the past three weeks, you would have seen people in Edlesborough in yellow jackets, and sometimes without, but all carrying large black plastic bags and litter pickers poking around in ditches and on verges. The total haul for the two official picks was about 18 large black bags, a traffic cone, and various assorted bits of large rubbish. This was not all of it as many of our pickers have been disposing of their spoils in their own bins and we suspect that a civic minded person lifted two bags in Cow Lane that were awaiting collection and got rid of them in their skip.... So, at the time of going to press, we have cleared from the Traveller’s Rest area through to Sparrow Hall and beyond, down the High Street, around the Green, and down Cow Lane, and from the main road to the Ford. Thank you to everyone who has taken part so far, and to all those who have promised to continue the work and try to keep the Villages tidy. Your hard work is much appreciated by most of us.

I say “most” not “all”. There is obviously an element in the Villages who don’t think that it is wrong to just chuck stuff out of cars and dump rubbish rather than take it home. I have attached a picture of some fly tipping found on a footpath near the centre of the Village. This is disgraceful and should not be

happening in the middle of Edlesborough. We like to think that we live in a “nice community” in a “smart village” and yet there are individuals such as the young man in the white car (Fiesta? – unfortunately he was too fast to get his number!) who roared past us as we were finishing our litter pick in Cow Lane on the 13th and as we watched, opened his car window and threw a can into the hedge we had just been clearing and then disappeared at speed down the Lane!! This is the mentality of some of our residents and is why we must go out to litter pick at regular intervals. This is not a third world country! We all have dustbins and a regular collection. So why use all that energy to toss a can out of a car when it is so much easier to lift the lid of a bin?? There are litter bins all round the Green. Why don’t people use them instead of throwing their sweet wrappers around. Can’t they bear to see the village looking tidy? Enough ranting!! Just don’t think that it’s “outsiders” who make the mess. It’s mostly our own....

In June we shall be taking part in the Bucks. “Best Kept Village” competition. Our group will be out there trying to make the Village look good and it would be great if all residents showed some pride in where we live and helped by keeping their own area around their home tidy, especially after “bin days”, and by encouraging anyone who is likely to drop litter to take it home with them. Wouldn’t it be great if we won this year? Come on Edlesborough! You could do it!!



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Saturday 18th May 7.30 pm

Tickets £ 12, concessions £10 + booking fee
Available from the theatre box office, 0300 300
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CANCER SUPPORT**

Magic Dave for Macmillan with the Leighton Buzzard Children's Theatre



Magic Dave the award-winning children's entertainer will be returning to provide an afternoon of magic and music ably supported by the talented Leighton Buzzard Children's Theatre. This performance is for Macmillan Cancer Support. Saturday 18th May the show starts at 2.30 p.m. Tickets: £6 adult £3 child £15 family (2+2). All plus £1 booking fee. Tickets available from the theatre box office, 0300 300 8125 or online.

All proceeds to support the work of Macmillan.

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Saturday 18th May 2019 from 10am

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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.

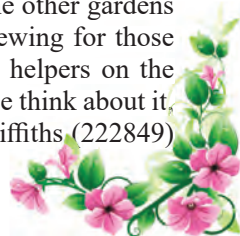
Your garden can be large or small – all gardens have something to offer visitors and past experience suggests that those who open their gardens are delighted by the

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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

**For a warm welcome and
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each month in
St Mary's Church
Eaton Bray
10.30am - midday**



**1st Saturday of each month
(except July - 2nd Saturday)**



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 4th March 2019 from 7:30pm at The Coffee Tavern

Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC)

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Neighbourhood Plan:

Residents - keep your eyes on the Parish Council website/Facebook - for updates.

Parish Council website: <https://eatonbray.com/news/tag/Neighbourhood-Plan>

Village Market

The Spring Village Market is planned for Saturday 11th May 2019, from 10am at Market Square, Eaton Bray.

Parish Burial Land

At the moment the Parish Council are unable to purchase additional burial land, therefore once the current cemetery is full the cemetery will be closed to future burials. The Council are in talks with church representative regarding additional land, but this is currently being discounted by the Diocese.

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.

Advertising in Parish

Due to repeated flouting of Parish rules from business/individuals displaying unauthorised advertising on parish land, the Parish Council will be reviewing the current policy with approved changes to take effect from Monday 1st April 2019. Details of the amended Advertising Policy can be viewed on the Parish Council website link: <https://eatonbray.com/parish-council/business-matters/EBAdvertisingonParishLand.pdf?2019-04>

Watercourse Maintenance

The Parish Council have a duty to stop water leakage from the main river going into the adjacent ditch – the main bank requires repair. There are potentially three options of repair/costs to the Council however the Internal Drainage Board (IDB) are carrying out further investigative work since clearing the site, prior to putting final proposals to the Council. The Parish Council are also looking to IDB to contribute towards these potentially extensive costs and request they look to other contractors regarding costs.

Parish Council Meeting Dates

Held in The Coffee Tavern / 1st floor, from 7:30pm

*Monday 13th May 2019 - Annual Parish Meeting from 7:00pm & Annual Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council, from 7:30pm *Monday 3rd June 2019

*Monday 1st July 2018



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MUSIC@ST MARY'S PRESENTS CADUCUS

7.30pm May 11th, St Mary's Church, Eaton Bray

Another highly talented group come to entertain us on 11th May as part of the 800th anniversary celebrations at St Mary's, Eaton Bray. This time we welcome Caduceus – a quintet of brass players who are perhaps the most experienced group of performers we've ever had at St Mary's. They have played together for approaching 20 years and have a musical background closely connected to Military Bands.

The players all have local connections and hold their rehearsals at St Mary's. Many of you will know Matt Quick, who is Musical Director of South Beds Concert Band (who play at our annual Poppy Proms). This highly talented

musician is the Principal Trombonist in the Scots Guards. He is joined by, among others, the Principal Trumpeter in the Scots Guards and the Principal Horn in the RAF Band.

They enjoy playing many different kinds of music, from Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, through to jazz and popular contemporary music. They last played at St Mary's in 2016 and it is tremendous to welcome them back.

You are guaranteed an evening of joyful music and laughter with Caduceus so book your tickets urgently (Tickets from the Box Office 01525 222283 price £7.50, children FREE)

Slicketts Lane



Lovely Lane



Ugly Lane

St Mary's Flower Festival

20 – 22 September 2019

As part of our 800th Anniversary celebrations, we will be holding a Flower festival in September. We have already invited many local organisations to take part, but if your organisation has been missed out and you would like to contribute, please contact Barbara Morton as soon as possible.

In addition to this, we will be creating a number of individual arrangements which can be sponsored in memory of a loved one. For these we would ask for a donation of £20, and your loved one's name and your choice of hymn would be displayed below the arrangement. There are only 8 of these arrangements available. Again, please contact Barbara if you would like to sponsor one of these.

The weekend will begin on Friday evening with a special preview, with wine and canapes, accompanied by live music. This should be a really lovely occasion. Then the festival will run from 10am till 5pm on Saturday and from 12 noon till 5pm on Sunday, followed at 6pm by a special service of thanksgiving. The Sunday morning will be our Harvest Service, to which all are welcome.

Contact details are as follows:

Barbara Morton, Telephone 01525 852368, email barbara.morton1@gmail.com



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FUN DOG SHOW!

Sunday 12th May

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Friday 7th June/Saturday 8th June



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Hot food/BBQ available from 4pm Friday
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Live entertainment: Friday night - Jerome Chance
Saturday afternoon - Family Magic Show (2.30pm)
and Diceman (5pm)

Saturday evening - Corruption

Fri noon - 11pm, Saturday noon - 11pm

Entrance £4 incl. free glass

£1 to CAMRA members with card proof (for the glass)

Music at St Mary's



Caduceus Brass Quintet

Saturday 11 May, 7.30pm

This promises to be one of the best
concerts seen at St Mary's, featuring:

Principal trombonist in the Scots Guards

Principal trumpeter in the Scots Guards

Principal Horn in the RAF Band

Tickets priced £7.50 (children free) from
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Christian Aid week 12 – 18 May



'All mums should live'

Sierra Leone is the most dangerous place to be a mum. Every day 10 women die from giving birth. But this new clinic has given hope and life for Tenneh and her baby Ansumana

All are welcome to the Café Community, Eaton Bray Methodist Church, on Saturday 11 May from 11am to 1 pm – light lunches, quiz and much more!

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But times have changed since 1987 even in our villages, so like many **Christian Aid** groups we have too, as well. Well 2019 could be our last door-to-door collection! But fear not. Donations can always be left at our Churches and Chapels.

Edlesborough Parish Council

Edlesborough & Dagnall Traffic Calming Consultation

Edlesborough Parish Council (EPC) thanks all the Parishioners who took the time to respond to the Traffic Calming Proposals for Edlesborough & Dagnall.

At EPC's request Transport for Bucks (TfB) carried out a Traffic Calming Feasibility Study at the locations in Edlesborough & Dagnall which had been raised to Edlesborough Parish Council as areas of concern. Using the information and suggestions made by TfB in the Traffic Calming Feasibility Study EPC developed the Traffic Calming Proposals for Edlesborough & Dagnall.

This report aims to outline the responses, answer questions raised by parishioners and to outline what EPC plans to do next.

One concern that came up repeatedly was the high cost of any changes. The only explanation we have at the moment is that it covers both the installation and the all future maintenance as they would be adopted by TfB.

Edlesborough Traffic Calming Responses

Cocks Close / Ivinghoe Way B440 Traffic Island

In favour	27	
Against	40	72 responses from 680 households = 10.6%
Not sure	5	
Did not comment	2	(not all respondents commented on both Edlesborough proposals)

Pebblemoor / Ford Lane Junction Chevrons

In favour	43	
Against	14	62 responses from 680 households = 9.1%
Not sure	5	
Did not comment	12	(not all respondents commented on both Edlesborough proposals)

Questions & Answers:

Can we have double yellow lines at various locations in the villages?

AVDC & Bucks CC have always refused EPC's requests for yellow lines in the villages stating that they are not enforceable in village locations.

Would two traffic islands either side of the junctions of Ivinghoe Way & Cocks Close on the B440 be better?

Three locations were suggested for traffic islands, at a cost of £38,000 each. This was deemed to be too costly by EPC.

Can the speed limit be reduced to 20pmh at significant locations in the villages?

Bucks CC have informed EPC that research has shown that signed 20mph limits generally only lead to a small reduction in speed. Historically Bucks CC has always refused EPC's requests for speed limit reductions.

Can the speed limit be reduced on the B440 from the Travellers Rest roundabout through to Edlesborough?

To date Bucks CC have refused EPC's requests for a speed limit reduction on this stretch of road.

Can the road markings be replaced with two continuous white lines, indicating that overtaking is not permitted on the B440 between the Travellers Rest roundabout and Edlesborough?

EPC will be exploring this option with Bucks CC.

Can speed bumps be installed in the villages?

Speed bumps are a very expensive option and cause excessive noise and vibration nuisance to

homes that they are placed outside.

Can we have a zebra crossing on the High Street by Edlesborough School?

The installation of a zebra crossing near Edlesborough School has been included as part of the High Street planning application, subject to Highways approval. It is the responsibility of the developers to install the zebra crossing and at this time EPC do not have a timeline for this.

Decisions/Actions

- Council agreed that provided Transport for Bucks grants permission for EPC to use their own contractor to install the chevrons at the bend in Pebblemoor/Ford Lane that they would proceed with this traffic calming measure.
- At this time the Council will not proceed with the installation of a traffic island at the junction of Cocks Close/Ivinghoe Way/B440.
- A summary of Parishioner's responses will be shared with Transport for Bucks.
- Council will investigate the feasibility of installing double white lines either side of the junctions of Ivinghoe Way & Cocks Close as these are seen as a greater deterrent in the prevention of overtaking.
- Council will continue to press the issue of 20mph speed limits with BCC Bucks CC

Dagnall Traffic Calming

The TfB feasibility study provided EPC with the following information about the traffic volume and speed measurements that were taken outside Dagnall School:

Comparing the 2004 and 2018 traffic volume studies:

- Overall traffic volumes have increased by approximately 10% since 2004
- The peak periods continue to be early morning southbound and late afternoon northbound.
- The number of vehicles travelling southbound at the early morning peak continues to be almost 50% higher than the number travelling northbound at the late afternoon peak. However the early morning peak of 980 vehicles southbound has reduced slightly to 916.
- The number of vehicles travelling southbound over a 24 hour period continues to exceed the number travelling northbound, although this discrepancy has narrowed slightly since 2004.

Examining the 2004 Traffic Speed Data:

- The speed of southbound traffic is slightly more than the speed of the northbound traffic outside the school. Both the 85th percentile and average speeds are 3mph greater.
- 14 vehicles per day in each direction travel at more than 70mph. However the 7 day average of over 70mph is lower than the weekday average, meaning that fewer vehicles exceed 70mph at weekends.
- Whilst the 7 day southbound 85th percentile and average speeds are the same as the weekday ones, the 7 day northbound speeds are slightly higher than the 5 day ones.

Dagnall Traffic Calming Responses

In favour	5	
Against	7	15 responses from 210 households = 7.1%
Not sure	3	

Questions & Answers

Where have the costings come from?

The cost of the proposed traffic calming measures were generated by TfB.

Can traffic calming measures be introduced at the Edlesborough end of the village and on the Dunstable Road?

EPC considered a second build out at the Edlesborough end of the village. At this time EPC

considered the priority was to slow the traffic by the school. Historically EPC have worked with Bucks CC to implement traffic calming measures on the Dunstable Road, and several years ago we managed to obtain LAF funding for a build-out there. However the build-out was rejected by TfB on safety grounds, but we did manage to get them to install the Vehicle Activated Speed camera instead.

EPC only have limited funds for Traffic Calming and at the time of publishing the proposal EPC believed the suggested measures were the most effective and cost efficient.

Can the white lines be reinstated in Dagnall on the B440?

EPC have made repeated requests to Bucks CC for the white lining to be refreshed. Currently EPC continues to press Transport for Bucks for the reinstatement of the white lines and central studs on the B440 throughout Dagnall. Our Local Area Technician has advised EPC that TfB are currently waiting a programme of works from their capital maintenance team. This will identify whether the B440 in Dagnall has been identified for resurfacing, which will include new white lines and central studs. If the road has not been identified for resurfacing it is hoped that a works order will be raised for the reinstatement of the white lines and central studs on the current road surface.

Can the money earmarked for the Outdoor Gym Equipment be spent on Traffic Calming measures instead?

This money has currently been earmarked for outdoor gym equipment and cannot at this time be used for Traffic Calming Measures.

Can speed bumps be installed throughout the village?

This option was not suggested by TfB. Installing speed bumps is a costly procedure, which often results in traffic speeding up & slowing down at numerous locations throughout the village, often leading to noise & exhaust pollution. EPC do not believe this to be a viable option at this time.

Can speed cameras be installed and the revenue used to implement traffic calming measures?

To date it has not been possible to install speed cameras in the village. Revenue from would not be able to be used by EPC.

EPC regularly asks for volunteers for people to man the Sentinel Speed Device to enable evidence to be gathered to help reinforce the need for traffic calming measures. Unfortunately, a lack of volunteers means the device cannot be deployed regularly. Bucks CC believe that education for speeding drivers is the most effective way of changing driver behaviour. Sentinel is part of this initiative.

Decisions & Actions

Council agreed to the following:

- Installing a build out on the B440 is not the way forward.
- A summary of the responses from the consultation need to be shared with Transport for Bucks, in particular the parishioner's requests for a 20mph speed limit.
- To further explore the feasibility of a speed camera outside the school.
- To request an updated speed survey be carried out outside the school.

The EDaN Traffic Management Team

The EDaN Traffic Management Team are looking for new members and volunteers to help with their new Sentinel device. If you haven't registered an interest yet but would like to get involved in the whole subject of traffic management in the villages or are concerned about Road Safety, please contact Cllr Alan Williams at Alan.williams@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk or 07828 398371.



The 16th Eaton Bray Beer and Cider Festival takes place at the Village Hall on Friday 7th and Saturday 8th June. Even though it's now firmly part of the social calendar for Eaton Bray and the surrounding villages, I wanted to write this article to give you an idea of what to expect this year - whether it's your first time or your 16th. Both days run from 12 noon to 11pm, with hot food provided by our external caterer from 4pm on Friday and all day Saturday. The Beer and Cider is provided by our friends from CAMRA with 30

real ales spanning stouts, porters, bitters, pales, and IPAs from breweries all over the UK. We also offer perry and cider for those who prefer something sweeter. For non-ale drinkers the Village Hall bar has a selection of lagers, wines, and prosecco alongside soft drinks and snacks. When the sun is shining you can enjoy your drinks and food on the grass banks with views of Dunstable Downs and Ivinghoe Beacon. When it's not so nice there's plenty of space inside to enjoy the live acts!

The entertainment kicks off on Friday night with the ever-popular Jerome Chance. Jerome is a regular at the beer festival with his repertoire of Rock, Pop, Country, and Irish with live singing and electric guitar against pre-recorded backing tracks. Saturday sees Smartie Artie entertaining the children (and big children) with the perfect blend of Magic, Puppets, Balloon Modelling and comedy from 2:30pm. Later on Saturday afternoon we have The Dicemen who are one of the most popular folk/post-punk/indie acoustic trios in the area. They line-up with guitar, acoustic bass, and either mandolin, bouzouki or – on a bad day – banjo, to play their own songs alongside some unlikely versions of others you may already know.

On Saturday night our hit act from last year, Corruption, return to the stage. They cover bands such as B52s, The Who, Blur, REM, Abba, Chic, and many more from all genres and eras. They proved massively popular with the crowd last year with such an eclectic overall sound and we're delighted to welcome them back for 2019.

The Beer Festival helps us raise much needed funds to keep the hall running as a community space, but it's also a great opportunity to get together with friends and family (or strangers) and enjoy a drink or several. Entry is £4 by raffle ticket and that includes a beer glass on entry. If you're a CAMRA member entry is £1 (for the beer glass). We'll be regularly updating our Facebook Event, so sign up there for the latest information.

I'll see you there.

✍️ Dan Hewitt (part of the organising committee, not just an enthusiastic beer drinker)

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Morning

Thursday 23rd May

10 am - 12 noon

Eaton Bray Methodist Hall

Cakes, Gifts, Bric-a-brac

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This handsome young man is Titch. He is a bright and active Jack Russell cross who was born in 2016. Titch has misshapen hip sockets which give him a slightly odd action, but he has been thoroughly checked out and doesn't have pain or mobility issues. He is very friendly, good with other dogs and has lived with cats. Titch is a typical lively terrier and needs his walks, but he is not keen on car travel. He could be left for a few hours once settled. Titch cannot live in Winslow.

If you can offer Titch or any of our other dogs a forever home, please call in at the kennels any day between 10 am and 4 pm or phone for more details. Please note that there are restrictions on rehoming dogs to families with children under seven years of age.

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Eaton Bray Methodist Church

Our first service in March was taken by Peter Baker on Transfiguration Sunday, celebrating the moment when Jesus appeared to his closest disciples in complete glory, accompanied by Moses and the prophet Elijah. The revelation helped them to understand who he was but glorious moments cannot be prolonged. We need to get on with life and deal with the mundane and the difficult and challenging times as well, remembering that Jesus was at his greatest when he was dying for us on the Cross. Our Café Service took place on the first Sunday in Lent. Richard Armiger, our preacher for the day, guided us skilfully through a discussion on this time of fasting and preparation, how to make positive use of challenges, and how best to deal with temptation. We had an interesting service on the third Sunday, St Patrick's Day, when Keith Blackburn led our worship. It started with a lively presentation of facts about St Patrick and other patron saints. He continued with reflections on the story of Jesus and the Vine from Luke 13, underlining the disappointment Jesus felt with God's people, yet longing to

gather them safely into the protection of God's love. On the fourth Sunday we were visited by John Enejo who gave an impassioned sermon urging us to 'Trust and Obey', ie make sure our inner being was ready to do God's will. The fifth Sunday service in the month, a united service with our fellow church in Edlesborough, was a celebration of Mothering Sunday and was led very ably and aptly by Elisabeth Bibbings. Her theme, of course, was motherhood and she emphasised that as a mother's love is freely given we should serve others for our love of God!

On Shrove Tuesday, the threshold of Lent, we hosted an evening of 'Prayer and Pancakes' run by Churches Together. It was a memorable and happy event with much chat, laughter and music.

Dates for Your Diary

Café Community

Saturday May 11th 11am – 1pm

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

Social Afternoons

Weekly on Thursdays 2pm – 4pm



Dagnall Community Choir

Dagnall Community Choir is officially an “Award-winning Choir!”

On the evening of Friday 15th March 2019, the choir took to the stage in the main auditorium of the Ridgeway Centre in Milton Keynes, and sang two songs in front of an audience of friends, fellow musicians, and an experienced and knowledgeable adjudicator. We were one of several groups taking part in the Adult Choir section of the Milton Keynes Festival of Music, and despite some nerves, we all knew that we were well rehearsed, confident of the words and music, and absolutely determined that this would be our very best performance.

Happily the adjudicator was impressed, commenting that we had “a lovely choir sound whose pitch is secure and phrasing really sensitive.” We were delighted to be awarded second place with distinction – a really good result for our very first entry into an event of this kind. It was an enjoyable evening, and we all appreciated the opportunity to listen to the other choirs perform, and to be part of a wonderful celebration of music. We look forward to taking part again next year.

Our performance and achievement we dedicated to our dear friend and colleague, Nigel Garrard, who so sadly passed away just a few days before the festival.

The following week saw us perform at Langdale Church in Dunstable, and this was a lovely venue for a concert where we were warmly welcomed. The audience seemed to enjoy our singing and appreciate the usual variety of musical styles on offer. The concert raised just over £550 for the Dunstable Food Bank, and we were pleased to be able to help this worthy cause.

The choir continues to go from strength to strength, and this is all credit to our fantastic musical team of Michelle Garrard and James Banville who work so hard to bring out the best in us. We also owe a huge debt of gratitude to Helen Wingate, who stepped in at short notice to lead the choir at the above two events. What a wonderful job she did after just two short rehearsals with us.

The next few months will focus on learning new music and increasing our repertoire, so if you enjoy singing and have ever fancied joining an award-winning choir, now would be a great time to give it a go! We meet every Monday, 7.45pm at Dagnall Church, and all new faces are made very welcome. Do take a look at our website www.dagnall-community-choir.co.uk to find out more about us or get in touch. We would love to hear from you!



We're doing it again!

Marsworth Steam & Classic Vehicle Rally is to be held on Sunday 16th June 2019 at Startop Farm, Marsworth HP23 4LL. 11am-5pm and this years show promises to be bigger and better than ever!

A great day out for all the family. See historic steam engines, vintage tractors, classic cars, motorbikes and trucks at this fun day out – arena entertainment, stalls, sideshows and refreshments, live music, beer tent with local real ales and Pimms, tea and home-made cakes, ice creams, fish and chips, children's

entertainment, bouncy castle and fairground, steam engine rides for children (of all ages) and much more.

Tickets: Adults £5.00, children £3.00 (All proceeds go to local fundraising and charities). Treat dad to a fun day out on Fathers Day!

For more information visit: www.MarsworthSteamRally.co.uk

We're looking for enthusiastic people to help on the day. Can you spare a few hours? It would be very much appreciated. Volunteering can be fun and a great way to meet new people. Register your interest via the form on our website.

LOCAL HERALDRY

BY JOHN HOCKEY

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

LEIGHTON-LINSLADE

Not all heraldry belongs to a particular person. It is not uncommon for civic organisations, commercial companies and even towns to have their own 'coats of arms'. These are often scrutinised or indeed prepared by the College of Arms, the body that oversees all things heraldic in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Leighton-Linslade is a case in point:



The arms contain both the bridge that separates the two towns and also, at the top (the crest) a water ouzel which is obviously a pun on the name of the river that flows under the bridge.

Origin/meaning

The arms were officially granted on January 5, 1966.

The gold and red quarters are taken from the arms of Bedfordshire and the Beauchamp family. Leighton Buzzard originally was situated in Bedfordshire, Linslade in Buckinghamshire. The Beauchamp family received the manoralty of Linslade in 1068 from William the Conqueror. The colours thus stand for both former councils.

The two crowns are a symbol for the parish of All Saints in Leighton Buzzard and the lilies for the parish of St. Mary in Linslade. The bridge represents the bridge over the river Ouzel, which connects both towns.

The ear of wheat on the bridge refers

to the produce of the agricultural land in Buckinghamshire carried over the bridge to the market in Leighton Buzzard.

The two cog wheels symbolise local industry, and in particular the Lancer Boss Group, the donors of the Arms. The water ouzel symbolises the River Ouzel, which formerly separated the two towns but is now shown as joining them together. The mural crowns on which the cogs rest are common symbols of civic government.

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All residents of Dagnall aged 18 and over are welcome to attend and eligible to vote. We look forward to seeing you there.



Whipsnade Trees Van Gogh Style in 15 minutes

by Dr Lorna Moore



Before all the trees have their leaves this is a great time of year to get out and explore some tree drawings. I have used Van Gogh as inspiration for my quick 15 minutes sketch of the line of trees in Whipsnade grounds next to the Village Hall. If you



The Road to Tarascon

look at Van Gogh's image entitled 'The Road to Tarascon' created in 1888 you can see some influence. Van Gogh's style of 'mark making' is to use bold thick lines, long and short strokes of the pen, and lots of cross hatching in which the lines cross over each other. Also he used a lot vertical lines, dots, dashes and scribble marks to suggest the landscape.

Activity

Find a tree of interest and draw an outline of it in pencil and then draw over it with a black fine liner pen or a black felt tip pen, not too thick and with a nice point. Once you have your tree outline, on a spare piece of paper experiment with pen marks. Try out some of my examples seen in the illustration. Vary the pressure of your hand to get lighter areas



and darker areas. Experiment with short vertical lines and thick lines/thin lines; cross your lines over each other without taking the pen off the page; try dashes and dots and scribbling. The wider your marks the lighter the tone and the closer together they are, the darker. Though this looks very simple it is quite hard to get a variety of tone just using these marks.

Once you feel confident experimenting on scrap paper, draw into your tree. Keep your outline nice and shapely and not too rigid. See if you can get the roundness of the tree trunk with tone and marks. If you feel good, draw another tree in the distance a bit smaller and a bit lighter in tone. Break up your outlines as you go further into the distance so it is not a continuous line, this will give your drawing more life and more depth. Practise, practise, practise . . . and enjoy yourself.

Dr Lorna Moore's Creative Art Courses are held at Whipsnade Village Hall on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Free taster sessions are available. Summer Workshops: Make Your Mark (Saturday 15 June) and Landscape Painting (6-7 July). Contact drmooresartcourse@gmail.com or her Marketing Assistant, sandra.smith81@btinternet.com, for more details.

Wolverine kits born for the first time at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo



Two adorable baby wolverines have been caught on camera by keepers at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo, following a breeding first for the international conservation charity ZSL. The kits, born on Monday 18 February, are rare additions to the species within the UK. The as-yet unsexed siblings were born to three-year-old mum Fi and ten-year-old dad Puff, as

part of a European-wide breeding programme. Numbers of wolverines, also known as “gluttons” or “skunk bears”, in the wild are decreasing, so the breeding programme is of global significance. Visitors to the Zoo might be lucky enough to see them because Fi has started to pick up each one in her mouth and take them out into the paddock for short periods of time, feeding and licking them in a makeshift nest area outside before delivering them back to their warm, inside den. By May, they are expected to be out and about exploring for several hours a day.

Birds of a Feather Built Together

Real macaws at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo come face-to-face with their LEGO® brick twins

A life-size sculpture of two colourful macaws on a perch, constructed from 1,800 LEGO® bricks, which took two experts 66 hours to create, faced the ultimate test when it was carefully examined by the Zoo’s own real-life macaws.

Keepers hoped that the 2m high sculpture, which is part of The Great Brick Safari, an exhibition of LEGO brick creatures, passed the real birds’ inspection with flying colours.

Zookeeper Leigh-Ann Batchelor said: “Macaws like Inca and Bolivia are highly intelligent and curious birds, so it was fascinating to see them investigate their incredibly realistic, LEGO brick twins! Featuring one million LEGO® bricks, The Great Brick Safari at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo, let visitors encounter unbelievably realistic LEGO brick beasts, like one tonne elephant, Earl Grey, which took six experts 1,600 hours to create from 271,739 LEGO bricks.





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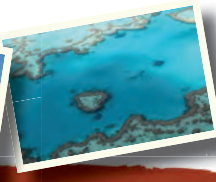
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When things go wrong we like to blame someone, don't we? We do it even if we've brought the trouble on ourselves. When things go wrong, whether it's a natural disaster, such as Cyclone Idai in south-east Africa, or a man-made tragedy, such as the bursting dam at an iron ore mine in Brazil, many people blame God - even people who say they do not believe in God.

The Bible does not give explanations for every tragedy. It does, however, tell us what to learn from them. In Luke 13 verses 1-5 Jesus comments on two tragedies. The Roman governor, Pilate, had some Galilean Jews massacred while they were offering sacrifices in the temple. Also a tower had collapsed in Jerusalem, killing 18 people. Jesus said that these events, as well as stirring us to compassion, should remind us that the world is in a mess because mankind has turned its back on God. Unless we turn back to him, we are in danger of something much worse - being separated from God for ever.

If you blame God for things that go wrong, do you then thank him for things that go well? When a rescue succeeds or a tragedy is averted it doesn't make big headlines but do you thank God or only blame him for the bad things? Do you look at the beauty of emerging spring and thank God for the

wonder of it, or only blame him if there are floods? The Bible says that one of the worst things we can do is to take all that God gives us and never thank him or even admit it comes from him.

Do join us in our Sunday services as we thank God for his good gifts, pray for those who suffer and confess our daily need of forgiveness. We'd love to see you!

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I was age 17 when I became a Christian and joined my local church. Many of you reading this will remember the time when the illness diagnosed as cancer, and whispered about as ‘the big C’, was considered a death sentence, as often it was. I had two friends, also church members, Jeff, 1 month older and Hugh about 2 years older than me. Within 4 years of me joining them in church membership both Hugh and Jeff had married, started a family and died of cancer. It was a very present reminder that being a Christian does not guarantee good health or longevity. Much prayer had been given for them but they were taken. Much prayer was said for me and I survived. By faith, God calls us to himself when our work on earth is done!

Married in 1964, we then had two girls. 3 grandchildren had arrived by the time I was diagnosed with bowel cancer in 2005. Treatment was excellent and my partial colectomy was successful.

I want to relate to you the following story because (in the UK) 11,000 men each year die of prostate cancer (It is a ‘men only’ disease with no symptoms) and many deaths could have been prevented with earlier diagnosis and treatment. Many men are only diagnosed because of other problems coming up requiring investigation. In 1998 prior to my bowel cancer episode, a business contact living in Switzerland was holidaying in the USA and had a heart attack. The doctors checking his blood also found that he had a PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) reading abnormally high and advised him, with some urgency, to see his doctor when he got home. He had prostate cancer, subsequently received treatment and was cured. He phoned me soon after and said

“John, you go to a ‘well man’s clinic don’t you?”; Yes; “Make sure that you ask for a PSA test (this test is indicative, not absolute)”. He explained that his cancer had been found in time and after treatment he was well.

After 12 years of having tests, in 2010, I tested positive for prostate cancer, had a radical prostatectomy and have been clear for 8+ years. I’m now up to 2 great-grandsons!

I thank God for that good advice which potentially saved my life and for the prayers of many people for my welfare. If you would like to discuss any of the above please feel free to contact the writer below.

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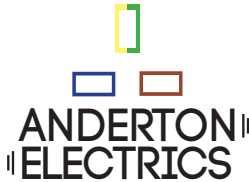
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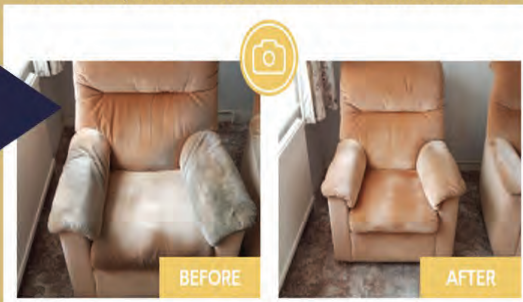


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Edlesborough W.I.

On a very windy evening in March, we ladies indulged ourselves in a veritable 'sea' of exquisite lace. Our speaker, Mary Simmons, gave a brief but interesting talk on the history of lace. Henry VIII, no less, made a law which prevented anyone below the status of a knight from wearing lace. So important was lace at the time that the 'riff raff' were unable to afford it: only spending hours making it for those that could. Some of the large lace collection on display, part of which was over 100 years old, had been put together by Mary's mother: Mary herself, not being a lace maker.

To our great delight, we were all able to try on and wear some of the lace and parade about in it. Some of it was very extravagant and was

meant to be worn over our crinolines. This all involved much merriment, as you can imagine. Apparently, the climate in England was better suited to lace making, than other parts of the world because we were able to grow flax readily, which made the lace more robust and less liable to rot away. It 'blows' the mind to think how many hours were spent making each of these elegant and delicate garments. What a joy to see it all.

Coming Up

May Resolutions with a Light Supper

June The North Bucks Way By Feet and Stitches

July 30th Summer Supper at the Old Swan, Cheddington

✍️ Sue Parker

Eaton Bray W.I.

Our President welcomed Diane Sanbrook, who is now County Treasurer, having previously been our County Chairman. She had come to join us for our AGM, as WI Adviser. The WI Group convener is stepping down from office and our President, will be taking over most of these duties, shared with Houghton Regis. She will assist with communication and meeting planning, giving each of the groups a specific task.

The newly formed EBWI Craft Group had held their first meeting at Anne's house. Various crafts had been demonstrated during the afternoon

Our WI are holding a Coffee morning on Thursday 23rd May from 10 am – 12 noon. There will be Refreshments and Cakes served, along with Gifts, Bric-a-Brac and a Raffle. Members volunteered to help on the day.

The Federation have planned a Centenary Afternoon Tea to be held at the Sculpture Gallery at Woburn Abbey in August. Hats and posh frocks could be the order of the afternoon. To celebrate the centenary of the WI all members

will receive a pale yellow dahlia, which can be planted in pots, or gardens.

Diane brought along some WI branded bags and Mugs, celebrating the WI Centenary.

Moving on to the AGM, our secretary read her Annual Report. During the year we had increased our membership with six new members. She listed all the numerous events that had taken place during the course of the year, including outings, coffee mornings and many interesting speakers.

Our President told of our achievements during the past year; Helen's embroidered leaf had been chosen to adorn the County Tablecloth. A very appreciative letter had been received from the Salvation Army, with thanks for our boxes. She thanked all the valuable members of the committee, and all those who helped with the meetings of WI allowing our Institute to continue and thrive. She kindly gave presents to all who had helped during the year.

All the committee were prepared to stand for another year. No names for President had been received, so Deirdrea was happy to continue as our President.

The meeting then continued with refreshments followed by a Beatle Drive which was enjoyed by the members.

Our next meeting is on 13th May, when we will discuss the two Resolutions chosen for this year, which have been chosen to go forward. Members were requested to bring along their WI magazines with all the information about the Resolutions.

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.

St. Mary's Ladies Guild

Deirdrea welcomed the members, Gordon Gray and Lyn.

Sadly some of the members had just attended the funeral of Megan Hall, a very loving and gracious lady and member.

Birthday cards and good wishes were given to two members and an Easter card for everyone.

After the devotions, the notices were read regarding the speaker at the next meeting, who will be Catherine Haydn. Ideas were asked for an outing venue and one for an afternoon tea.

Gordon Gray was the speaker, his subject the 9/10 Plagues of Egypt.

The plagues were disasters sent upon Egypt by God, when Pharaoh refused to let the Israelite nation leave.

His thorough preparation of this subject, made a fascinating talk, how in Exodus it tells of each plague, how it happened and what it led to, he offered comparison to other natural disasters. Attempts to find natural explanations for the plagues, appear to be based on passed down accounts.

After hearing about the frogs, lice, boils and locusts we were not sure whether to serve the teas at that time. An excellent speaker who deserved a larger audience.

A raffle was drawn, consisting of china Easter mugs and Easter eggs. An excellent afternoon.

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 2pm at St Mary's and would welcome any new members.



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Should animals be kept in zoos?

That was the question the children at Dagnall C of E debated as part of our Christian value Justice.

A parliament loan box helped the children to understand what happens during a debate and the different items used. After several points of view were presented, the children walked through the 'aye' door or the 'no' door. The ayes to the right were 24; the noes to the left were 22. Then all the children dressed up as the speaker, looking very official!



Nigel's Thoughts

Methodist Minister



Dear Friends,

I was listening to a radio phone-in programme the other day, during which callers were speaking about the effects of workplace stress upon their daily lives.

We live in an age in which so much emphasis is placed upon being seen to be successful. When for many people just getting through all that they have to do in a day is a struggle.

How would you measure success? Is it about your impressive work rate - what you do or don't achieve? Or a need to be accepted by others?

I would venture to say that though these seem to be important they are, in fact, false measures.

Of course there may not be much (if anything) that we can do to change the expectations of others in our workplace, but I feel that if we are working to please others we may be working hard for the wrong reasons. St Paul writing in his second letter to the church in Corinth says "But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us" (chapter 4 verse 7).

A part of the meaning of this verse is that the measure of our success should be the extent to which we do not struggle to achieve things in our own strength, but rest within and seek to reflect the mighty power of God at work in us. He has principally demonstrated this power in Jesus, the 'treasure' that Paul is referring to.

We should therefore not be too dispirited if our efforts and strivings don't receive the appreciation from others that we feel they should - that is so often the ungrateful way of the world. Instead let us give thanks that God is well pleased with our efforts to do a good job, to work with others considerately, carefully and with integrity and so to reflect his love in Jesus.

Maybe we find it hard to believe that we can make a difference or that our life has meaning? Like earthenware pots ('jars of clay') we are easily cracked and broken, but our vulnerability, openness and reliance on God throughout our struggles is, I think, a more important measure than the chasing of illusive 'success'.

May you experience God reminding you of his treasure within and reassuring you that he is at work in your life.

Maybe you know the old parable of 'The Cracked

Pot'....

"A water bearer in India had two large pots, each hung on each end of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, and while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream to the master's house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years, this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water in his master's house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect to the end for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. 'I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you.'

The bearer asked, 'Why? What are you ashamed of?'

The pot replied, 'For these past two years I am able to deliver only half of my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your master's house. Because of my flaws, you don't get full value for your efforts.'

The water bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot, and in his compassion, he said, 'As we return to the master's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path.'

As they went up the hill, the old cracked pot took notice of the sun warming the beautiful wild flowers on the side of the path, and this cheered it somewhat. But at the end of the trail, it still felt bad because it had leaked out half its load.

The bearer said to the pot, 'Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of your path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I know and value your unique qualities. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back from the stream, you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being just the way you are, he would not have this beauty to grace his house.'

God bless, *Nigel*

THE GREATEST: Muhammad Ali?

Muhammad Ali was, for me, the greatest boxer ever, and top sportsman of the 20th C. For Brits, WG Grace, the phenomenal cricketer, could well of have been the



19th C's greatest sports man. WGG tried all sports, but you may not be aware that he was a fanatical lawn green bowler. However, the greatest bowler ever has to be the Somerset lad, like me, David J Bryant CBE.

You may be aware of DJB and his Falcon pipe (as used by Harold Wilson, Fred Trueman & Stephen Fry). DJB won the first ever outdoor (1966) and first ever indoor

world singles (1979) championships. He also won 5 Commonwealth gold medals, 26 national titles and much more. DJB took bowls to a new level. His contribution to the game of bowls is immeasurable. DJB is still alive and deserves to be a 'Sir'. I understand DJB is still bowling at aged 87. DJB describes bowls as '**a young mans game also played by older men (and ladies!)**' Bowls is a sport everyone can enjoy and play

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Weather Conditions for March 2019

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

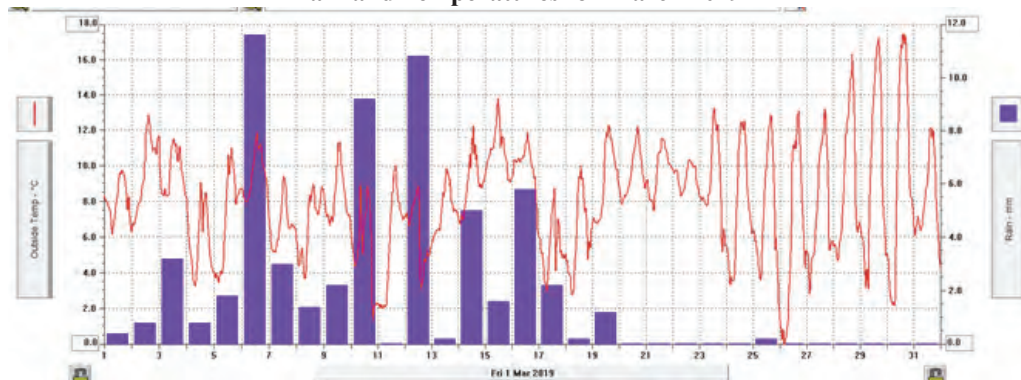


March started off on the mild side, but soon became unsettled as storm Freya passed through. The westerly wind continually brought rain right up to the 19th. From the 20th onwards it became settled with sunny days and slightly warmer. From the 29th, temperatures rose and reached 17.8°C on the 30th; making an almost a mini-summer. But, for the month as a whole, temperatures were slightly above average and even fell below zero on the 26th, although it was for only one hour at 03.30am. The rain was 24% above the 10 year average. Again, I have compared this month's weather in the data below to March 2018 when we had the Beast from the East.

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature: March 2018	17.8°C 13.2°C	30 March 15.00	- 0.2°C - 5.7°C	26 March 03.30
Mean Temperature March 2018	11.3°C 8.1°C			
Dewpoint: March 2018	10.6°C 11.5°C	15 March 12.30	1.9°C - 7.8°C	10 March 16.30
Humidity:	96%	10 March 07.30	49%	10 - 30 March
Barometer:	1036.4 mb	28 March 07.30	983.7 mb	6 March 21.30
Wind Speed	46 mph NW	10 March 12.00	Months avg.	7.2 mph
Wind Chill: March 2018	17.3°C 12.7°C	30 March 06.30	- 2.5°C - 11.2°C	10 March 18.30
Dominant Wind:	WNW			

*Rain Days: 19(T), 19(R)	Wettest Day 6 March		11.61 mm	0.457 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	March 2019	61.6 mm	2.245 ins
	Total	March 2018	96.8mm	3.811 ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	3 Months 2019	142.0 mm	5.590 ins
March 2018	Total	3 Months	198.8 mm	7.827 ins

Rain and Temperatures for March 2019



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Eaton Bray Cricket Club

Preparations are complete for the 2019 season and the club would like to thank all members of which there were many this year for their hard work and dedication which is a good sign for the season to come. The wicket and outfield again look in cracking order and it is a credit to James Flecknell that yet again we can be proud of our club and its surroundings. Outdoor nets for senior players began on Friday 12th April from 6pm and will continue throughout the summer.

Junior training started on Wednesday 24th April from 6-7 pm for under 9 and under 11 and 7-8.30 for under 13 and under 15.

We also again have All Stars cricket on a

Saturday morning. This is a chance for the younger children ages 5-8 to be introduced to the fun aspect of the game. This is an ECB initiative and you must register online to participate at allstarscricket.co.uk. The Club are always on the look out for new players of any age ability or gender. We run 2 senior teams in the FCCL on a Saturday and a senior team in the Beds Sunday League. We also have 5 junior teams at U9 U11 2XU13 and U15. For more information please follow us and contact us via Facebook and Twitter @eatonbrayCC.

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

Enjoy your cricket with Eaton Bray in 2019.

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FCCL Div 1 1st XI

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12th Lutonian Away
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U13 County

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U13 Dev

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21st Luton Carribean Away
28th Aspley Guise Away

U15 Dev

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9th Henlow Away
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23rd Langford Home
30th Aspley Guise Home

All Saints' Church, Dagnall

Services in May 2019



Sun. 5th May 9.00 pm Eucharist
10.45 am Morning Service
Sun. 12th May 10.30 am Morning Service with Holy Communion
Sun. 19th May 10.30 am Family Communion
Sun. 26th May 10.30 am Family Service
Sun. 2nd June 9.00 pm Eucharist
10.30 am Morning Service



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Salvation Sound



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Dear reader,

Our Commanding Officer or (Minister) Envoy Hillary Chadwick has had to leave us to care for her elderly mother. We pray that God will comfort and sustain her.

For the last 5 years she has worked so hard for our church in Eaton Bray so we have been able to increase activities serving needs within the village. We are not promised any replacement for some time. This means that members are having to take on various responsibilities. I have taken on writing this monthly page and hope to make it of interest for villagers concerning The Salvation Army and its role within the locality, nationally and internationally.

My name is Bob Coulter and quite a number of people from the local villages talk to me as I stand outside Janes in Edlesborough every Saturday morning selling the SA paper the 'War Cry.'

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

Wednesday

Home League	2.30-3.30pm
<i>(Ladies meeting but all welcome)</i>	
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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