

FOCUS

The background is a dark, atmospheric illustration of a Halloween scene. A large, bright full moon is in the upper right, with two bats flying in front of it. In the foreground, a large spider is on a white spiderweb that stretches across the frame. The scene is set in a dark, wooded area with bare trees and a misty or foggy atmosphere.

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(Ladies meeting but all welcome)

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6.45-7.45pm (Year 6 and above)

Thursday

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another in the difficult and the joyful times.

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**Focus would like to remind
contributors that the deadline
for articles is the 10th of the
preceding month**

Kindly Note

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

✍️ Editor

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Village Diary October 2020



Weekly

- Mon-Fri (term time) Eaton Bray Pre-school, Eaton Bray Lower School, 01525 220468
- Mon-Fri (term time) Dagnall Under 5's, Dagnall Village Hall, 9.15am - 12.15pm, Mrs Ann Tobin 07816 358342
- Mon-Fri (term time) Edlesborough Pre-School, Edlesborough School, 01525 220431
manager@edlesborough.bucks.sch.uk
- Mon-Thu (term time) Totternhoe Pre-school, mornings, Totternhoe Lower School, Michelle Urbanowicz on 01582 668841
- Mondays Pilates, 10.45am, Totternhoe Memorial Hall, Lisa: 07832 230774
- Mondays Dagnall Community Choir, All Saints Church 7.45 – 9.45pm
- Mondays (term time) Movement and exercise classes with a dance flavour, Northall Village hall 2-3.30. Contact Jan 01442 864271.
- Mondays Curtain Call Youth Theatre 5-7.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Gavyn 01525 220525
- Mondays Curtain Call Theatre Group - 7:30-10:30pm Eaton Bray Village Hall, Sheila - sdtwinkletoes@yahoo.co.uk
- Mondays KFPA ISTD Classical Ballet classes, 3+yrs, 4.15pm, Edlesbrough Memorial Hall, www.kfpa.co.uk
- Mondays Cubs (8-10 ½ years old), 6.30pm - 8pm, 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Hut, High Street, Edlesborough. Contact Liz Coates 01442 842550
- Mondays Yoga, 6:45pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, contact 07837 727302
- Mondays Barre, 8pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, contact 07837 727302
- 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, 07800 518654
- Tuesdays Beginner's Boxercise, 6-7pm Dagnall Village Hall, Josh Thompson 07456 574405 or jtpinfo@gmail.com
- Tuesdays Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy, Table Top Sale, 10-12noon, Salvation Army Hall, Booth Place, Eaton Bray
- Fortnightly Pilates, 8pm, Northall Village Hall, Lisa: 07832 230774
- Wednesdays Northall & District Age Concern Wednesday Club, 10am - 3pm, Northall Village Hall, Contact Anna on 07854 230243
- Wednesdays Caterpillars Baby and Toddler Group 10am to 11:30am, Grace Baptist Church, Moor End, Edlesborough, £1 per family unit, Contact Alister 07572 395687
- (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 Jazzercise, 9.30-10.30am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Angela Veryard, 01525 715208
- Thursdays KFPA Street dance classes 4+yrs 4pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, www.kfpa.co.uk
- Thursdays Tae Kwon-do, Dagnall Village Hall, 5.45-7.30pm 07813 755785
- Thursdays Clubbercise 7.30 - 8.30pm. Eaton Bray Hall - Gina Flitton 07846421756
- Thursdays Beavers (6 to 8 years old), 6.15-7.30pm, 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Hut, High Street, Edlesborough. Contact: ebebeaverleader@ebescouts.co.uk
- Thursdays Explorers Scouts (14-18 years old), 8pm-9.30pm, 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Hut, High Street, Edlesborough. Contact Simon Betts, lionheartesu@hotmail.co.uk
- Thursdays Intermediate Boxercise, 7.30-8.30pm, Dagnall Village Hall, Josh Thompson 07456 574405 or jtpinfo@gmail.com
- Thursdays Eaton Bray Methodist Church Social Afternoons, 2 - 4pm, All Welcome

Please get in touch with the relevant organisation to check if sessions are running

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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
Thursdays	Mixed Ability Yoga Class, 11.30am to 1.p.m. Northall Village Hall, Contact Dee Lock on 01525 377542
Fridays	Keep Fit class, Edlesborough Memorial Hall 10 - 11am
Fridays	Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 07800 518654
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 11am and 6pm Edlesborough Baptist Church, Moor End, LU6 2FL Contact Alister on 07572 395687
Sundays	Karate for kids & adults, 4-5:30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Contact 07500 007779
Monthly	
1st Monday	Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, The Coffee Tavern (except Jan-2nd Monday)
1st Monday	Eaton Bray W.I. Meeting, 7.30pm. Eaton Bray Methodist Church Hall. Contact Margaret Jones on 01525 220991
1st & 3rd Mon (ex. Bank Hols)	Knit 'n Stitch at Edlesborough Village Hall, 1:45pm to 3:45pm. Contact Heather Westwood (01525 839083)
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 Sue Bingham on 01525 222522
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 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

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Peter George Bennett

Eileen, Nicola, Alistair, Michael and Jeremy would like to say a big thank you for all the letters and cards we received following the death of Peter at Luton and Dunstable Hospital on 7th June 2020.

Benefit from Local Advertising

With autumn now upon us, it is time to start planning Focus 2021 and we thank our current advertisers for the support they have given to Focus and the valuable contribution that they have made to our community.

The popularity of Focus continues and we deliver over 2400 copies, one to each household in Eaton Bray, Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall (Covid permitting), ten times a year (24000 copies in all!). In addition, the magazine is accessible online (www.thefocusmagazine.co.uk) for which during the lockdown we had significant number of views. This provides extensive local advertising in full colour for your company, products or service, anytime, anywhere.

The Big Collection



Every year the Salvation Army has a fundraising event called The Big Collection where money is raised for The Salvation Army's Social work in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland.

Major Allison Gaudion, (the new Salvation Army Officer of Eaton Bray) on Saturday October 17th will be walking from Dunstable to Eaton Bray on a sponsored walk to raise money for The Big Collection. If you would like to sponsor her please contact her either by email: allison.gaudion@salvationarmy.org.uk or contact her by phone 01582 471117.

Poor Pavements

Having met Philip Spicer at the council office in the Spring, I spoke to him on how dangerous the high street was for older people. For anyone needing to use a walking stick it would be dangerous.

Is there anyone who could assist me by taking photographs while I map the situations? It would be possible to achieve this in a Covid-19 friendly way.

Pat Quartermaine, 01525 220930

Village Info



EDaN Community Transport
Peter Williams: 01442 842506

Village Hall Booking Contacts

Northall: Lorna Cabbage Tel: 07857 318696 www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk/nvh

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Email: bookings@ebvh.co.uk Website www.ebvh.co.uk

Dagnall: Liz Coates 01442 842550 & Trish Owen 07762 151364

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Eaton Bray with Edlesborough

Parish News

Vicar: Rev'd Joy Cousins

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

Curate: Rev'd Stephen Burge

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

Reader: Gordon Gray (01525 220136)

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

Each year St Mary's church supports the Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal. It is a reflection of our thanks for all that we have received through God's bounty. The Bishop's Appeal for 2020 is set in South Asia, in the beautiful, mountainous, landlocked country of Nepal. It's only five years since Nepal suffered two major earthquakes, devastating lives, infrastructures and livelihoods. Like many people there, Manish – a husband, father and pastor – struggled to recover from the devastation caused, especially as the village's water supply was severely damaged. Families were forced to make four trips a day to neighbouring villages to collect enough water to drink and wash, leaving little time or energy for their normal farming work. As result, this farming community was in dire need of extra income to feed and provide for families. Beekeeping was the solution.

With the benefits of training offered through the local church, Manish and his family's lives have been transformed through beekeeping. The approach of this training programme, Church and Community Mobilisation (CCM), is to assess what resources are readily available to a community (for example, land, livestock) and use these to implement a plan out of poverty. In this case the answer was bees. Before the earthquakes, Manish had an interest in beekeeping and owned a beehive. With the support of CCM training, Manish saw the potential to generate new income for his family, and quickly expanded from owning one to six beehives. He learnt how to look after the bees properly, and began to sell organic honey, candle wax and other bee-related products. Encouraged and motivated, Manish is growing his beekeeping activity and now runs a successful business. He keenly passes on what he has learnt and encourages others in his community to get involved and work together. Manish's faith in God and entrepreneurial attitude have inspired many other people to build a sustainable livelihood for their own future, too.

This year around 900 people can be helped to rebuild their lives through beekeeping businesses. Bees are an important part of our natural world, particularly now in Nepal, where communities are still recovering from the tragic earthquakes, and with concerns of climate change, deforestation and the need for pollinators, bees are a very valuable commodity. If you would like to help other Nepalese people, like Manish and his family please visit the church website for details of how to get involved. www.stmaryseatonbray.org.uk

Bishop Alan writes: 'The UN tells us that, of the one hundred crop species that provide 90% of the world's food, more than seventy are pollinated by bees. Promoting beekeeping is, therefore, not just good for the people of Nepal directly affected by this

project, but also good for the wellbeing of their country and its ecology, and that of neighbouring countries. St John of Chrysostom said: ‘The bee is more honoured than other animals, not because she labours, but because she labours for others.’ Please join me, this Harvest, in honouring not just the people of Nepal, but also the humble and essential bee who sets an example to us all in these times.’

St Mary’s church is open for services on Sunday and Wednesday both at 10am. We will be remembering St Francis of Assisi and celebrating creationtide on Sunday 4th October. Please come along and join us. Don’t forget to bring your face mask!

With every blessing,

✠ Joy, Vicar of Eaton Bray with Edlesborough



Services at St Mary’s Church

SUNDAYS : 10.00am PARISH HOLY COMMUNION

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WEEK-DAYS: Wednesday: 10.00am Holy Communion

EVERYONE WELCOME AT THESE SERVICES. PLEASE BRING A FACE MASK.

In light of the current Coronavirus situation the Pastoral Care Team at St. Mary’s, Eaton Bray welcomes your assistance in identifying any of our parishioners who might be sick or otherwise benefit from their support during this challenging time. Please contact us at admin@stmaryseatonbray.org.uk in this regard.

Dagnall Church Services



All Saint’s Dagnall will reopen for services on Sunday 18th October at 10.30am. All welcome.

Please wear a facemask.

**Dagnall Church, Ringshall Road
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Sadly THE WEDNESDAY CLUB NORTHALL is still CLOSED due to the pandemic, and will remain so for the foreseeable future, until we are confident we can offer our members a safe environment in which to meet their friends, enjoy a homecooked lunch, and socialise.

We will remain in touch with our members via phone calls to chat, regular mailings and home deliveries of goodies and even afternoon teas! We have been generously supported by Waitrose Leighton Buzzard to deliver 'Goodie Bags' to everyone which was very much appreciated by all.

Our phone number remains open (if not answered then please leave a message and we will respond) so if you would like to get in contact for a family member to go on our waiting list, then please do so on 07854 230243

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to all our staff & volunteers who continue to give amazing support to the club – we could not do it without you all!

✉ Anna Cornwall, Leader

Eaton Bray Methodist Church

Our Zoom services continue with friends from across the Circuit. On the first Sunday in August Elisabeth Bibbings led us with a Reflection based on the Feeding of the 5,000, a quietly practical miracle. The lockdown has taught us the value of such kindly acts. We must continue giving whenever we can and trust in our generous God who regularly gives more than we expect. Steve Jones led our second August



service, drawing on the moment when Jesus approached the disciples' boat, walking on the water. This dramatic miracle reminds us who Jesus is but also urges us to abandon the safety of the boat and, with faith, take risks. On the 3rd August Sunday we welcomed a visitor to our screens; Andrea Als-McClean spoke movingly of the difficult act of forgiveness. As Joseph did when coming together with his brothers, we too must draw on God's grace to forgive those who have hurt us. The Rev Nigel Bibbings, our Minister, led our service the following week, basing his Reflection on the image of the 'living waters' which Jesus Christ offers to all and which transforms our lives. Our final service of the month was in the capable hands of Jaque Stamp. Her thoughtful Reflection was about 'discipleship'. For some people this is a sort of insurance policy but if one reads the 'small print', ie the detail in the Bible, it is clear that discipleship comes at a cost. We need to be constantly alert to challenge those things which may benefit us but which undermine the quality of other peoples' lives. In other words, discipleship is a 'contract of love'.



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Get Involved in Shaping Your Local Community

Buckinghamshire's 16 new Community Boards officially launch this week as the first public-facing meetings with local communities take place.

The community boards have been created to bring the new council and communities together, giving people the opportunity to speak up and get actively involved in improving their local area. They now have a key role in helping local areas to recover from the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The aim of the boards is to:

- Influence how decisions are made and how services are delivered
- Represent the voice of local people
- Capture thoughts, ideas and suggestions
- Bring together key community partners and residents
- Identify local needs and work to produce creative solutions

Back in July, local councillors, town and parish councils and some community groups in each of the board areas held their introduction meetings to begin looking at how to develop these partnerships, consider the local data and information about their local areas and start the conversation about their key areas of focus.

Behind the scenes, dedicated coordinators for each board are working hard in their local communities, making connections and encouraging residents, groups and organisations to contribute to conversations about their local area, including understanding the impact that Covid-19 has had.

There are many ways local people, groups and organisations can get involved in their board, taking part in exploring their area's issues, through action groups and projects, or just by sharing views.

Community boards are backed by £3.9m to fund local projects and initiatives within their communities. From September, applications can be made by community groups and organisations to their local board for financial support for local projects. To find out how to get involved, to see the criteria for applying for funds or to put in an application visit www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-boards

Each board decides its own funding priorities. The type of projects which could be eligible for funding include:

- Providing support for older people
- Creating opportunities for children and young people
- Improving community facilities
- Tackling crime
- Addressing environmental issues

Gareth Williams, Cabinet Member for Communities and Public Health said: "We are very excited to get our Community Boards off the ground. They form a vital part of the new council and our commitment to listening to and working with local communities. "These forums are a place for everyone interested in helping to improve and enhance their local area to get involved. Our vision is that they will very much be community-led partnerships that are action focused to make a real difference. Communities really

came together to help each other during the Covid lockdown – we hope that these forums will build on this sense of community, and take the opportunity to use funding to tackle local issues as a key part of our Covid-19 recovery.”

Community boards will each meet formally five times a year with smaller action-groups will be created, focusing on specific issues and themes.

Cllr Williams continued: “We want these community boards to be vibrant and creative bodies. As a council we are committed to making a difference locally. We want to develop thriving and empowered local communities. Working together we can address the issues that matter most to local people.”

Nourish Aliveness!

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We continued this until Residential and Nursing Homes were under such pressure with higher costs and shortages with fewer carers applying for this work.

However, being aware of Covid-19 and the impact the restrictions have made on older people’ we feel now is an important time to offer support where we can.

Our plans are to offer safe group sessions mindful of social distancing.

We will be offering planned walks, both in Eaton Bray and Edlesborough. Excel 2000 exercises, including music. Establishing personal mobility and stability our MOT is a quick assessment of how fit or unfit you are.

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Edlesborough Parish Council News

Including Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall

Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Dagnall Village Hall & Northall Village Hall

EPC is pleased to announce that Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Dagnall Village Hall and Northall Village Hall are now all open for bookings. All halls are operating at a reduced capacity and have introduced additional Special Conditions of Hire to ensure the halls remain Covid-19 safe.

If you wish to book one of the halls please visit the EPC website for more information or contact the respective hall: EMH – Manager 01525 229358 or manager@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk

NVH – Bookings Secretary 07857 318696 or northallvhbookings@gmail.com

DVH – Bookings Officer 01442 842550 or DVH_Bookings@outlook.com

At the time of writing this report the village halls remain open. However EPC, NVH and DVH committees will have to follow whatever the latest Government Guidance is on Covid-19.

Edlesborough Green

Edlesborough Green continues to be widely used by parishioners for dog walks, exercise, socially distanced gatherings and carefully coordinated sports activities.

EPC reminds all parishioners to:

- Keep **dogs on leads** to ensure there are no breaches in social distancing.
- Maintain a social distance of at least 1+metres.
- Use the litter bins provided or preferably take all rubbish and recycling home.
- To park considerately.

New Pavilion

Work continues to progress slowly on the New Pavilion, the site has remained open during the recent national lockdown caused by the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic, but with much reduced staffing levels. A revised schedule of works has been



issued and it is anticipated that the building will be completed by the end of the year.

EPC continues to work very closely with the Edlesborough Community Sports Club (ECSC) charity who will manage this wonderful new facility. Full details of those eligible for membership will be published shortly by ECSC but certainly all Edlesborough parishioners will have free membership. Whether it can open when completed will depend on the COVID rules at the time.

Ordinary Council Meetings

EPC will continue to hold their Ordinary Council Meetings via the Social Media Platform, Zoom until it is deemed safe to resume holding physical public meetings.

Any parishioner wishing to attend the Ordinary Council meetings should visit EPC's website for more information.



Obstructing Pavements

EPC continues to receive complaints about parishioners' hedges and planting overhanging and blocking pavements. EPC reminds all parishioners whose hedges border 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.



EPC would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that parking on pavements causes an obstruction for pedestrians, pushchair and wheelchair users and drivers should avoid doing this.

Christmas Wreaths in Edlesborough

EPC will, once again, be hanging the Christmas Wreaths along Edlesborough High Street. Bas Westrope has kindly agreed to donate his time and machinery to hang and remove the wreaths. Any local business or parishioner wishing to sponsor a wreath should contact the Clerk.



Streetlights

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

Allotments

The annual allotment rent for 2020/21 is due to be paid at the start of October 2020. The rent due is £2 per pole.

Due to the current Coronavirus Pandemic Edlesborough Parish Council requests that payments are made by **internet banking**.

Any tenants not able to pay by internet banking please contact the Clerk ASAP to discuss an alternative payment method. Please ensure rent is paid by 11th October 2020, late payments will incur a £10 administration fee.

EPC currently has one plot available at the Dagnall site and a waiting list for the Cow Lane, Green and Northall sites. Anyone wishing to take on an allotment should contact the Clerk.



EPC Meetings

The next Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings will take place on:

- Thursday 15th October 2020
- Thursday 19th November 2020

The meetings will commence at 7:30pm.

Please check the Council website for any changes in any of our current 'virtual' meeting plans via Zoom.

All Parishioners are welcome to attend all Ordinary Parish Council meetings and may ask questions, raise issues and give suggestions during the Open Forum before the formal start of the meeting.

The full minutes of the Parish Council meetings are available to view on the website or from the Parish Clerk.

Edlesborough Parish Council Contact Information:

Clerk: Miss Penny Pataky *Office hours Mon – Fri 9am – 12pm (Excl. Wed)*

Email: clerk@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk 01525 229358 Website: www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk

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Ticks

Ticks on dogs and cats

Ticks are spider-like small parasites that suck blood from other animals. They have eight legs with an egg shaped body, which becomes larger and darker when filled with blood. Unlike fleas, they don't fly or jump, instead they climb or drop on your pets coat when they brush past what they're sitting on. Ticks are common in woodland and grassland and, although active throughout the year, you'll most likely see them between Spring and Autumn. Cats are less likely to get ticks than dogs, but it can still happen.



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How can I tell if my dog has ticks?

After taking your dog for a walk, it's a good idea to check them for ticks. You can do this by moving your hands over their body to check for any unusual small bumps, particularly around their ears, head, neck, groin, armpits and feet. Ticks vary in size, but you should be able to see their oval shaped body, which will get bigger as it fills with blood. Ticks may go inside a dogs' ear, so if your dog is shaking their head a lot, it's worth having a careful look inside with a torch.

How to remove a tick

Tick bites can carry diseases so it's important to remove them straight away. When removing a tick, make sure not to squeeze the tick's body or leave the head in. If you squeeze its body this can push blood back into your pet, which will increase the chance of them getting a disease. The same goes for leaving the ticks head in.

Tick removal tool

To avoid squeezing the body or leaving the head in, you'll need to twist the tick off. This can be done using a tick removal tool, which can be picked up at pet shops or the vets. Your vet will be able to show you the best way to remove a tick by twisting. If you're unsure how to remove a tick speak to your vet first. Don't try to burn them off or use lotion to suffocate, as this won't stop the possibility of getting bacterial infections like Lyme disease.

Lyme disease

A serious bacterial infection called Lyme disease is passed by ticks. Dogs, cats and humans can all get Lyme disease, although it's uncommon in cats.



Ticks vary in size from 1mm to 1cm

Photo by Stuart Meek, courtesy of Blue Cross www.bluecross.org.uk

Symptoms with cats and dogs include depression, loss of appetite, fever, lameness, swollen and painful joints, swollen lymph nodes and lethargy.

Treatment for Lyme disease

If caught early, Lyme disease can be treated with antibiotics. If you think your dog or cat has Lyme disease, contact your vet who will run tests and start a treatment.

Tick prevention

Ticks will bite and feed on your dog or cat for up to



*A tick filled with blood
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a few days, and drop off once they've had enough. During this time it's possible the tick could give your pet a disease. Stop ticks from biting your pet by using a tick treatment that either kills or repels if they attach. There are different types of treatments, such as spot on treatments, tablets and collars. Ask your vet for the best tick treatment.

Be careful! Never use dog tick medicine on cats or vice versa. Some dog tick treatments contain chemicals that are toxic to cats, and can even be fatal to them.

Humans can get ticks too

Take precautions when walking your dog and wear long sleeved clothing and trousers to cover the skin. You can also use insect repellent to stop ticks. If you're bitten use the tick twisting tool to remove the tick and if you're concerned speak with your GP.

10 tips for avoiding ticks for you and your pet

- Out walking, wear suitable clothing: wearing shorts in tick habitat is an invitation to be bitten!
- Insect repellents can be sprayed on to clothing, but always follow the manufacturers guidelines.
- Carry a tick removal tool and antiseptic wipes.
- Walk in the centre of paths and avoid over-hanging vegetation at the edge of paths where ticks may be waiting.
- Have a 'tick buddy' to help you check your body and be your dog's 'tick buddy'.
- Deter ticks from gardens: keep leaf litter to a minimum, grass short, vegetation cut back, and seating and play equipment away from borders, trees and bird feeders.
- Keep pets tick free using tick-control products.
- Treat pet accessories with repellents too.
- Groom pets thoroughly: make sure you brush against, as well as with, the hair growth to see any embedded ticks. Check inside the ears, around the eyes, on the chin and around the muzzle, as well as between pads and toes.
- Don't bring ticks home: take off outer clothes before going indoors. Tests have demonstrated that ticks can survive a full cycle in the washing machine and short periods in a dryer.

Going on holiday?

Diseases not seen in the UK can be passed by biting insects and ticks when abroad. If you're taking your dog on holiday with you, see your vet about preventative treatments needed to protect your pet against ticks, sandflies, heartworms and tapeworms.

Treatments may be different depending on where you're going, so it's best to talk to your vet well before going on holiday. Some treatments might need to be started before your holiday. If signs of illness appears talk to your vet and let them know your dog has been abroad.

Information courtesy of Blue Cross (www.bluecross.org.uk), RSPCA (www.rspca.org.uk) and The Kennel Club (www.thekennelclub.org.uk)



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EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL

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.

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The Parish Council has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you are interested in this role please contact the Parish Clerk.

Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council

Held on **Monday 2nd March** from 7:30pm at the Coffee Tavern

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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.



Entrance Sign

The Parish Council has approved the installation of a heritage village sign at the top of Harling Road. Cllr Simkins will be looking into style/design of the sign and its installation.

Blocked Drains

CBC are aware of issues however due to the large amount of rainfall there has been delays but are planning to clean out the drains in the next months (weather dependent).

Parish Council Website: The Parish Council website will be going through updates/maintenance to ensure it falls in line with new government guidelines. During the update minutes/documentation should be accessible, however if you experience difficulties obtaining information during the maintenance period please contact the Parish Clerk for assistance.

Parish Council Meeting Dates:

Held in The Coffee Tavern, 1st floor, from 7:30pm (please check website for any changes to date/times)

***Monday 5th October *Monday 2nd November *7th December**

(Due to social distancing measures, Press and Members of the Public are not able to attend the meeting, however, are able to join the meeting through the ZOOM link provided prior to the meeting on the EBPC website)



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Statement for Edlesborough Parish Council by Cllr David Martin, Buckinghamshire Council Cabinet Member, Logistics

Home to School Transport Arrangements

On Monday 7 September 2020 Cllr Anne Wight notified me that a parent had concerns about overcrowding on the bus route 856 to Cottesloe School. Overcrowding on a school bus is a serious concern and immediate action was taken with the bus operator, Marshalls to resolve it.

An additional bus (the 859) was commissioned to pick up students at Edlesborough, with effect from the following morning of 08 September.

The website timetable has been updated to include the additional stop for the 859; and all 14 parents affected have been sent a notification confirming the changed arrangements for their children. The boarding point is the same and timetable has been confirmed.

The reason for the initial excess passes issued for the 856 was an error made by an officer. This should not of course have happened, parents have to understand that during the first few days of returning to school following a six months break by everyone, changes of transport providers, thousands of children to process including hundreds of new SEND children, every one of whom constitutes their own unique case, staff working from home, new staff not being able to be trained on a one to one basis, etc, etc, travel arrangements from day one in all cases cannot possibly be totally seamless. There will of course be issues; and as these happen, we will make new arrangements to deal with them - as we have done here.

As cabinet member I apologise for these events. I understand completely that issues affecting school transport provision is the last thing parents need in today's climate of uncertainty. However, we did take immediate action on the day we knew of the issue to rectify the situation and ensure the safety of students. I regret this situation arose and for any anxiety this has caused all students and parents affected.

Since this action has been taken, I am pleased to say there have been no further reported concerns of any overcrowding on either bus route. I can also confirm that there have been no reported incidents of any overcrowding on any of the other 130 bus routes commissioned directly by the Council or operated by commercial operators. All school transport providers are in daily contact with the Transport Services Team to ensure the service works effectively. The senior officer team and I review the situation daily; and seek to rectify any issues immediately they arise.

Please be assured that the safety of our children is of paramount concern to the Council and officers. Extensive preparations and adaptations have been made to ensure school transport is as safe as possible, including all vehicles being deep cleaned between school runs.

Further details on school transport and safety measures can be found on the Council's website:

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/education/school-transport/school-transport-information-for-parents-and-carers/>

When we have resolved all outstanding school transport issues for the start of term

I will be conducting a review of all processes leading up to the commencement of the Winter term and I would welcome comments from Edlesborough parents to help inform any changes we will make to existing arrangements. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with the Parish Council and parents, listen to their concerns and discuss how things may be done differently in the future.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute if I may to all parents affected who have contacted Council officers, Cllr Anne Wight, other councillors and myself. What has happened has certainly caused anxiety for parents and doubtless a certain justifiable anger, all of which I understand completely as I would have felt the same. I appreciate and thank all parents for the tenor of their communications with our officers, which have been moderate and reasonable throughout, and to my mind very commendable in the circumstances. We got this one wrong; we have put it right as quickly and effectively as we could; and we are doing our best to ensure it will not happen again.

Cllr David Martin

Cabinet Member, Logistics

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From Farm Lad to Inspector

Retirement of Inspector Harlow

Thomas Octavius Harlow

Appointed P.c. 71 on 19th January 1882

Retired 15th June 1914

(Taken from the Bedfordshire Times and Independent -
Friday June 12th, 1914)



Constable Thomas Octavius Harlow (standing fourth from left, behind the Sergeant centre) circa 1890 and (front) L to R Supt Shepherd, DCC., Insp. G. Smith, Sergeant Ogden and Sergeant Edwards. (Leighton Division Bedfordshire Constabulary).

On June 15th (1914) Inspector Thomas O. Harlow retires from active service in the Beds. Constabulary. For the last five years he has been stationed at Woburn. He was born at Ravensden, 53 years ago, was one of the nine sons of Isaac Harlow, farm bailiff on Mr Sutherland's farm, and had one sister. His father was a strict disciplinarian, and until Inspector Harlow was 19 he followed agricultural work under him, and even now he can swing a scythe, hedge, ditch, thatch or do anything else connected with farm life.

At 19 he entered the Loco Department of the Midland Railway at Wellingborough and remained there for two years. When he was 21 he joined the Beds. Police Force at Bedford in the January (19th) of 1882. (His service record shows that he was posted to Luton 19th January 1882). Three other brothers also took to police service - 2 in the Beds. and one in the Manchester City Police, and Sergt. Harlow who retired 3 years ago and is now connected with the Beds. Egg and Game Preservation Society, is one of them, the others also having now retired.

His first station was at Upper Houghton Regis and there he remained 12 months. Passing on to Sharnbrook for 4 years, he was drafted to Toddington, and after 12 or 18 months, to

Eversholt for 10 months, then to Ridgemont for 4 years, and went to **Eaton Bray** where nearly five years were spent amid much trouble and excitement. Of this, however, more anon. From there he went to Hockliffe and after 2 years he was promoted to Sergeant, and transferred to Kensworth in the Luton Division. Later he returned to Toddington and after 4 years went to Leighton Buzzard for 2 years and, being promoted Inspector in 1905, he was removed to Biggleswade and 3½ years later transferred to Woburn. After 5 years there he is now retiring, having completed 32 years' service or 5 more than was necessary to entitle him to seek the rest he thoroughly deserves.

He has served under two Chief Constables - the late Col. Josselyn, and Major F.A.D. Stevens - and six Superintendents; Tydman, Carruthers, Shepherd, Anniwell, Baldwin and Woods.

He holds what few, if any, other members of the Force can show, a certificate of the National Health Society, 53, Berners Street W., stating that "Thos. O. Harlow has attended the Elementary Course of Lectures on First Aid at Toddington, Beds., and has successfully passed a viva voce (*by word of mouth*) examination therein." It is dated December 12th, 1901 and is signed by M Dunbar, Examiner. He also possesses the white metal badge of the St. John Ambulance Society, a certificate gained in May 1896, at the Bedford Centre, and the Medallions of the Society, from 1905 to 1913, consecutively, of which he has made an artistic watch chain. In all he has passed twelve examinations in First Aid. He is an excellent writer and his office work has been exceptionally good.

In carrying out his varied duties he has had one maxim. "*if you want good behaviour you must set an example - instil the instruction by your example as well as by your precept,*" and his one endeavour in every place has been to leave it better than he found it. It is not always easy to accomplish this, but the result of his work speaks for itself.

Eaton Bray was his worst task. When he went there it was going into the wilds - the conditions were, to use a mild term, barbarous.

One of his first cases was one of drink and assault and the evidence showed that, but for his presence of mind, P.c. Harlow as he then was, would have been slipped into the pond and probably killed while trying to stop the fighting going on.

On another occasion when dealing with a disorderly couple, 20 or 30 assembled and abetted assaults on the constable, while from the following remarks from the Chairman of the Bench in the subsequent police proceedings an idea of some of the conditions can be formed. The Chairman said:

*"The defendants were two of the worst characters that could be found at large in any parish in England. The list of their offences was unequalled at the Leighton Bench. Finding that a new policeman was stationed in the village - and it took a brave man to wear the Queen's uniform in **Eaton Bray** - surrounded by roughs and scoundrels, these two vagabonds of the first water, had plotted together to injure him. The constable cautioned them, and requested them to go home, and led ----- down the road. His companion endeavoured to carry out the plan they had formed, and called for a stick and a pickaxe, interfered with the policeman while on duty. And aided and abetted by some 20 to 30 people, some of the worst scum of **Eaton Bray** - and it could be imagined what the scum of **Eaton Bray** was like - from that den of iniquity, Bedford Square, it was only a mercy the policeman was present and able to give evidence."*

On another occasion the defendant was proved to have bitten his (Mr Harlow's) wrist and

thumb, bolted with the handcuffs on, and on being caught again, to have bitten and kicked him, while out of a hundred or so assembled, only one would go to help the constable. Several culprits were involved in a series of charges and the Chairman of the Bench on this occasion expressed surprise that a man could be got to go to **Eaton Bray** as a police constable without assistance and gave it as his opinion that the best plan would be to establish a lock-up, and station two constables there.

It was at **Eaton Bray** also he had another experience before which many would have quailed. A certain man, a butcher became “mad drunk.” At first at the constable’s request he went home to bed but got up in his shirt and went onto the shop, “wanting a knife,” to make someone “sit up.” P.c. Harlow went in and was met with a blow from a saw, which happily missed his head, but gashed his arm. He had to leave to get the wound dressed and tied up. On coming back, he saw the man running about the road with a 16 in. knife, and realising the danger shouted to him, “drop that knife, or I’ll drop you.” It had the desired effect and at the Police Court it was pointed out that but for the constable’s plucky act, murder would most probably have been done. For this he was publicly presented with a “Merit Badge,” and his conduct highly and eulogised, by the Chairman of the Bench (Mr. A. M. Macnamara), saying “it was a badge every constable should be proud to wear, and it was a distinction he felt sure Harlow had thoroughly earned. He had known him personally for some time and he did not believe there was a better servant in the whole force than P.c. Harlow. He was cool and collected in face of danger, and men were only really brave when in such a position they were cool and collected.”

These were the sort of conditions he found at **Eaton Bray**, and during his time there he was heartily assisted by the then Vicar, the Rev. Sutton – the best friend he ever had – and the Schoolmaster (Mr. A. Richardson), and at political meetings they were the only three who could get any semblance of continued order. When he was leaving, the inhabitants expressed their regret at his going and the great improvement in the district must be attributed largely to the five years Mr. Harlow spent there.

At other places and times, high commendation had come to him, at Biggleswade in many larceny cases, at Leighton time after time, and also since he has been at Woburn. The usual run of “captures” naturally came his way. On one occasion at Toddington he found a deserter in bed, whom no one else had been able to locate, but his find made the constables dress him before he would move out. On another, while at Leighton, he had a woman and a 13 months’ old baby to take to Northampton Gaol. The baby was refused admission and was handed back to him. He had to journey back to Leighton Workhouse with it and, being young and then rather “bashful,” it was a most trying journey, but the baby slept all the way.

Those who know him well recognise in his maxim given above the very essence of his dealings. He has never faltered in doing his duty, but kindness and common sense have always been seen in his sternest actions, and wherever he has been he has left many friends and, to his knowledge, no enemies.

The shortest case in his record was at Woburn in 1912. He apprehended a hawker without a licence. A magistrate was passing. They went into the Magistrate’s Clerk’s office, the case was heard, and the man fined £1, all in 7 minutes from arrest to fine – a record surely. His connection with police service will not be entirely severed. He has a stalwart son, 6 ft. 3 in. in height and 25 years old, in the Northampton County Borough Force. Of his family

of 5, only two others remain, but his wife will accompany him in his retirement, and they will live at Amphill, for many years we trust, and have the best of health and happiness in their well-earned repose.

Foot note: Thomas Octavius Harlow died 15th December 1942.

Gloucester Echo August 25th, 1947: Thomas' wife, Eleanor Mary Harlow, died aged 86 years on Saturday, August 23rd, 1947, at 43 Beechurst Avenue, Gloucestershire.

Article supplied by Andy Stephenson

Methodist Lay Worker's Letter

Dear Friends,

“How shall we sing the Lord’s song in a strange land?”

Those of us of a certain generation will remember this line from Boney M’s song “By the rivers of Babylon” in 1978. It’s actually a line from a Psalm in the Bible which they quoted extensively in the song. Surely we have all been “in a strange land” over this year. Last time I wrote to you, I wrote about the “new normal” and what it might look like. Now it is becoming increasingly obvious that what has been and what we have loved, from village coffee mornings to the way our churches and schools conduct themselves, will not be returning for quite a long time. A Methodist minister, Rev. Michaela Youngson, has written a prayer which our Churches have been using over the last few months. It takes for its inspiration that line from Psalm 137, “How shall we sing the Lord’s song in a strange land?” and ends with the reminder:

“God is teaching us a new song, for a new land.”

Over the month of September, schools and some churches are returning to their buildings. People will be wearing masks, there will be no loud singing, no coffee after service – and yet we shall still be in our communities, praying for everything and everyone that is affected by this virus and its effects on all our world. We will be praying for you.

I’m delighted to tell you that we shall be opening the Methodist Church in Edlesborough at 10.30 am on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, while Eaton Bray’s service on Zoom at 10.30 will continue weekly.

The prayer by Michaela Youngson ends like this:

“And now, we know something new.

We know that the world is not ours to control, and that our plans are confounded by the smallest microbe . . . we know that Church is not committees, agendas and buildings, it is us, in homes, streets, hospitals throughout the world . . .

We know something new – we only have today with those we love, today is the day to say “I love you”, to mend an argument, to hold on tight. God is teaching us a new song, for a new land.”

May we all learn to sing this new song in the new land we find ourselves in.

Keep safe and keep well,

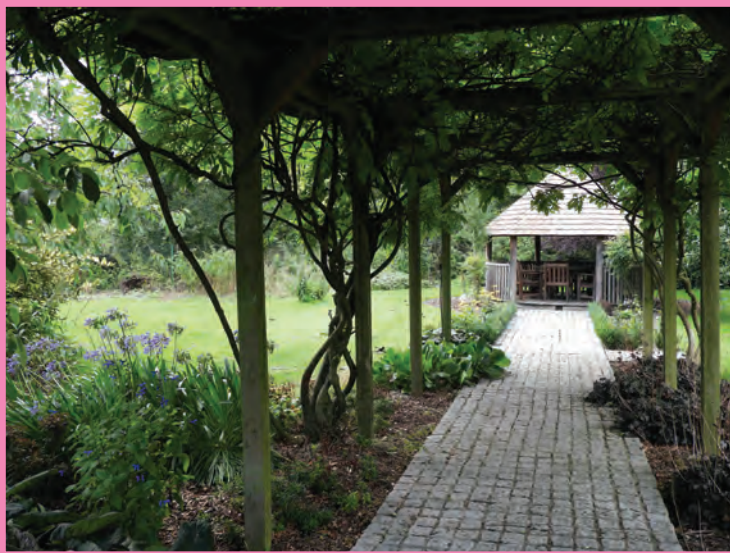
God bless,

Elizabeth Bibbings



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Due to the ever-changing climate and Government guidelines concerning the Covid-19 pandemic our Theatre and Box Office remain closed. It is unclear at the moment when we will re-open. We are monitoring the advice given and will adapt accordingly.

We are working to reschedule as many of the affected performances as we can. Inevitably this will not be possible for all events – and some shows will not be rescheduled. Performances where a decision has been made are listed below and our website is being updated regularly.

Rescheduled events:

The Magic Of The Beatles – Saturday 4th April 2020 : Sunday 28th November 2021

Pop Divas Live – Monday 6th April 2020 : Sunday 21st February 2021

Aida – Tuesday 7th April 2020 : Saturday 3rd April 2021

That'll Be The Day – Wednesday 8th April 2020 : Friday 5th March 2021

Dom Joly – Friday 10th April 2020 : Friday 22nd October 2021

Milkshake Live – Friday 10th April 2020 : Saturday 27th March 2021

Waiting For Godot – Saturday 11th April 2020 : Friday 9th April 2021

Jethro – Wednesday 11th April 2020 : Thursday 7th January 2021

Soul Legends – Friday 17th April 2020 : Friday 6th November 2020

The Wizard of Oz – Saturday 18th April 2020 : Saturday 17th April 2021

Josh Widdicombe – Thursday 23rd April 2020 : Thursday 11th February 2021

Chris Ramsey – Saturday 25th April 2020 : Sunday 25th April 2021

Seven Drunken Nights – Wednesday 29th April 2020 : Thursday 8th April 2021

The Dreamboys – Friday 1st May 2020 : Saturday 9th January 2021

Arrival The Hits of Abba – Saturday 2nd May 2020 : Friday 15th January 2021

Rich Halls Hoedown – Sunday 3rd May 2020 : Wednesday 18th November 2020

Anton Du Beke – Tuesday 5th May 2020 : Sunday 16th May 2021

Ben Hart Wonder – Wednesday 6th May 2020 : Monday 5th October 2020

Land Of Hope and Glory – Friday 8th May 2020 : Thursday 17th September 2020

Some Guys Have All The Luck – Saturday 9th May 2020 : Sunday 27th June 2021

Rose Royce – Wednesday 13th May 2020 : Tuesday 6th October 2020

Walk Right Back – Thursday 14th May 2020 : Tuesday 15th June 2021

Psychic Sally – Friday 15th May 2020 : Monday 3rd May 2021

Black Dyke Band – Saturday 16th May 2020 : Saturday 18th September 2021

Back to the Sixties – Thursday 21st May 2020 : Saturday 27th February 2021

The Sound Of Springsteen – Friday 22nd May 2020 : Friday 16th July 2021

Lost In Music – Friday 29th May 2020 : Friday 26th February 2021

Ladyboys of Bangkok – Tuesday 2nd June 2020 : Tuesday 1st June 2021

Ian Waite and Vincent Simone – Wednesday 3rd June 2020 : Monday 2nd November 2020

Chicago Blues Brothers – Friday 5th June 2020 : Friday 23rd April 2021

The Bohemians – Sunday 7th June 2020 : Friday 27th November 2020

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun – Sunday 14th June 2020 : Thursday 30th Sept 2021

80's Live – Friday 19th June 2020 : Saturday 27th November 2021

Ed Byrne – Tuesday 30th June 2020 : Monday 1st February 2021

One Night Of Elvis – Saturday 11th July 2020 : Thursday 4th Feb 2021

Rock Choir – Sunday 19th July 2020 : Sunday 4th July 2021

Forbidden Nights – Thursday 3rd September 2020 : Thursday 19th August 2021

Martin Kemp – Friday 4th September 2020 : Saturday 23rd October 2021

Northern Soul – Saturday 5th September 2020 : Friday 11th June 2021

The Nick Ross Orchestra – Sunday 6th September 2020 : Saturday 17th July 2021

Jimmy Carr – Tuesday 8th September 2020 : Monday 12th July 2021

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One Night of Elvis – Sunday 13th September 2020 : Thursday 4th February 2021
Some Guys Have All The Luck – Tuesday 15th September 2020 : Sunday 27th June 2021
The Bootleg Beachboys – Wednesday 16th September 2020 : Sunday 26th September 2021
The Story of Guitar Heroes – Friday 18th September 2020 : Thursday 27th May 2021
That'll Be The Day – Monday 21st September 2020 : Friday 5th March 2021
Odyssey – Tuesday 22nd September 2020 : Friday 8th Jan 2021
The Drifters – Thursday 24th September 2020 : Friday 3rd September 2021
Boogie Wonderland – Friday 25th September 2020 : Friday 10th September 2021
A Tribute To Ariana and Jo Jo – Sunday 27th September : Sunday 24th October 2021
Stars of Irish Country – Wednesday 30th September 2020: Tuesday 28th September 2021
Girls Just Wanna Have Fun – Thursday 1st October 2020 : Thursday 30th September 2021
What's Love Got To Do With It – Friday 2nd October 2020 – Wednesday 26th May 2021
The Illegal Eagles – Friday 9th October 2020 : Friday 28th May 2021
Magic of Motown – Saturday 10th October 2020 : Wednesday 22nd September 2021
The Cavern Beatles – Thursday 15th October 2020 : Monday 5th April 2021
Sounds of Springsteen – Friday 16th October 2020 : Friday 16th July 2021
The Unremarkable Death of Marilyn Monroe - Tuesday 20th October : Thursday 1st July 2021
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Thank you For The Music – Saturday 24th October 2020 : Friday 21st May 2021
We Love Little Mix – Sunday 25th October 2020 : Sunday 4th April 2021
Showaddywaddy – Friday 30th October 2020 : Friday 2nd July 2021
80's Mania – Saturday 31st October 2020 : Friday 19th March 2021
Carole King – Sunday 1st November 2020 : Saturday 30th October 2021
Foster & Allen – Thursday 5th November 2020 : Sunday 11th April 2021
Soul Legends now Story of Soul – Friday 6th November : Friday 7th May 2021
Milton Jones – Sunday 8th November 2020 – Wednesday 31st March 2021
Whitney Queen of the Night – Friday 13th November 2020 : Tuesday 5th October 2021
Fastlove – Saturday 14th November 2020 : Thursday 14th October 2021
The Elvis Years – Tuesday 17th November 2020 : Friday 23rd July 2021
The Nutcracker – Thursday 19th November 2020 : Wednesday 10th November 2021
The Sensational 60's Experience – Friday 20th November 2020 : Friday 19th November 2021
In The Air Tonight – Saturday 21st November 2020 : Thursday 11th November 2021
Legend Music of Bob Marley – Saturday 28th November 2020 : Thursday 21st October 2021
Coldplace – Sunday 29th November 2020 : Sunday 14th November 2021

Events that will not be rescheduled

Lancoversal Studio – Thursday 26th March
 The Sleeping Beauty – Sunday 19th April
 Bowie Experience – Friday 24th April
 GTO Concert – Saturday 23rd May
 Sense and Sensibility – Sunday 24th May
 Cirque Enfant – Monday 25th May
 Sing Out Play Out – 15th, 16th & 17th June
 Swan Lake 1st April
 Kinky Boots 13th April

Cavaleria Rustacana 27th April
 The Dante Project 31st May
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 Winters Tale 6th July
 Comedy of Errors 15th July
 Andre Rieu 9th August



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Photography in Focus

In this series, John Hockey shares some tips

VIEWPOINT

Where you take your photo from can totally transform the enjoyment of the viewer. Quite often with a camera we naturally take shots in what is termed 'landscape' format (even if they are not landscapes!). All this means is that the horizontal axis is longer than the vertical. With a phone however it would be more likely to be 'portrait' format, where the phone is held vertically.

Now here's the thing - you can change this and hold the piece of equipment however you want – even at an angle if so desired and this can result in more interesting shots.



Above is a picture of the back of Hampton Court, designed by Sir Christopher Wren. It's a lovely building and garden but neither truly come out in this picture. Were you to concentrate on the beautifully designed brickwork and get in close and look up, perhaps turning the camera a little, the picture on the left might result, which I would suggest is more likely to make the viewer want to see your next shot when you are showing them pictures of your visit.

This technique of looking up and tilting the camera device can pay dividends, as the two shots of traditional and modern buildings in Stockholm on the right show. Try it and you may be pleasantly surprised!





Here is another picture, this time of the entrance to Whipsnade Zoo. Perfectly acceptable but perhaps a bit predictable.

I had seen some interesting light from behind clouds on a previous visit and returned to capture that image, initially without success. To be frank I had just about given up when, on returning to the car, I turned round just as the sun

peeked from behind a cloud and gave me this shot, really highlighting the Zoo sign.

This has both dramatic light and shadows, together with an interesting viewpoint.

Some of the best pictures can be made when you use your camera in vertical mode when taking a landscape... and conversely you may get more creative pictures when you photograph a person having the device in landscape format:



A landscape in portrait mode



A portrait in landscape mode

Next time: Colour

Classic French Chocolate Mousse

I'm all for innovation and doing things differently. But some things just need to stay true to their classic routes. For example, I love making fresh pizza, and a true Napolitana pizza base only uses yeast, water and flour. No new-fangled additions of sugar, honey or semolina. The same goes for the classic French version of chocolate mousse. No need for whipped cream or any flavourings – this is strictly just chocolate, eggs and a touch of sugar. Perfectly simple and simply perfect.

This recipe works on a per person basis, just make it as big or as small as you need, although a minimum batch for two people is best...

Per person:

1 egg
35g quality dark chocolate (70% is best)
1 teaspoon caster sugar

Melt the chocolate in a bowl over a gently simmering pan of water (the bowl mustn't touch the water).

Meanwhile, separate out the egg white and egg yolk.

Whisk the egg white until firm and stiff. Whisk in the sugar. You'll get a lovely silky mix.

Once the chocolate is melted, add in the egg yolk and stir well. The mix will go a little thick.

Stir in one third of the beaten egg whites to loosen the chocolate mix.

Now you need to fold in the remaining egg



white. Pour it onto the chocolate mix. Using a metal spoon, fold the egg white using a swirling “figure of eight” motion. Turn the bowl as you do it too. The combination of the figure of eight and turning the bowl will mean the egg whites fold in beautifully. It's important to fold and not stir – if you stir too hard, you will take all of the air out of the egg.

Pour the finished mix into either several small ramekins/glasses, or one large one bowl, and chill in the fridge for at least four hours.

You can decorate with a little grated chocolate and serve.

*BBC Three Counties Radio
presenter and cook, Nick
Coffer*



LOCAL HERALDRY

BY JOHN HOCKEY

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

SIR ROGER D'AMORY

Like Sir Giles Argentein who I wrote about last time, Sir Roger d'Amory was also involved in the Dunstable mêlée of 1309. A mêlée was a huge gathering of thousands of people where knights would effectively practice battles. He was a Constable of Corfe Castle and was made a baron in 1317 and had caught the king's eye by his bravery at the battle of Bannockburn, so the practice at Dunstable obviously paid off. He later became a man of supreme influence at court and died from wounds sustained at the battle of Boroughbridge, Yorkshire in 1322.

Edward II was well pleased with Roger and 'gave' him marriage to his widowed niece, Elizabeth (de Clare) de Burgh. This made Roger one of the richest men in the kingdom with lands in England, Wales and Ireland. But as we know, it is easy to become over ambitious and when he advised the king to start attacking people who made reasonable claims against him, his fate was sealed. As 'influencers' at court changed and the feebleness of king Edward II became ever more apparent, Roger d'Amory declined in power and the battle at Boroughbridge was to be his last.



The coat of arms is described or *blazoned* as follows:

Barry nebuly of six Argent and Gules. A bend Azure. That is, the six horizontal bars of silver and red have edges like clouds (*nebuly*) and overall there is a diagonal blue stripe. A relatively simple design which would be well known to adversaries and opponents alike in the battles of the 14th century.

If you want to know more about the tournaments held at Dunstable and the people involved, the following web site will give you all you need: <http://medievaldunstable.org.uk/tournaments.html> or just put 'Medieval Dunstable' into your browser.

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In this time, the press informs us that many turned to prayer and faith to find hope in such a seemingly hopeless time. The Christian faith is not just a 'Sunday thing' that you do to get God off your back, but offers real and lasting hope that you simply can't find in the news, in the Prime Minister's briefings, in breaking news on the BBC or the headlines that scream at you on your trip to the local shop. This hope is summarised in my Bible like this: '...God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.' (John 3:16 CSB)

This verse, which encapsulates the Christian message tells us several particular things about God-who he is and what he has done- and I hope to offer some encouragement to you over the next few months as I unpack this verse- and how you can have this assurance!

It tells us first of all that the God of the Bible, the One who 'so loved the world' is the One true God. There is simply no other like him. He is personal- he is not just a force, or spiritual influence of some sort. 'He thinks, feels, desires, and acts

in ways that show him to be a living personal Being.' No other 'god' has loved the world- world meaning people, just like you and me. But the Bible tells us that the God that Christians love and worship has loved the world. In a world of hate, despair and anguish, it is good to know a God who loves me, not because of what I have done, but in spite of my sins, my faults and failures.

I would love to tell you more about this hope. Every Sunday, people gather in the Baptist chapel opposite the Post Office to worship and enjoy community with others. All are welcome- you don't have to be a Baptist or a Christian at all. Why not join us at 11am on Sunday? I would love to hear from you. You can email me at gbcepastor@gmail.com or if you prefer to ring, give me a call on 01525 222064.

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Had I known in March that it was the last time I would be in a restaurant, I would have ordered the dessert



The World Health Organization has announced that dogs cannot contract Covid-19. Dogs previously held in quarantine can now be released. To be clear, WHO let the dogs out.



Warning: Increased Fraudulent Activities

Whilst looking after the IT requirements of both commercial and domestic customers in and around our villages as well as receiving similar calls and emails ourselves, we are aware of an increase recently in fraudulent activities.

These activities can take many forms;

- Phone calls advising you that your broadband has an issue or you are about to be disconnected.
- Phone calls purporting to be from Microsoft or Apple saying that they have noticed that you have an issue with your device.
- Phone calls claiming to be from the Police advising you that you have been caught up in identify theft.
- Emails alleging to be from your bank, HMRC, TV Licence, DVLA etc. possibly claiming that there is an issue or requesting payment and requesting that you click on a link. Often the link then asks you to log into a website that looks to be genuine, but isn't, and requests personal information. This then supplies them with your user id and password as well as the other personal information you have keyed which they can use for identity fraud.
- Automated phone calls impersonating companies such as Amazon Prime and credit card fraud departments instructing the recipient to select 1 to be connected. The caller then tries to convince recipients to give them remote access to computer equipment or pass bank account details over the phone.

Some of these are very elaborate and convincing and it is sometimes difficult to identify those that are valid and those that are not. From our experience, most are not genuine.

Here are some simple rules to follow to try and ensure you do not become a victim:

1. Never click on a link on an email unless you are 100% sure that the email and link are genuine, or you are expecting it
 - If you move your mouse over the link, it will normally show you the full link address, i.e. where the link is going to take you. If it does not look right, don't click it.
 - Even if you are currently dealing with the company the email is claiming to be from, e.g. a government department, this does not make the email genuine. Unless you are expecting the email, don't click on it.
2. Use your Internet browser (e.g. Internet Explorer, Chrome, Firefox, Safari etc) to using a search engine, search for the company or department who is trying to make contact with you. Use this to go to the official website and look for the information that the email is referring you to.
3. NEVER dial a number given to you by someone who has called you that you are not expecting or know.
 - Ask for the department that the person is claiming to be from and the reference/account number relating to the query, so YOU can call them using a number you know from paperwork you have or have found on the company's website.
 - If you have been called by the Police, ask for the Police Station or department and

the reference/crime number relating to the query. Then search independently for the number of the Police station/location and check the reference number when you get through to the number.

4. If you receive a call purporting to be from your broadband supplier saying that there is an issue or they are going to disconnect you, take the details regarding the query (reference number, department the person is from) and then call the company back using a number from their website or your own paperwork.
5. If you receive a call from a bailiff saying that they will be visiting to enact a court order, get the details of which court has issued the order, reference number and the person you are talking to. Then independently find the phone number of the court and ask to speak to the court bailiff and verify the details.
 - Ask them to email you the details about the court order.
 - Be aware; these calls tend to be late in the afternoon or late on a Friday in the hope that you can't get hold of the court. Never agree to pay any fine without doing your own research first.
 - Be aware that the person you are speaking to may send you details. Don't assume they are genuine until you have checked them independently.

We received a call similar to this stating that a summons had been raised against us for non-payment late on a Friday afternoon and were advised if we paid immediately it would be significantly cheaper. We stated that we wanted a contact number for this person and court details and when we check with the court there was no such reference or case.

6. Emails about Covid or selling items related to Covid;
 - Again, don't click on the links, go via your Internet browser and search for the genuine web address of the company and look on their website for the information, independently.
 - Look at the spelling and grammar on the email, if its wrong then it is more likely to be a scam.
7. If you are looking to buy products from a website, investigate the company
 - Have they got a website? Do they show contact details (name, address, phone number etc)?
 - If a UK company, do they exist on the register at Companies House?
 - As a guide, look for lots of reviews, see what others think of the company and their services.
 - Search on the Internet for the company or product and use words like "issues", "fraud", "poor service", "reviews" etc.

In all cases, where you believe you have received or even been involved in this type of activity, report it to the Police via Action Fraud - <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

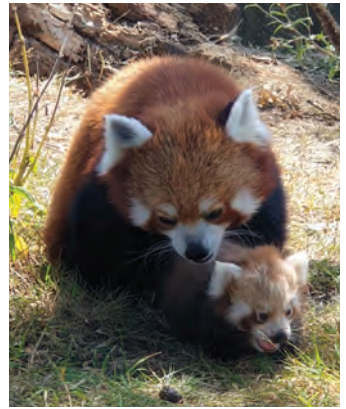
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Pitter Patter of Panda Paws

ZSL Whipsnade Zoo Welcomes Rare 'Finger-Sized' Red Panda Cub

Zookeepers at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo are celebrating a tiny new arrival – an endangered red panda cub born the size of a human finger. Making its diminutive appearance on Friday 19 June, just days after the UK's largest zoo reopened to the public following a three-month closure, the adorable cub is mum Tashi's seventh baby - and, despite its small size, a huge contribution to the vital international conservation breeding program working to support the declining population of this species.

The reddish-brown youngster, who has distinctive white facial



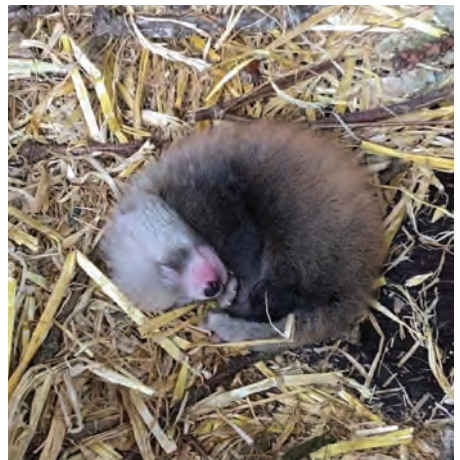
markings, white ears and a striped tale, spent the few months of its tiny life being expertly cared for by mum Tasha in their off-show nestbox, but can now be seen exploring its new home - just in time for visitors to enjoy a socially-distanced trips to the Zoo.

The cub will be officially named by keepers after its first health check, when vets will be able to determine its sex.

“Red panda cubs are surprisingly small when they’re first born - about the size of your index finger,” explained ZSL Whipsnade Zoo Deputy Team Leader, Grant Timberlake. “But the cub has grown quickly and is about the size of a small puppy now: though it will be a full year before the cub reaches adult size, it will soon begin testing its incredible climbing skills around its leafy tree-top

enclosure - closely guided by mum of course.”

ZSL Whipsnade Zoo reopened to the public on Monday 15 June after an unprecedented three months of closure due to the coronavirus lockdown. The loss of income put the charity zoo under huge financial pressure as they continued to provide the highest level of care for their animals. Now open to limited numbers only, ZSL, the international conservation charity behind the Zoo, is calling on the public to help ensure they stay open by booking a ticket, joining as a member or donating to ZSL at www.zsl.org/justgiving.





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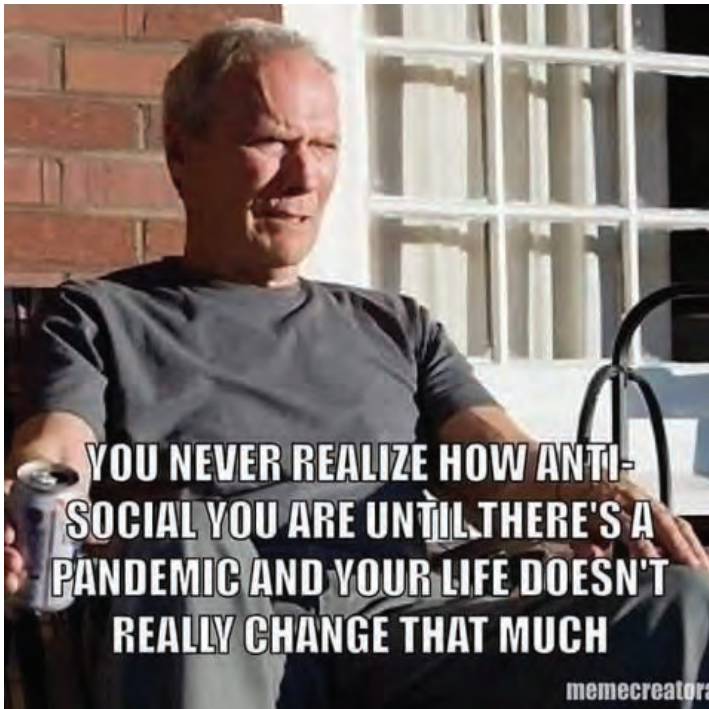
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A Personal Testimony from Jan Sloggett

This time last year, I wrote in Focus having been diagnosed with breast cancer. At the time, I was being bombarded with a whole host of new words and phrases, most of which I had never heard before.

My treatment began on 25th July 2019 and ended on 23rd April 2020, and on 3rd July, I was given the all-clear. It still brings tears to my eyes because without the wonderful love and support of family, friends and my Christian brothers and sisters at Northall Baptist Church, I may have given up the fight before it had really begun.

But, there was one other who was with me even before I knew about the cancer!

Sitting in Church just before Christmas last year, surrounded by people and looking around at the beautiful tree and other Christmas decorations, I suddenly felt as though I was completely alone.

I desperately wanted my friends to talk with me, but at the same time, I wanted them to leave me alone. I wanted to get in my car and driver away as far and as fast as I could! I was going through turmoil and my brain was in bits.



Suddenly, the last verse of the hymn, "Dear Lord and Father of mankind" ; '... speak through the earthquake, wind and fire, O still small voice of calm. "Now listen to me!"

I looked at the cross at the front of the Church and immediately understood. I wasn't alone. Jesus is just a prayer away and all I needed to do was ask Him for help and if it was His will He would grant my request.

I asked for His leading and guiding through the storm I was going through; nothing more.

My heart was stilled and I came back to the realization that Jesus had spoken to me!

I am thankful every single day for my family and my special earthly friends. But I am and will always be eternally grateful for the wonderful love of my Lord, Jesus Christ.

I'm back in hospital again suffering from a nasty chest infection, low potassium and calcium. Here we go again. But

now I know without a shadow of a doubt that Jesus will be with me whatever the outcome. He calls me by name and knows that I am still Jan.

Our Sunday services, are now also on Zoom at 11 am. If you come and join in the worship, music and song, you'll get a very warm welcome. Just contact us through the website (details below) for instructions on how to join us or ring the number below. If you don't have a computer with video and sound, you can still listen in and speak using a landline or mobile. For those interested in the history of Northall Baptist Church, a free copy of the booklet, Rebels in Green Pastures can be supplied or downloaded from our website: <http://northallbaptistchurch.org/>

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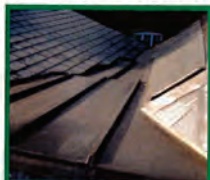
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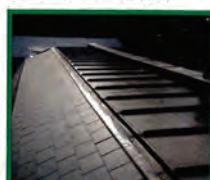
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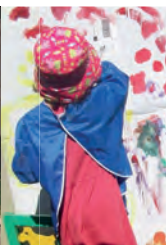
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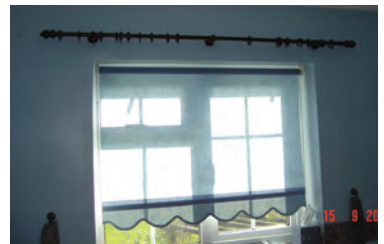
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Slow-Cooked Marinated Baby Back Ribs

Cards on the table, I absolutely love ribs. I also have nothing but admiration for anyone who can cook them the "hardcore" way. You know, slowly smoked for hours and hours on a perfectly heated BBQ, perfectly marinated, pulling apart as you eat them. Only problem is, you need about 24 hours notice for that and I just don't have that kind of organisation in my life. So these are the "it's 3pm and I fancy ribs this evening" version. Plus they are baked in the oven, so won't get spoiled by rain cancelling the BBQ. They are literally foolproof and work however you make the marinade.

You'll need a large rack of baby back ribs for two people (or one rack per person if you love ribs as much as I do). Ask your butcher to remove the membrane on the back of the ribs if you can.

Store cupboard marinade:

Lots of squirts of ketchup, honey, dark soy sauce, oyster sauce, sesame oil, a couple of teaspoons garlic powder and a drizzle of xiao xing wine. Don't worry about the quantities, and don't worry if you are missing an ingredient. You just want a lovely, dark and slightly sticky sauce.

Rub the ribs all over in the mixed sauce (save a bit of the sauce for later), pop them in a baking dish and cover with foil.

Bake them at 130C for 3-4 hours, basting both sides every hour (you will likely need to add a little bit of water to the pan to get the best bits off the bottom).

Uncover the ribs for the last 15 minutes and baste with the leftover sauce from earlier.

Once cooked, remove and leave to rest, wrapped in foil, for 15 minutes.



Cut up and serve. The meat will be falling off the bone.

These are lovely served with a simple coleslaw and corn on the cob.

*BBC Three
Counties Radio
presenter and
cook, Nick
Coffer*



Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

Weather Conditions for July & August 2020

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

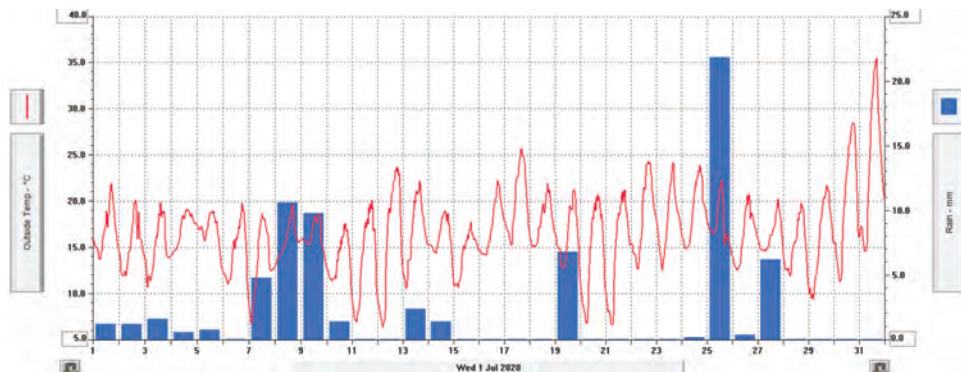


July

The month started cloudy and showery with temperatures slightly lower than normal. The second week there was more rain and temperatures dropped down to 6.3°C which is low for July. This happened again on the 20th and 21st. The 25th was the wettest day with 21.79mm of rain. The month finished with a high temperature of 35.6°C.

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature	35.6°C	31 July 16.00	6.3°C	12 July 05.00
Mean Temp	16.5°C	Dominant Wind:	W	
Humidity:	95%	10.11 July	30%	31 July 13.00
Barometer:	1027.6 mb	12 July 03.00	1001.7mb	27 July 16.00
Wind Speed	39 mph W	5 July 05.00	Months avg.	5.5 mph
Wettest Day	25 July		21.79 mm	0.858 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	August	71.2 mm	2.803 ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	8 Months	401.00 mm	15.787 ins

A Rather Unsettled July Finishes on a High Note



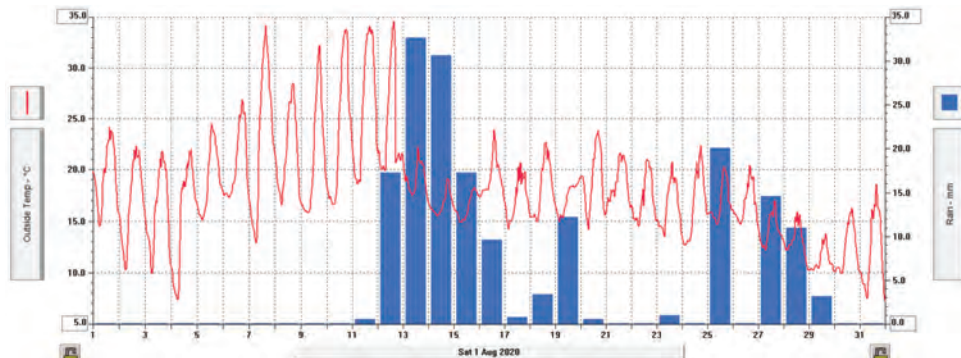
August

The month started changeable, the temperature starting to rise on the 5th reaching 34.3°C on the 7th. It remained in the 30s for 6 days peaking on the 12th at 34.7°C. It rained for the next few days and on the 13th we had 32.59 mm of rain. The total month's rain of 174.6mm (6.87 inches) was 132% of the 12 year average. It remained unsettled to the end of the month with temperatures gradually falling.

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature	34.7°C	12 August 15.00	7.2°C	31 August 00.00
Mean Temp	18.1°C	Dominant Wind:	SSW	
Humidity:	96%	14 - 17 August	28%	7 August 15.30
Barometer:	1022.2 hPa	31 August 09.00	995.0 hPa	25 August 15.00
Wind Speed	42 mph S	13 August 00.00	Months avg.	5.4 mph
Wettest Day	13 August		32.59 mm	1.283 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	August	174.6 mm	6.87 ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	8 Months	392.4 mm	15.449 ins

Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

August Plot shows Temperature & Rain



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Edlesborough W.I.

Edlesborough Women's Institute

Hello W.I. friends. This is just to let you know that we are thinking about you all. Whilst trying our hardest to “work our way” around what we can and cannot do during this unprecedented and peculiar Covid period. We are receiving various instructions from various sources about this – it is a minefield.

However, the rules at the hall, from necessity, are not more than 20 people at any one time – no food – everything has to be wiped down before and after each use (to name but a few.)

This will make holding a meeting a bit of a nightmare. You name it, and it has to be wiped. Sadly therefore no meetings are being planned for the near future and we will let you know if this changes. Nobody really knows when this will all end do they? We have to hold an annual meeting by law, and it can be done over Zoom, which will rule out about half of our members. We are working on it all I can assure you.

Hope you are all “Covid Free” and otherwise

well. (boredom doesn't count). We are happy to talk to you on the phone if it helps – as you know W.I. ladies can always find something to chat about. Take care of yourselves, ladies. We'll get back together soon.

✍️ Sue Parker

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the answer right to "Where
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How are you?

I have met so many of you whilst selling the Salvation Army papers and during the “Shutdown” I have had many a thought, remembering your faces, as to how you were coping. I feel there are so many ways that your circumstances have governed your day to day response to the joys or anxieties, especially if you live alone. Amongst the helpful ideas that have been introduced is the idea of being a member of a Bubble. Neighbours have become close to those in need and because of this there are more smiles and less fear. Family Bubbles allow adults who are having to work and whose children are attending nursery or school to know their exposure to the virus. There is a big Bubble you can join at any time and in any place.

Here’s a song from The Salvation Army Song book:

*Have you ever stopped to think how God loves you?
It sounds quite incredible, and yet it’s true.
Nothing on this earth or in the heavens above
Is as sure and certain as God’s love.*

*O it’s as high as the sky and it’s as deep as the sea,
And it’s as wide as the world, God’s love for you and for me.
We can’t escape his love, or take ourselves out of his care,
So where could we hide from his love? His love is everywhere.*

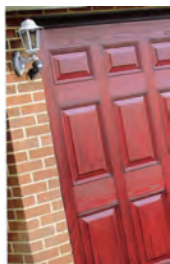


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