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## Morning

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**Wed 12th October**

**10.15 to 11.45**

**Northall Village Hall**

**All welcome**

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*≠Editor*

# Village Diary



## Weekly

- Mon-Sun St. Mary's Edlesborough is open most days 10am-4pm, sometimes longer.  
Look for the OPEN sign below the notice board
- Mon-Fri (term) Eaton Bray Pre-school, Eaton Bray Lower School, 01525 220468, admin@eba.ec
- Mon-Fri (term) Dagnall Under 5's, Dagnall Village Hall, 9.15am - 12.15pm, Mrs Ann Tobin 07816 358342
- Mon-Fri (term) Edlesborough Primary Academy Pre-School, 01525 220431, epamanager@epa-primary.org
- Mon-Fri (term) Tottemhoe Pre-school, Tottemhoe CE Academy, 01582 662959, tottemhoeoffice@tot.dsamat.co.uk
- Mondays Pilates, 10.45am, Tottemhoe Memorial Hall, Lisa: 07832 230774
- Mondays Dagnall Community Choir, All Saints Church 7.45-9.45pm, w:dagnall-community-choir.co.uk
- Mondays (term) Movement and exercise classes with a dance flavour, Northall VH 2-3.30. 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 VH, Sheila sdtwinkletoes@yahoo.co.uk
- Mondays KFPA ISTD ballet classes, Edlesborough Memorial Hall 4pm-6.30pm (4years+)  
Contact Kiri 07988161043 or visit Facebook page 'KF PerformingArts/KFPA' for info
- Mondays Cubs (8-10½ 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
- Mondays Eaton Bray Tennis Club - 4-7pm mini / junior tennis coaching
- Mondays Eaton Bray Tennis Club - 7-8pm Adult Coaching 'Get Back Into Tennis'
- Tuesdays Pilates, 10-11am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Nicky Roussou 07861 162680
- Tuesdays Tottemhoe Baby & Toddler Group, 9.30-11.15am, 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 VH, 07800 518654
- Tuesdays Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy, Table Top Sale, 10-11:30am, Salvation Army Hall, Booth Place, Eaton Bray
- Fortnightly Keep Fit class, Edlesborough Memorial Hall 11 - 12noon
- Tuesdays Jazzercise 9:15-10am, Eaton Bray VH, Annis, annisjazzercise@gmail.com 07447 409666
- Tuesdays 12-3pm, Chiltern Art Club, St Giles Church Hall, Tottemhoe, Contact 01582 607315/872115
- Tuesdays Eaton Bray Tennis Club - 6-7.30pm Social play for all adults
- Wednesdays Pilates, 8pm, Northall Village Hall, Lisa: 07832 230774
- Wednesdays Northall & District Age Concern Wednesday Club, 10am - 3pm, Northall Village Hall, Contact Dee on 07854 230243
- Wednesdays Art Course online 9.30 -11.30 am, contact Lorna Moore 07896 619660
- Wednesdays Art Course, Bellows Mill Eaton Bray, 2-4.30pm, contact Lorna Moore 07896 619660
- Wednesdays Jazzercise 7:30-8:30pm, Eaton Bray VH, Annis, annisjazzercise@gmail.com 07447 409666
- Wednesdays Eaton Bray Tennis Club - 5-6 pm 9-11 years old tennis coaching & U16 Beginners tennis
- Wednesdays Pilates 6-7pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Heather Holmes, 07305 023077 pilateswithheather@mail.com
- Thursdays KFPA Street dance classes, Edlesborough Memorial Hall 4.15pm-6.30pm (4 years+)  
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- Thursdays Tae Kwon-do, Dagnall Village Hall, 5.45-7.30pm 07813 755785
- 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, simon\_betts@hotmail.com.
- Thursdays Eaton Bray Methodist Church Social Afternoons, 2 - 4pm, All Welcome
- Thursdays Retro Line Dance Class. 11.15am to 12.45pm. Eaton Bray Village Hall. Beginners welcome.  
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- Thursdays (term) Vinyasa yoga, 7:30-8:30pm The Coffee Tavern eleanorlangton@outlook.com 07969 315384



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Fridays	Jazzercise 9:15-10am, Eaton Bray VH, Annis, annisjazzercise@gmail.com 07447 409666
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, (10½ to 14 years old), 7.00-8.30pm, 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Hut, High Street, Edlesborough. Contact Mark Owen, ebescoutleader@ebescouts.co.uk, 07899 892344
Fridays	"Little Luvvies" baby ballet classes, 10am-11.30am, Northall Village Hall. Contact Emma Whittemore on 01525 376124
Saturdays	Jazzercise 9-10am, Eaton Bray VH, Annis, annisjazzercise@gmail.com 07447 409666
Saturdays	KFPA Musical theatre classes, Edlesborough Memorial Hall 9.30-10.30am (4years+) Contact Kiri 07988161043 or visit Facebook page 'KF PerformingArts/ KFPA' for info
Sundays	Sunday worship at 11am, Edlesborough Baptist Church, Moor End, LU6 2FL. Contact: 01525 222064 or edlesboroughbaptistchurch@gmail.com
Sundays	Yoga, 9:30am-10:30am, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, contact eleanorlangton@outlook.com or 07969315384
Sundays	Karate for kids & adults, 2:30-4pm & 4:30-6pm, Eaton Bray VH, Contact 07500 007779
Sundays	Eaton Bray Tennis Club - 10am -12pm Social play for all adults
<b>Monthly</b>	
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 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, 10:30am - 12 noon (July held on 2nd Saturday)
1st Saturday	Book Swap at St Mary's Eaton Bray, 10:30am -12 noon (July held on 2nd Saturday)
2nd Monday	Film Society, Sep to May, 2pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Graham Chappell 01525 220883
2nd Tuesday	Dunstable & District Local History Society meeting, 7.45pm, Methodist Church Hall, Dunstable
2nd Tuesday	Edlesborough W.I. Meeting, 7.30 pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall. Contact Sue Bingham 01525 222522
3rd Thursday	Edlesborough Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
2nd Friday	Leukaemia Research Coffee Morning 2, Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30 a.m. all welcome. No meeting in September, June plant bring and buy, December Sherry & mince pies
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
<b>This Month's One Off/Annual/Irregular Events</b>	
12th Oct	Age Concern Wednesday Club Coffee Morning, 10:15-11:45 Northall Village Hall
15th Oct	Music @ St. Mary's - Autumn Arias, 7:30 pm, £10 Box Office 01525 222283
19th Oct	Eaton Bray Good Neighbours AGM, 6:30pm, Eaton Bray Methodist Church

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## The Parish Nurse Charity

The **Parish Nurse Charity** (CC reg no. 204752) was set up in 1921 – long before the NHS existed – to provide nurses, medical and surgical assistance. It is a small charity that can make grants to residents of Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall. The grants can be used to help with the cost of items or services that are not funded elsewhere. Examples currently include monitored personal alarms and motorised rise and recline chairs, but not more expensive things – our funds are not large. We help all ages where the grant makes the item or services affordable to the recipient. Anyone can apply for someone else if the recipient lives in the Parish and agrees with the application.

*Please feel free to contact us Scott Mineikis (07721 102932), Elizabeth Braiden (07831 176842), Sue Bingham ( 07484 166673)*

## Plans for Focus Magazine in 2023 are Underway

First, we would like to thank all the advertisers who bought advertising space in the 2022 editions of the magazine and thus supported the villages' community.

The magazine has 10 printed, full colour editions a year, with a print run of 2500 copies, delivered free to homes in the four villages by willing volunteers. It is also published online at [www.thefocusmagazine.co.uk](http://www.thefocusmagazine.co.uk).

We are currently contacting our existing advertisers regarding renewals.

If you would like to advertise your business in Focus next year, please contact [advertising@thefocusmagazine.co.uk](mailto:advertising@thefocusmagazine.co.uk) or call Sally Taylor on 01525 221576 or Angela Dunford on 01525 221944 for details.

## Appledown Rescue - Ella's Story



We'd like to share a lovely story about a very brave dog called Ella. She came to us earlier this year underweight, neglected and suffering from terrible mange. With love and care she responded to treatment and we were very impressed by her sweet nature. She won the hearts of her prospective new owners during her recovery and when she was fully fit she set off for her new life. Not only has she become a much loved family pet but Ella also has a job! Ella has become a therapy dog working with her owner in a special educational needs provision school. The children love her calm and gentle presence and she has helped some of them to overcome a fear of dogs. She will also be helping reluctant readers by sitting with them while they read to her. What a journey for a dog who came to us in such an appalling state! Her owner says 'this happy dog creates smiles wherever she goes'. I hope she has made you smile too!

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01525 220383 (10am-1pm & 2-4 pm) E-mail: [appledown.kennels@btinternet.com](mailto:appledown.kennels@btinternet.com)  
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**Dagnall:** Bev Way 07875 462128 & Trish Owen 07762 151364

Email [DVH\\_Bookings@outlook.com](mailto:DVH_Bookings@outlook.com)

**Edlesborough Memorial Hall:** Penny Pataky, Tel: 01525 229358

Email: [manager@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk](mailto:manager@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk)

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PCSO Jackie Dodson

Email: [greatbrickhillwingivinghoenhpt@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:greatbrickhillwingivinghoenhpt@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

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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**

**Associate Priest: Rev'd Stephen Burge**

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

**Reader: Gordon Gray (01525 220136)**

**Website: [www.stmaryseatonbray.org.uk](http://www.stmaryseatonbray.org.uk) Facebook: St Mary's Eaton Bray**

A few months ago, the nations of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland came together to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. Following her Majesty's death on 8th September, the nations have come together again to mourn the passing of a great Queen, and to pledge support to our new King Charles III. On her 21st Birthday, Princess Elizabeth, as she then was, gave a radio broadcast in which she dedicated her life to the service of her people. She promised: 'I declare before you that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.' She never wavered from that sense of dedicated service, in good times and in bad, as the world changed immeasurably around her. In 1947 at the age of 21 she married Prince Philip, whom she described as 'my strength and my stay.'

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, summed up the thoughts of many: 'As we grieve together we know that, in losing our beloved Queen, we have lost the person whose steadfast loyalty, service and humility has helped us make sense of who we are through decades of extraordinary change in our world, nation and society. As our grief runs deep, even deeper is our gratitude for Her Late Majesty's extraordinary dedication to the United Kingdom, her Realms and the Commonwealth. Through times of war and hardship, through seasons of upheaval and change, and through moments of joy and celebration, we have been sustained by Her Late Majesty's faith in what and who we are called to be.'

Many of you will have seen the Queen in person. I saw her at a service in York Minster and it is something that I will always remember. Recalling their memories of the Queen, people talk of her warmth and kindness, of her lack of self-importance and her ability to put others at their ease. Her knowledge of the world and its leaders was unsurpassed and her wisdom was invaluable to her Prime Ministers and members of parliament. The late Queen was a constant, calm and steady leader devoted to her people in the United Kingdom, her realms and throughout the Commonwealth.

She also had a wonderful smile and a lively sense of humour. Who can forget her meeting with James Bond at the opening ceremony of the 2012 Olympics in London? Or taking tea with Paddington Bear as part of her Platinum Jubilee celebrations only a few months ago? I always wondered what she kept in her handbag. And then I found out. It was an emergency marmalade sandwich!

At the heart of the late Queen's sense of calling was her Christian faith which she often spoke of. In her 2014 Christmas broadcast she said: 'For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace... is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role model



of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek and respect and value all people of whatever faith and none.'

As we mourn her passing, we commit her to God's mercy and protection. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

✠ Revd Joy Cousans, Vicar of Eaton Bray and Edlesborough



*Prayer of thanks for Her late Majesty the Queen*

Gracious God, we give thanks for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth, for her faith and her dedication to duty. Bless our nation as we mourn her death and may her example continue to inspire us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*A prayer for our new King Charles III*

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King.

Bless his reign and the life of our nation.

Help us to work together so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness flourish among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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**All welcome.**

**Any queries please contact Phillip Lee on**  
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**Dagnall Church, Ringshall Road HP4 1RL**

# Thank you Ma'am, for everything



Paddington sat down sadly  
On a green and quiet glade  
And pulled a sandwich from his hat  
Made with the nicest marmalade  
He'd heard sad news this very day  
That the Queen's life had come to an end  
He cried because that day they'd met  
She had become his bestest friend  
They'd shared some tea  
That day when to the Palace he d been invited  
He remembered he could hardly speak



He was so very, very excited  
He offered her his sandwich  
That he'd made with love and care  
She smiled at him and, with a grin,  
She showed that little bear,



That inside of her handbag  
There was something SHE had made  
And that SHE too kept a sandwich  
Made of the finest marmalade  
Although he was just a little bear  
And she a regal queen  
When she took that sandwich from her bag  
It was the best thing he'd ever seen  
He wondered if anybody else would miss her



Now that she had gone  
And his heart was filled up to the brim  
When he turned his little phone on  
He saw that Facebook had been flooded  
With her pictures old and new  
And that he himself, that little bear,  
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Although today he is the saddest  
That he has ever, ever been  
He will always lovingly remember  
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# **Buckinghamshire Council Launches Cost of Living Crisis Appeal**

Buckinghamshire Council is today outlining how it is helping its residents through the cost of living crisis.

Together with partners Heart of Bucks, the council has launched an appeal to raise extra funds for local people in need, channelling offers of financial help in the most effective way.

Alongside the new 'crisis fund', the council will be enhancing the comprehensive support it already provides to residents experiencing hardship through its Helping Hand programme.

For residents who need to access help, the following support will be available

Individuals or households in need can contact our **Helping Hand** team. The team offers advice, help and information to people who need it, including financial help to cover the food and energy costs to households in crisis

- We will be joining forces with other organisations across Buckinghamshire to create a network of **welcoming spaces** this winter to assist when the weather turns colder. These spaces will provide a warm, welcoming and supportive space for anyone who needs it
- We're joining up with partners across Buckinghamshire to offer **specialist advice and information** and have created a dedicated section on our website for residents who need extra support to search and find the right help for them, depending on their circumstances.

The Council is also working hard to channel offers of help and support. If residents want to offer help to others they can:

- donate to the new **Heart of Bucks crisis fund**
- volunteer your time to vital local organisations such as **Citizens Advice Bucks**, Foodcycle, community growing projects such as **Grow It, Cook It, Eat It**, and other general volunteering opportunities that help in the local community
- donate to a local foodbank or community fridge

Councillor Martin Tett is Leader of Buckinghamshire Council. He said:

"Alongside the national support that's already available, with more on the way, it's key for us as a council to do all we can to support our most vulnerable residents through this crisis.

This support package is built around our Helping Hand offer, available for residents facing hardship. We're also launching the new crisis fund where we hope to raise money as another means of helping those within our communities who need it most this winter. Importantly this is the start of this support programme – we are evolving these plans with partners across Buckinghamshire and this support package will develop and change as we move into winter and beyond.

If you're struggling and worried about what winter will bring, please start by taking a look at the dedicated new Cost of Living section on our website where you can read more about all of this."

Henry Allmand is Chief Executive of Heart of Bucks. He said:

"We are delighted to be working in close partnership with Buckinghamshire Council to support the most vulnerable in the county. Using our unique network of advocates within the community, we are able to reach those who are in desperate need of financial assistance during these unprecedented times.

The support of private philanthropists, local residents, volunteer advocates, and the Council means we are able to have an even greater impact. We are grateful to everyone who is supporting our Crisis Appeal."

Residents can contact the Buckinghamshire Council Helping Hand team using:

- the online form [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/helping-hand](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/helping-hand) or by scanning this QR code
- by phone on 01296 531 151 (Monday to Thursday 9am to 5:30pm; Friday 9am to 5pm)



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## **Workshops to Help Bucks Charities Boost their Income to Meet Rising Costs**

Many charities and community groups in Buckinghamshire are looking for ways to cover rising costs as they face a potential fall in income levels due to the cost-of-living crisis – for example, a recent survey found that 83% were concerned about spiralling costs and more than three quarters were worried that the cost-of-living crisis would have a negative impact on their income, for example through a fall in donations.

If you are responsible for fundraising for a not-for-profit organisation in the county (paid or unpaid role) and are looking for ways to boost income, local charity Community Impact Bucks is running a series of free, 90-minute fundraising workshops which focus on four fundraising areas that offer huge potential.

Starting in just one month's time, the Fundraising Festival workshops (4-13 October 2022) will provide practical know-how, latest tips and insights from experts, and enable you to take the next steps. For more information and how to book: <https://communityimpactbucks.org.uk/event/virtual-fundraising-festival/>



During the summer, our Good Neighbours team of volunteers have been busy helping with requests for shopping, medication collection or lifts to hospitals and surgeries. Whilst many of our drivers are on holiday, we have found sometimes, it is difficult to meet the requests.

We do need more drivers to help with driving requests. If you are available for any time during the week, to help with local lifts or longer journeys, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

We make a charge for the journeys, paid per mile, which is given direct to our drivers. Your kindness will be very well received by those people in our village who need our help.

Some of our volunteers continue to help with our "In Touch" programme. We aim to telephone anyone in our community who would like a friendly telephone call. If you would like to volunteer to befriend someone by phone in the village, please contact us.

Eaton Bray Good Neighbours will be holding their

**Annual General Meeting on  
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We hope you will be able to come along and look forward to seeing you at our AGM.

You can contact us by calling 07930 987064 when a friend will answer your call. We are here if you need any help.

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## Ivinghoe Freight Strategy

EPC wishes to express its thanks to all the Parishioners who took the time to respond to the Ivinghoe Freight Strategy. Due to the large number of responses from parishioners Buckinghamshire Council were obliged to revise the strategy and subsequently include the B440, Leighton Road through Edlesborough and Northall in the strategy.

The strategy is on course to be implemented in September 2022.

## Edlesborough High Street Telecom Mast

On 15th August Greg Smith MP attended a site meeting about the newly installed telecom mast on High Street, Edlesborough. Buckinghamshire Cllr Peter Brazier and the EPC Clerk were also in attendance. 12 parishioners stayed for the duration of the meeting.

Greg Smith MP had viewed the mast from the garden behind the mast prior to the meeting. Greg Smith MP and BC Cllr Peter Brazier both agreed that the location is not suitable at all and were astounded that the application had been allowed. Greg Smith MP stated that he would happily back the residents and would support them with signing letters

if/when the matter goes to the ombudsmen. He reiterated that BC's complaints procedure must be fully utilised/exhausted before the Ombudsman Services' would get involved.

The resident of the property behind the mast clarified that the tree detailed on the application as the one that would mask the pole had been in her garden and it had been removed in July 2021 as it was rotten and in danger of falling on their house. The first application was not submitted until September 21. Therefore the drawings submitted were inaccurate and no one carried out a site visit to check for accuracy.

Greg Smith MP offered the following advice;

- Residents get their homes valued as proof that the mast has devalued their property. Ask the Estate agent for two valuations one with the mast present and one without.
- Residents write to the operator directly, stating that the mast has devalued their home and that Greg Smith MP and BC Cllr Peter Brazier agree that the location is outrageous and inform the operator that they are looking into taking legal action over this.
- If residents ask for the pole to be moved they need to propose a more suitable location within 200m of the current location.
- The pole is 5G and only has 500m coverage and is for Three network coverage.

BC Cllr Peter Brazier impressed upon the parishioners that they will need to prove that proper procedure was not followed during the planning application process. He advised the parishioners that BC planners are relying on the fact that permission would have been granted even if the proper procedure had been followed.

Greg Smith MP and Cllr Peter Brazier agreed the following actions:

- They will jointly escalate the matter/complaint to the leader of Buckinghamshire Council, Martin Tett and the BC Chief Exec.
- They will explore putting together a flyer to be delivered to residents advising them how to complain to BC about this mast, if they are minded to do so.
- Push for the BC Leader, Martin Tett to come out to site to see the mast in person and to





challenge him on the statements made in the letter from Mark Aughtlerlony on 1st June. EPC objected to both applications for the installation of this mast and have additionally written to Directorate for Planning, Growth & Sustainability Planning and Environment Development Management, Buckinghamshire Council drawing their attention to the reality verses the plan for this mast.

A Statutory Notice has now been placed on the adjoining apparatus informing parishioners of their “Right to Object”.

Any parishioner wishing to lodge an objection to the installation should write to CK Hutchison Networks (UK) Ltd, Great Brighams Mead, Vastern Road, Reading, RG1 8DJ.

### [Pre-Application Consultation to upgrade the telecommunications installation at Ringshall Road, Dagnall](#)

EPC have responded to a pre-application consultation letter and proposed plans in relation to the proposed upgrade to the existing telecommunications installation at Ringshall Road, Dagnall. EPC have objected to this proposed upgrade.

### [Planning Applications](#)

Have you noticed a yellow planning notice in the parish? If a planning application is submitted to Buckinghamshire Council they will erect a yellow planning notice as close to the site as possible. This is to alert parishioners to the application and gives them advice on how to respond to the application. You can read more about EPC’s procedure for responding to planning applications on the EPC website. The website is regularly updated with information about local planning applications, including EPC’s responses to applications and the planning authority’s decisions.



### [Cost of Living Crisis and Support](#)

Residents can contact the Buckinghamshire Council Helping Hand team using:

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Message from Thames Valley Police:

*Dear Residents,*

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*If you notice that you have not seen one of your neighbours recently, their lights have not been on or they have not been going about their daily activities as they normally do and you are just generally concerned, please call us on 101 and we will conduct a welfare visit.*

*It is more important than ever at the moment that we look after each other.*

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### [Allotments](#)

The annual allotment rent for 2022/23 is due to be paid at the start of October 2022. The rent due is £2.10 per pole.

EPC 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 2022, late payments will incur a £10 administration fee. EPC currently holds a waiting list for all allotment sites, anyone wishing to be added to the waiting

list should contact the Clerk.

### **Improvements to the Children's Play Area on Edlesborough Green**

EPC have been informed by the Planning Inspectorate that having considered the application and all the correspondence relating to it they have decided that an Inspector should visit the site before determining the application. EPC representatives have been invited to attend the visit. The Inspector will not accept any representations on the merits of the application at the site visit, although he/she may ask factual questions to confirm his/her understanding of the physical features of the site. The site visit is scheduled for January 2023. Once the visit has taken place the Inspector will determine the application. The decision will then be sent to EPC in due course.

### **EDaN Community Car Service**

This is a group of local volunteers who support parishioners with journeys to hospital etc. The group which has been inactive due to Covid 19 has now resumed.

The group is in need of more volunteer drivers. Any parishioner interested in using the service or volunteering should contact the co-ordinator Peter Williams via email at [peterw500@aol.com](mailto:peterw500@aol.com) or on 01442 842506.

### **EDaN Beautification Team**

The EDaN Beautification Team continue to work hard tending to the various planters in the villages of Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall which are all looking lovely.

Do you enjoy gardening and have some time to spare?

The EDaN Beautification Team is running low on volunteers for the tidying and watering of these planters. Anyone interested in getting involved or helping out with the watering should contact Mrs Christine Yates on 01525 220739 or [chris@brooklyns.org.uk](mailto:chris@brooklyns.org.uk)

### **Christmas Wreaths**

Council have agreed that they will no longer hang the Christmas Wreaths along High Street, Edlesborough. The number of wreaths available has reduced and there is an enormous amount of work involved in advertising the wreaths, chasing sponsorship/donations, hanging and removing the wreaths.

Council agreed that the work done by the EDaN Beautification Team with the two Christmas Trees and dressing EMH in lights looks very special and it was agreed that the wreaths last December looked rather "sad" in comparison.

The wreaths will be kept in case another body wishes to take them on and hang them each year. If no interest is received for them the wreaths will be offered to another Parish Council in November. Should a local organisation be interested in the Christmas Wreaths they should contact the Clerk for more information.

### **Speedwatch & EDaN Traffic Management**

Thames Valley Police have relaunched and restarted their Community Speedwatch – more information can be found at [Restart and relaunch for Community Speedwatch in 2021 · Thames Valley Police & Crime Commissioner \(thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk\)](#)

Any parishioner interested in becoming involved with the EDaN Community Speedwatch for Edlesborough Parish should contact Cllr Alan Williams via email at [alan.williams@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk](mailto:alan.williams@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk) or on 07828 398371

### **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.



## Halloween & Trick or Treat Advice

For some people, this time of the year can be a bother as your evenings are interrupted with people knocking on your doors for treats. Most of these children or teenagers are just getting involved in the Halloween celebrations and will be friendly.



If you feel unsafe:

- Don't open your door if you're unsure who is there. Use your spyhole, look out of a window, and use your door chain if you do decide to open your door.
- Have a contact number of a close relative or good neighbour to hand by your telephone, just in case you need to phone them.
- If you are part of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, let your coordinator know that you will be on your own at Halloween. If you are a coordinator, please identify people in your scheme that may be vulnerable and offer them reassurance.

Thames Valley Police will not tolerate any anti-social behaviour at any time of the year.

To report anti-social behaviour, call 101, the 24-hour Thames Valley Police non-emergency number. If you feel threatened, if it's an emergency, or if a crime is in progress, call 999.

For more information and to download a 'no trick or treat' poster / card please visit the Thames Valley Police website and search "Halloween"

Follow these tips to help keep everyone happy and safe this Halloween:

If you have young children:

- Never let them go trick or treating on their own.
- Make sure you accompany them and only visit people you know.

If you have teenagers:

- Make sure they don't have access to fireworks, alcohol, eggs or flour.
- Explain why they must not play tricks on strangers.
- Tell them that if nobody answers the door, or a 'No trick or treat' sign is on display, they must leave immediately.
- Only knock on a door with a pumpkin or other Halloween decorations on display.
- Remind them to stay with their friends and make sure they know that they should never enter the home of a stranger.

If you do need to talk to the police call 101 or dial 999 in an emergency. For further information visit: [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk) Receive FREE crime alerts, sign up to [www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk](http://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk)

## Council Meetings

The next Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings will take place on:

- Thursday 20th October 2022 – Northall Village Hall
- Thursday 17th November 2022 – Edlesborough Memorial Hall

The meetings will commence at 7:30pm.

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. Council requests that where possible questions, issues and suggestions are submitted in writing to the Clerk by the Tuesday preceding the meeting. The Agenda and full minutes of previous Parish Council meetings are available to view on the website or from the Parish Clerk.



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## THE FAMILY OF JUNE THORNE

On behalf of our Mum –

Rob, El and Wend would like to say a huge thank you for all of the cards, letters, emails, phone calls and messages of sympathy received following Mum's death on 30th July, 2022.

We would like to thank Dillamore Funeral Service for their guidance and support throughout this extremely difficult time.

Special thanks to Rev'd Canon Malcolm Grant and all of those who contributed to and were involved in the service held at St Mary's Church, Eaton Bray, on 18th August, 2022.

Thank you to all of you who attended the service and especially those of you we didn't get to see afterwards.

Thank you to Edlesborough Parish Council for their assistance and loan of the additional tables and chairs.

Thank you to Edlesborough Pavilion volunteers who went above and beyond their duties.

Thank you to Patricia's Cuisine for the delicious refreshments.

Finally, thank you to Jack Horne who stood at the top of the hill and doffed his cap as we drove by en route to Edlesborough Cemetery where Mum joined Dad once again.

The day was more than we could have hoped for and a wonderful tribute to our Mum.

## Edlesborough W.I.



The August meeting was billed as 'A Summer Event' in the Edlesborough WI 2022 Programme. This turned out to be a Fish and Chip supper. A very popular choice and very well attended.

Before we could partake of the 'feast' business had to be attended to commencing with the minutes of the July meeting agreed and signed. Items of interest shared and birthday cards and plants distributed to the lucky ladies. The talk given last month by the RDA Riding for the Disabled merited a special mention as being very interesting and informative.

Our Committee members had worked very hard to organize the evening and the hall and tables looked very inviting. The hot food was promptly delivered by van at 8pm. Pimms or soft drinks were provided and an enjoyable and sociable time was had by all. The evening concluded with tea or coffee and after dinner mints.

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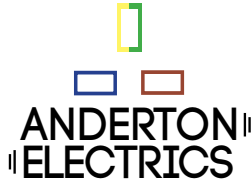
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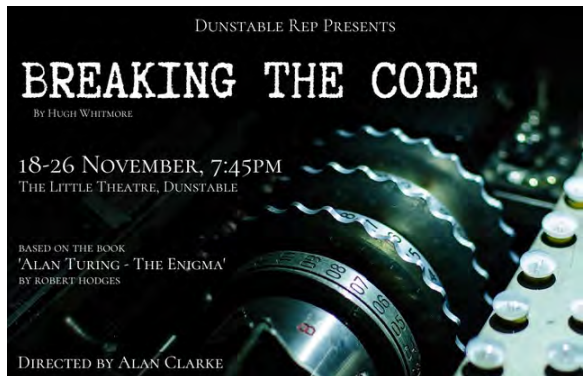
the war by two years and saved an estimated two million lives, but since his work was classified top secret for years after the war, no one knew how much was owed to him.

When he was later put on trial and publicly humiliated by the revelation of his sexuality, he chose to undergo chemical castration rather than serve a prison sentence, which left him physically and mentally debilitated. In 1954, he died by his own hand, aged 41, forgotten and alone.

Over half a century later, Turing is now lauded as a British hero. After being posthumously pardoned by the Queen, his story was immortalised in the film *The Imitation Game* starring Benedict Cumberbatch. Derek Jacobi also took London and Broadway by storm in this exceptional biographical drama about a man who broke more than one code.

Hugh Whitmore's compelling and acclaimed play investigates who he was, what happened to him and why. It's a compassionate and poignant depiction of the life of an extraordinary man, his creativity, his yearning for love and companionship and his deep humanity.

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# St Judes Clinic Closure - 7 October 2022

St Judes, which I ran for 14 years from Edlesborough and 15 years from Leighton Buzzard, will be closing on 7 October 2022.

This was a sad decision to make but it is the right time for me to scale back my working practice. I will be continuing with my Rehabilitation Pilates Classes and accepting self referrals and GP and Consultant referrals for these. I, may, after a break extending into the New Year, continue to offer some physiotherapy, but I will no longer be running the team from Lake Street, Leighton Buzzard. I wanted to say thank you to all our wonderful patients that we have had the privilege to help over the years and to thank you all for your support in our various charity fund-raising events. I have been pleased and proud to help the local community and very much been part of it.

I would also like to thank the hardworking staff in the St Judes Team for their years of service - they battled through the pandemic to treat many patients and keep them mobile in very difficult circumstances.

Being a Physiotherapist is part of who I am and I look forward to continuing to teach Rehabilitation Pilates and possibly to continue to utilise my Physiotherapy skills and experience, but at a slower pace and to hopefully find that elusive work/life balance.

All my best,

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## Eaton Bray Methodist Church

On our first August Sunday Rev Timothy Haines made a very welcome return visit. His sermon focused on faithfulness, “the evidence of things we cannot see”. In all cases, as with Abraham, faith comes from God. It gives us assurance, holding us fast, moving forward and giving the courage to go into the unknown. Our second Sunday in August was Café Worship with Fiona Arscott-Smith, who brought her usual imaginative and lively approach to the service. In the reading from Luke’s Gospel, Jesus challenges his followers to face up to difficult issues, so our discussions centred on our response to the current problems challenging the human race. Do we address uncomfortable truths with sincerity and honesty? John Enejo was our visiting preacher on the third Sunday. With his usual gusto he spoke on the subject of sin - the disobedience which separates us from God - reminding us that, if we confess our sins, God is just and forgives us. Our final August Sunday was the monthly Communion Service, led by our Minister, Rev Nigel Bibbings. His sermon addressed the issue of God’s amazing grace, extended to all, even the late-comers; “the last will be first and the first will be last”.

### A Warm Invitation

**If you would like to join us in a Sunday service, you would be very welcome. Our Sunday worship takes place in the Eaton Bray Methodist Church on Totternhoe Rd and starts at 10.30am.**

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## Nigel’s Thoughts

Dear Friends,

I am writing this on the morning after we heard the saddest news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

It hardly seems possible that the one who has offered us such faithful headship, service and stability for so long, is no longer with us. Let’s face it, she has been our Queen for longer than many of us have lived.

By the time that this edition of Focus is published, all of what still awaits us as I write – the time of mourning, Thanksgiving services and her State Funeral, will be past. However, the bright memory of her many years as a servant to all the people of this country, her realms and the commonwealth, indeed the world, will not fade.

It was Queen Elizabeth’s faith, and undimmed devotion to duty that we shall long remember, along with her smile, her sense of humour, and her genuine interest and concern for every individual that she met.

God Bless you Ma’am, as you enter into your eternal reward. We are the richer for having witnessed and being supported by your great love, faith and devotion to duty. May you indeed, ‘Rest in peace and Rise in Glory’.

“When a thankful nation, looking back, has cause to celebrate those who win our admiration by their service to the state; When self-giving is a measure of the greatness of the great: May the living God be praised!” (From the hymn ‘It is God who holds the nations in the hollow of his hand’ by F. Pratt Green).

May God Bless King Charles III, and grant him many years to reign over us. May God bless you also.

✍️ Nigel

# EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL

## Eaton Bray Parish Council Focus Report

*A full copy of the minutes for Eaton Bray Parish Council can be found on our website: [www.ebpc.co.uk](http://www.ebpc.co.uk). A hard copy of the minutes can also be viewed on the Parish Council's notice board at The Coffee Tavern.*

### Parish Council Website

To keep up to date with what is happening in your parish, you can get all Parish Council news and updates from the Parish Council website. The website has all Parish Council meeting agendas, minutes, financial documents and contact information as well as official sponsored events/initiatives and is the official council communications website. Visit it here: [www.ebpc.co.uk](http://www.ebpc.co.uk)

### Parish Council Open Office/Surgery

If you need to speak to the Parish Council Clerk about local matters, you can visit the Parish Council Office at the Coffee Tavern on the second Tuesday after the monthly parish council meeting each month. For further information, please contact the Parish Clerk or visit <https://www.ebpc.co.uk/parish-council-surgery/>

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*(Minutes ratified at PC Meeting, 05/09/2022)*

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- St Mary's Village Carnival: Cllr Spicer received a few complaints regarding the road closures for the event, signage was displayed in the closure locations two weeks prior to the event and a notice was placed on the village Facebook page.
- School Lane recreation ground: Concerns were raised regarding potential drug taking in this location, concerns raised have been forwarded to Bedfordshire Police to investigate further.
- Woodside – flooding: Concerns were raised regarding flooding in this location. The matter is being monitored.

### Planning Applications & Appeals July/August 2022

A copy of the Parish Council's response to planning applications can be seen on the Parish Council website or obtained by applying to the Parish Clerk.

### Monthly Payments July/August 2022

A copy of the Parish Council monthly accounts can be seen on the Parish Council website or obtained by applying to the Parish Clerk.

### Recreation Grounds

- School Lane: The Parish Council are still looking into designs/costs for additional lighting.
- School Lane: The Parish Council are in the process of obtaining quotations for future



groundwork improvements to the play area.

- The Rye: The refurbishment of the old play equipment is being carried out, with the removal of the old seesaw which failed the play inspection.

### **Watercourse/Mill End Close**

Due to a new leak in the river island, the Parish Council are in the process of getting the area assessed for repair works.

### **Parish Allotments**

- All plots are currently let. The Parish Council does hold a waiting list. Should you wish to be added to the list, please contact the Parish Clerk to register your interest.
- An Allotment Inspection will be carried out in September 2022.

### **Highway Matters**

S.I.D. (Speed Indicator Device): The Parish Council are in the process of obtaining quotations for the supply/fitting on new replacement S.I.D. in the parish.

### **Parish Council Meeting**

(1st Floor, The Coffee Tavern, Eaton Bray) Details can be obtained from the EBPC website, [www.ebpc.co.uk](http://www.ebpc.co.uk)

- Parish Council Meeting, Monday 3rd October 2022, from 7:30pm

### **Parish Council Open Office:**

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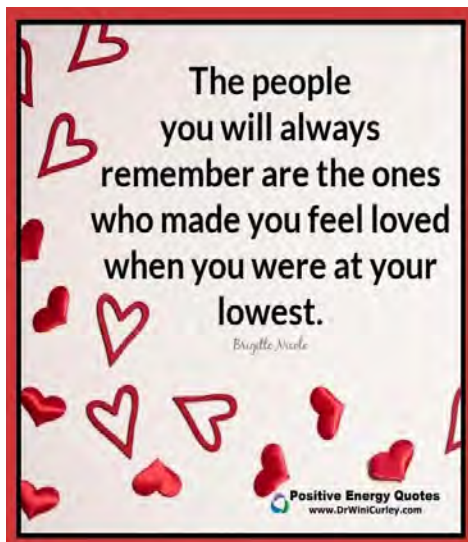
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- 3rd prize – John Plater

### **July 2022**

- 1st prize – Theo Gray
- 2nd prize – Patricia Costin
- 3rd prize – Maureen Cecil

### **August 2022**

- 1st prize – John Plater
- 2nd prize – Anne Hendrickson
- 3rd prize – Victor Courtice



By the time you are all getting to read this update we will have been back at Club for a couple of weeks & shall hopefully be back in full swing! We're holding a **Coffee Morning ... with a Bring & Buy Table, Super Raffle and a Baked Goods stall too - Wednesday 12th October 10.15 to 11.45** and we would love to see as many visitors as possible join us for a cuppa. Hopefully we shall have got to grips with the Hall's new Media Centre and can have some recent Club images on the big screen for all to see - fingers crossed.

Our annual AGM (way back in August) was well attended by Officers, Committee, Staff & Volunteers - lots of plans were outlined for the coming year - details to follow. The most significant thing for me, personally, was the creation of a new committee role - Media/Social Media Officer - yours truly! It would appear my ramblings re: The Platinum Jubilee caused a few smiles & so the role created. I am sure the members will be full of Royal Memories over the next few weeks, and I hope to record some of their recollections for future articles.

So, we shall also have had our Harvest Auction, which was previously advertised within Focus. Our hosts The Swan, Northall team, will have pulled out all the stops on our behalf – thank you Matt, Conor, Rhys & team. Our Committee & Volunteers will have spent a chunk of their Summer contacting, collecting & collating the catalogue of Auction Lots. On the day they will have spent much time presenting produce, displaying Lots & getting organised – no mean feat! Thank you all for your dedication to the Club & our Members. Let's hope a new fundraising record can be made ... Many thanks, must, without doubt go to the local businesses & individuals for donating their services & products for the Auction.

Our return from this year's Summer Break was a bit later than usual – an upgrade to cloakroom facilities, at our base in Northall Village Hall, meant a chance for the Leader, Dee & Staff to have a thorough sort of resources too ... We're in desperate need for paperbacks to revamp our collection of fiction & suitable items for our weekly bring & buy table - why not drop items in between 10 & 12 – please do join us for a chat over a tea or coffee too, if you've time?

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Next Month Update:

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We are looking to get together an amazing group of amateur local actors to form The Players. Our first production will be **A Midsummer Night's Dream**, a lovely comedy depicting the ups and downs of love amongst the real and fairy world.

No experience is necessary, just an enthusiasm for performing or perhaps you have never performed before but have always fancied treading the boards! Fun, commitment and ability to try something new are essential!

The first meeting will be early October (date to be confirmed) and will be followed by a couple of Shakespearian workshops to get us in the mood leading to auditions in late November. Rehearsals will start from January 2023.

Of course, no good play relies solely on the actors! We also need costume makers, prop makers, those interested in lighting, front of house, back stage help and carpenters for the odd bit of scenery. All welcome!

If you are interested please send an email to [theplayerstce@gmail.com](mailto:theplayerstce@gmail.com) and join our facebook group: [www.facebook.com/groups/theplayerstce](https://www.facebook.com/groups/theplayerstce) – when emailing, let us know if you are interested in acting or have a skill to offer. I very much look forward to hearing from you!

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The autumn is the start of the busy season for the choir, with the Poppy Prom and Christmas concerts to prepare for. Keep an eye on our website for details of our up and coming performances.

[www.dagnall-community-choir.co.uk](http://www.dagnall-community-choir.co.uk)

We have come a long way as a choir since we started out in 2010. We've grown in stature and reputation over the years, receiving awards and plaudits from competitions we have entered, and praise and appreciation from our audiences. We make a lovely sound when we sing together, and choir members thoroughly enjoy one another's company, and the pleasure of making music together.

Like many community groups though, we have experienced a drop in our membership since the pandemic; people have moved on or moved away, and of course life and priorities changed for many during the two years that we were largely confined to our homes - for some people this has meant stepping away from commitments and activities and spending more time with family and loved ones.

For others though, there was a resolution to try a new hobby or take up something new once the lockdowns were a thing of the past. Many times over the past couple of years there have been requests for information about local groups to join on the village Facebook page, and the comment: "I really want to join a choir when all the lockdowns are over!"

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We meet on Monday evenings, 7.45pm at All Saint's Church Dagnall (the little church on the roundabout on the main road through Dagnall). Our rehearsals are fun and friendly, with a break halfway through for a cuppa and a chat, then we finish at 9.45pm. The cost is just £3 per week and a £15 annual subscription, making membership of Dagnall Community Choir a really affordable option in these days of tight budgets and rising costs.

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# Pumpkin Pie

By the BBC Good Food Team



Fill a sweet shortcrust pastry tart case with lightly spiced pumpkin to make a traditional American treat.

## Ingredients

750g/1lb 10oz pumpkin, peeled, deseeded and cut into chunks  
350g sweet shortcrust pastry  
plain flour, for dusting  
140g caster sugar  
½ tsp salt  
½ tsp fresh nutmeg, grated  
1 tsp cinnamon  
2 eggs, beaten  
25g butter, melted  
175ml milk  
1 tbsp icing sugar

## Method

### Step 1

Place the pumpkin in a large saucepan, cover with water and bring to the boil. Cover with a lid and simmer for 15 mins or until tender. Drain pumpkin; let cool.

### Step 2

Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Roll out the

pastry on a lightly floured surface and use it to line a 22cm loose-bottomed tart tin. Chill for 15 mins. Line the pastry with baking parchment and baking beans, then bake for 15 mins. Remove the beans and paper, and cook for a further 10 mins until the base is pale golden and biscuity. Remove from the oven and allow to cool slightly.

### Step 3

Increase oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7. Push the cooled pumpkin through a sieve into a large bowl. In a separate bowl, combine the sugar, salt, nutmeg and half the cinnamon. Mix in the beaten eggs, melted butter and milk, then add to the pumpkin purée and stir to combine. Pour into the tart shell and cook for 10 mins, then reduce the temperature to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Continue to bake for 35-40 mins until the filling has just set.

### Step 4

Leave to cool, then remove the pie from the tin. Mix the remaining cinnamon with the icing sugar and dust over the pie. Serve chilled.

# Thai Pumpkin Soup

By James Martin

## Ingredients

1.5kg pumpkin, peeled and roughly chopped  
4 tsp sunflower oil  
1 onion, sliced  
1 tbsp grated ginger  
1 lemongrass, bashed a little  
3-4 tbsp Thai red curry paste  
400ml can coconut milk  
850ml vegetable stock  
lime juice and sugar, for seasoning  
1 red chilli, sliced, to serve (optional)

## Method

### Step 1

Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Toss the pumpkin in a roasting tin with half the oil and seasoning, then roast for 30 mins until golden and

tender.

### Step 2

Meanwhile, put the remaining oil in a pan with the onion, ginger and lemongrass. Gently cook for 8-10 mins until softened. Stir in the curry paste for 1 min, followed by the roasted pumpkin, all but 3 tbsp of the coconut milk and the stock. Bring to a simmer, cook for 5 mins, then fish out the lemongrass. Cool for a few mins, then whizz until smooth with a hand blender, or in a large blender in batches. Return to the pan to heat through, seasoning with salt, pepper, lime juice and sugar, if it needs it. Serve drizzled with the remaining coconut milk and scattered with chilli, if you like.



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# Northall Baptist Church

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## **Shirley Smith – A faithful friend**

Shirley Smith has been the organist at Northall for over 30 years. Her family laid down roots in Leighton Buzzard over 100 years ago. Her story is fascinating, so we share a brief interview.

**Tell me about your family's history in Leighton Buzzard?** My grandfather was a draper's apprentice. He finished his apprenticeship and came to Leighton Buzzard in 1910. He set up a draper's shop called 'Becks' (Church Street) until he retired in 1937. My mother, from Leighton Buzzard, and my father, from Linslade, met and married in 1924. In 1929 my parents decided to emigrate to South Africa leaving with my elder sister.

**What was your childhood like in South Africa?** I was born in Pretoria and moved to Durban where I started school during the war. I remember walking to school independently as a 6-year-old – even crossing main roads by myself! My mother was a music teacher. Aged 6, I began to play the piano and spent many hours on it. My family and I were evacuated to a place inland called Greytown, to avoid the threat of war and potential invaders. My life was simple, happy and free: climbing trees, roaming with friends, paddling in the river and going on walks with my mother.

**What happened next?** After finishing school, I eventually started working as a Civil Servant at the Magistrates Office for 6 years- firstly in Greytown and then in the big city in Durban in the Children's Court. I felt like a 'country bumpkin'. I then trained as a teacher and taught primary school children up to age of 12.

**What brought you to the UK?** My mother and I came to live with my aunt in Leighton Buzzard in 1978 for family reasons.

**Tell me about the church where you are a member and how has faith helped you over the years?** I have been a member of the Catholic Church as long as I can remember. I could not live without my faith: it's everything to me.

**How did you start playing at Northall?** While an organist at Sacred Heart, I responded to a newspaper article requesting an organist at Northall in 1991.

**Why do you enjoying playing the organ so much?** I love music and singing. Playing the organ is my way of glorifying God. I think when the congregation sings it magnifies our worship. I often imagine if this is what the angels singing in heaven sounds like!

**Why not come along to hear Shirley playing on Sundays at Northall?**

Our Sunday services are now back in Church 11 am. We would love you to join us for our worship and song. You will get a warm welcome. For those unable to attend in person we also stream our services.

For those interested in the history of Northall Baptist Church, a free copy of the booklet, *Rebels in Green Pastures* can be supplied or downloaded from our website: <http://northallbaptistchurch.org/>

✉ Ruth Cox Tel: 07791 425625





The ladies have had a very busy Summer, as they celebrated their 100th birthday year. In June, a luxury coach arrived, to transport them to Saville Gardens, near Windsor. Greeted on arrival, it was then off to enjoy coffee and cake, before beginning to explore the gardens.

There are great walks all around the gardens and lake. Distinctive planning groups and interlocking gardens were a joy to behold, filled with the most wonderful known and unknown species of flowers and shrubs. A wide range of beautiful gifts, alongside a range of plants and garden accessories, were available to buy from the shop.

After a light lunch, it was back on the coach for the short journey to Runnymede, to board the boat for the river cruise. Jugs of Pimms and Prosecco and other drinks were served en route, adding to the already lovely atmosphere on board. A cream tea followed, which was enjoyed by all, before heading home. The weather was perfect, planned no less by Lyn, as she had every detail to hand and beautifully organised.

Afternoon tea at Nobbies Farm, Billington, was a great success, it was good to see everyone chatting and eating all the lovely delights, low calorie of course.

We also enjoyed afternoon tea at Helen's, in aid of SAD UK, for members and their friends, to raise funds for this very worthy cause. Home made cakes, scones and other delicacies, were made for everyone to enjoy. A raffle and bring and buy stall helped to swell the funds.



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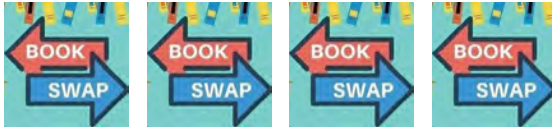
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Plans for overseas holidays in the last couple of years have been re booked, sometimes several times,

but at least this year some of us have travelled to get some sun, which is great.

UK holidays have boomed this year with many of us booking cottages and B & Bs to avoid the overseas travelling, but one option close to home is a canal holiday, and we are lucky enough to have one based in Leighton Buzzard.

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✉ Ken Coates

# Eaton Bray History

## The Fountain Beerhouse Eaton Bray (courtesy of the Bedfordshire Archives)



*The Fountain about 1900*

The Fountain or Fountaine Beerhouse stood on the north side of the High Street, just south-east of Poplar Farm in an area of what is now modern housing. There was a family called Fountain in the village, associated indeed with other licensed premises (licensees of The Chequers from at least 1812 to at least 1828, The Hope and Anchor from at least 1853 to at least 1886, The Victoria Arms in 1894 and 1895 and The Volunteer in 1897 and 1898) but none of them ever appears as licensee of the Fountain(e) Arms except briefly in the early 1880s. Nevertheless the family may have been the original owners of the property or had some connection with it – the coincidence between the family name and the beerhouse name seems too great otherwise.

The countywide licensing register of 1876 states that it was first licensed in 1845 and by 1876 the owner was Woburn brewer Henry Fowler. Fowler's brewery and its licensed premises was put up for sale by auction in 1881. The sale particulars describe the Fountaine Lot 17, as comprising a tap room and "upland" cellar (in other words a storage room for beer on the ground floor), a parlour and a washhouse with three bedrooms upstairs. There was a yard with a slated cart lodge and a garden. There was also a "small tenement adjoining". The rent was £7 per annum.

The countywide register of 1891, which, oddly, describes the Fountaine as being in Bower Lane, gives the owner as "Gurney's Executors" of Slapton. They leased the beerhouse to Ivinghoe brewers Roberts and Wilson and the rent was now £9/17/6 per annum.

The countywide register of 1903 gives Miss Gurney of Slapton as the owner, she still leased the beerhouse to Roberts and Wilson. The rent to the sub-tenant, Amos Gray, was now £10 per annum. The house was "Fairly good repair, not very clean" and was 59 yards from the nearest licensed premises (The Bedford Arms). The Fountain had one front and two back doors.

The licensing register kept by the Leighton Buzzard Petty Sessional Division reveals that the Fountaine closed for the last time on 22nd December 1914. Two unsuccessful attempts

were made to sell the property, in 1916 and 1917. On both occasions the particulars read as follows:

**“THE FOUNTAINE INN”**

comprising brick and half timber and thatched  
**HOUSE**

Containing Living Room, Parlour, Kitchen, cellar and three Bedrooms, with  
**OUT-BUILDINGS and GARDEN.**

It is in the tenancy of Mr. Hugh McIntyre, a monthly tenant, at 8s. per month.

Adjoining is a two-roomed

**COTTAGE**

In the tenancy of Mark Rollings.

The Drainage connection has been made.

The adjoining owners are Mr. W. E. Wallace and Mrs. E. Batchelar.

Hugh McIntyre had been landlord of The Bedford Arms until 1915. The Rating and Valuation Act 1925 specified that every building and piece of land in the country was to be assessed to determine its rateable value. Eaton Bray, like most of the county, was assessed in 1927 and the valuer visiting the former beerhouse found that it had finally sold and was now a private house owned and occupied by T. J. Devrell.

The brick and thatched semi-detached building comprised two living rooms, a kitchen, two sculleries and a washhouse downstairs with three bedrooms and a store room above. The valuer commented: “Rambling place” and “Was 2 cottages”. Outside stood a brick and slated WC, a weather-boarded and slated store shed and open shed and a “Large shed – owner makes and packs self raising flour”.

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# **Make Your Wildlife Observations Count**

## **FREE COURSE**

The Friends of the Church on the Hill group help to maintain the grounds and graves surrounding St. Mary's Edlesborough. We have preserved areas for wildflower banks along the paths, and when we are pruning we help to create habitat for the wildlife. Our efforts have been recognised by Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Local Wildlife Sites, (BMKLWS) and we understand that our Churchyard is rated so highly amongst Buckinghamshire Churches that we are to be designated as a Local Wildlife Site. This is less restrictive than a Site of Special Scientific Interest. We would like to share our experience with interested Focus readers by encouraging digital attendance on the courses described below.

✍ Wyn Johns

### **FREE BMERC COURSE - Make Your Wildlife Observations count**

More and more people seem interested in wildlife watching and identifying the species which visit their gardens or favourite local places. Unfortunately, not many pass on this valuable information to special interest groups and Local Records Centres.

At BMERC (Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Environmental Records Centre) we often receive enquiries about the wildlife people are seeing, how to improve their skills at its identification, and increasingly how they can make the information available publicly as a record of what they have seen. To help answer many of the more common questions we have created a two part online course, open free to anyone who is interested. Comprising two x 1hour sessions online, the course seeks to fill in some of the gaps and help share understanding of what we can record, and how. The courses are being held on Thursday, October 20th from 12.30pm and Saturday, October 29th from 6.00pm.

The course is FREE and is now open to bookings. We know many people have an interest and are keen to support them by providing some key background information and support.

The two courses are designed as a pair. They are free to all, but you will need to sign up in advance to get access to them, they are booked using the Everbrite platform and will run via Zoom on the day.

To book and for more information: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/make-your-wildlife-observations-count-webinars-971289>. We are keen to get as many people to attend as possible so please do sign up. NB you will need to register for both courses separately.

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## Eaton Bray Designer captures new travel prints of our area

Local designer Tabitha Mary creates travel prints from near and far from her home office in Eaton Bray. Recently she's created new prints of Eaton Bray and Edlesborough with Totternhoe to follow very shortly. Tabitha showcased her prints at the Edlesborough carnival and was 'blown away with everyone's response.'

Tabitha has been designing travel prints since 2012 and this year

marked 10 years since her very first online order. Tabitha says 'It all started with a print of the Shipping Forecast Regions, which today is still one of my best sellers. I actually designed it for my parents, but so many people commented on it I popped in on Etsy and couldn't believe it when it started selling. Tabitha Mary was born! Since then i've expanded my range to over 300+ prints from around the world.'

Tabitha's website is bursting with travel prints inspired by the old railway posters. From Cambodia, Sydney, India, to San Francisco and right back to Ivinghoe Beacon! There really is something for everyone. And if there isn't Tabitha works to commission so can capture wherever you are after.

Tabitha told us she 'loves nothing more than working to commission and capturing a place that means so much to someone, whether it's their favourite holiday spot, wedding venue, home or local town.'

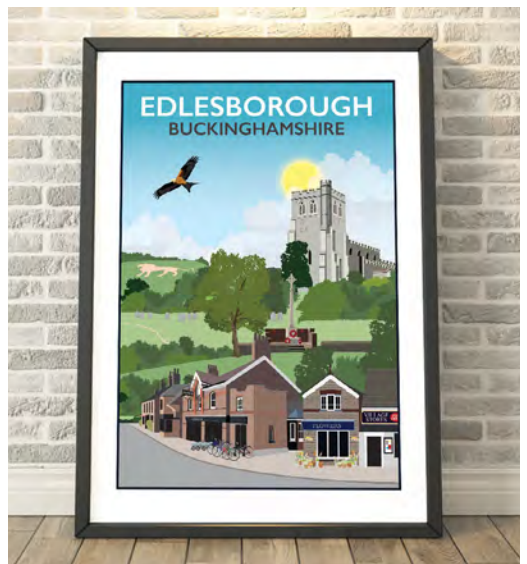
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Walking your dog regularly provides a basic foundation for physical and mental health. Like a child, your dog wants to know the world. If he or she is confined to the house for too long, your dog will get bored

& boredom can lead to destructive behaviour.

Your dog is dependent on you to take them out to explore the sights, smells & sounds of the world. This is why it's also good to vary the places you take your dog as much as possible. You've probably noticed how excited your dog gets when he or she is walking, so let them enjoy every opportunity to discover!

Remember, too, that a sedentary dog can quickly become an overweight one and that brings potential health problems with it. Even if your dog is active inside the home, he or she still needs another outlet for pent-up energy. You'll benefit from having a well-exercised dog, as tired dogs tend to behave better & you'll help your pet avoid unnecessary weight

Whilst out walking, your dog is most likely going to meet other dogs. This is a great opportunity to help your dog learn acceptable ways of socially interacting with new animals. It will also help build doggy confidence so your pet will be less afraid to make friends.

Professional dog walking is becoming an increasingly common service due to the changing habits of the general population and a heightened awareness of animal welfare.

Many of us lead busy lives, so having someone who can come and walk your dog for you during the day makes an enormous difference.

Having lived in the area all my life I am knowledgeable as to where the best places are to take dogs to give them the most rewarding of walks. I have spent all my life around animals and appreciate the value they can add to our lives. We both have a good understanding & have 5 dogs ourselves. We can offer walks to fit with your lifestyle. We can also pop in and check on your dog, feed & let out.

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## **Aardvarks Arrive at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo for the First Time in its History**

Two aardvarks (*Orycteropus afer*) named Nacho and Terry have been scurrying around their new home at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo, exploring their exhibit, which opened to the public on Saturday 6 August. The charismatic creatures are the first aardvarks to live at the UK's largest zoo in its 90-year history. The young insectivores have spent their first week exploring their new digs and building vast, dirt tunnels across their large habitat.

Nacho (8) and Terry (2) will be joined by two porcupines and two meerkats in the new labyrinthine enclosure, which features viewing windows into the nocturnal creatures' snug sleeping areas. Lucky visitors may even see them sniffing around their habitat in the early evening, when the creatures scamper outside to 'start their day'.

Team leader Sarah McGregor said: "I can't wait for our visitors to see these incredible creatures for themselves. I think a lot of people have never seen an aardvark in real life, and they are so enigmatic and fascinating.

"It's been so wonderful to get to know Nacho and Terry over the past week. Already, it's clear that Nacho is a calm and confident female, while Terry, who is only two, has been zooming around the dirt mounds, and, like many youngsters, only eating dinner on his own terms!

"They are clearly delighted with their new surroundings and have exhausted themselves every night, digging through and climbing on the extensive dirt mounds.

"It's also really exciting to have the three species together. Our new porcupines Kimya and Tiombe are still quite shy, but we expect them to grow in confidence as they settle into their new home. Our two meerkats were already here at the Zoo but are now being introduced to what must feel like the biggest "house extension" ever! We have lots of flexibility with different spaces that can either be joined up or separated, so we will take our time letting all the animals get to know each other and decide the best sleeping arrangements for them all as we learn their favourite spots."

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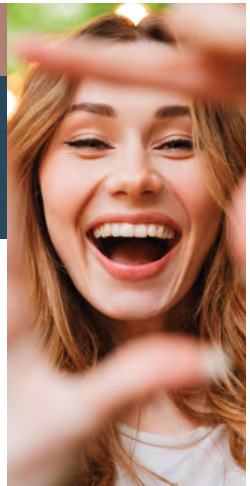
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# Eaton Bray Cricket Club



## Results

July 9th. Eaton Bray 1st X1 295-6. Richard Osborne 77 n/o Euan Palmer 62. Milton Keynes 248-8. Nick Pearson 3-29. Eaton Bray won by 47 runs.

July 9th. Westcroft 225-7. Eaton Bray 2nd X1 201 a/o. Westcroft won by 24 runs.

July 10th. Eaton Bray Sunday X1 326-9. Junaid Ashiq 131 Mazhar Ali 65. Bedford 170-8. Eaton Bray won by 156 runs.

July 16th. Eaton Bray 1st X1 194 a/o. Andy Norris 103. Thurleigh 194 a/o. Paul Harris 3-33. Match Tied.

July 16th. Eaton Bray 2nd X1 266-7. Peter Robinson 108. Panthers 265 a/o. Syed Shah 4-45. Eaton Bray won by 1 run.

July 17th. Eaton Bray Sunday X1 197-9. Offley & Stopsley 199-6. Offley & Stopsley won by 4 wickets.

July 23rd. Eaton Bray 1st X1 172-8. Olney Town 173-7. Olney Town won by 3 wickets.

July 23rd. Milton Bryan 170-8. Adam Raspass 3-26. Eaton Bray 2nd X1 174-3. Peter Robinson 84 n/o Russel Bennett 57. Eaton Bray won by 7 wickets.

July 24th. Eaton Bray Sunday X1 82 a/o. Harrold 86-2. Harrold won by 8 wickets.

July 30th. Eaton Bray 1st X1 247-7. Richard Osborne 87 n/o Peter Robinson 67. New Bradwell 198 a/o. Euan Palmer 4-44. Eaton Bray won by 49 runs.

July 30th. New City 184-9. Syed 3-27. Eaton Bray 2nd X1 150 a/o. New Bradwell won by 34 runs.

July 31st. Queens Park 196 a/o. Eaton Bray Sunday X1 149 a/o. Adam Raspass 68. Queens Park won by 47 runs.

August 6th. Eaton Bray 1st X1 209-8. Andy Norris 55. Elstow 177 a/o. Paul Harris 3-37. Eaton Bray won by 32 runs.

August 6th. Grumpy Monks 210-9. Jamie Osborn 3-32 Ian Jones 3-34. Eaton Bray 2nd X1 86 a/o. Grumpy Monks won by 124 runs.

August 7th. Langford 166 a/o. Eaton Bray Sunday X1 140 a/o. Langford won by 26 runs.

August 13th. Eaton Bray 1st X1 228-8. Richard Osborne 51 n/o. Cranfield University 199 a/o Guy Edwins 3-32. Eaton Bray won by 29 runs.

August 13th Wolverton Town Conceded.

August 14th. Bedford 144 a/o. Jaco Jacobs 3-16 Adam Raspass 3-42. Eaton Bray Sunday X1 101 a/o. Bedford won by 43 runs.

August 20th. Printers conceded.

August 20th. Eaton Bray 2nd X1 161 a/o. Sher-E-Punjab 163-3. Sher-E-Punjab won by 7 wickets.

August 21st. Eaton Bray Sunday X1 176-7. Jaco Jacobs 93. Old Warden 177-8. Adam Raspass 3-21. Old Warden won by 2 wickets.

August 27th. Westcroft 179 a/o. Nick Pearson 3-31 Jaco Jacobs 3-49. Eaton Bray 1st X1 153 a/o. James Flecknell 57. Westcroft won by 26 runs.

August 27th Shenley Church End v Eaton Bray 2nd X1 cancelled.

August 28th. Ickwell 143-8. Junaid Ashiq 3-12 Adam Raspass 3-35. Eaton Bray Sunday X1 134-9. Ickwell won by 9 runs.

September 3rd. Eaton Bray 1st X1 202-9. James Flecknell 55. North Crawley 171 a/o. Eaton Bray won by 31 runs.

September 3rd. Eggington 275-5. Eaton Bray 2nd X1 278-6. Peter Robinson 123 Junaid Ashiq 83 n/o. Eaton Bray won by 4 wickets.

September 4th. Eaton Bray Sunday X1 107 a/o. Waresley 108-2. Waresley won by 8 wickets.

## Village T20

July 14th. Great Gadsden 157-5. Eaton Bray Outlaws 159-2. Wes Hosking 83 n/o. Eaton Bray won by 8 wickets.

July 21st. Studham 183-5. Eaton Bray Outlaws 104 a/o. Studham won by 79 runs.

August 4th. Ivanhoe & Pitstone 105-8. Euan Palmer 3-13. Eaton Bray Outlaws 106-3. Eaton Bray won by 7 wickets.





Eaton Bray Cricket Club are always on the hunt for new players of any age or ability. We run 2 senior teams in the FCCL on Saturdays and 1 in the Beds Sunday League. We also have a side in the newly formed Village T20

League played midweek. The club have a very good junior section with 6 teams at age group

U9 2xU11 2xU13 and u15. Also new to this season is a Ladies Softball Team.

The club would like to thank our sponsors Meadow Marquees, Mlily Mattress, Fine & Country Estate Agents, Westrope Butchery, Topps Tiles, SMSS Ltd and the Focus Magazine for their continued support.

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## Heritage Open Days St. Mary's Eaton Bray

People were welcomed to spend time in the church on Saturday 10th September, maybe just to sit quietly and reflect on the passing of our late Queen Elizabeth II or to sign the Book of Condolence and light a candle. Plans for Heritage Open Days were reduced with information on display about local innovators, photographic detail of the content in the 'Jesse's Tree' stained glass window and church records were available to view. Photos credited to Eileen Bennett.



# Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

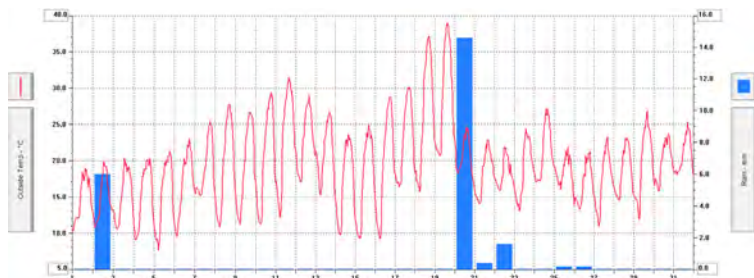
## Weather Conditions for July 2022

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



July started on the cool side and, although generally dry, we had an early evening shower on the 2nd. Within a week, the temperature had reached 30°C. From the 16th, it got even hotter, bringing very sunny weather and a high of 39.3°C on the 19th. That broke all records here in Dagnall and we were only one degree below the UK record. This was unbearable for some, if not all, and was the highest temperature I have ever recorded in sixty years of being a weather observer. The following day the temperature dropped and we had our wettest day with rain of 14.6mm. The rest of the month was pleasantly warm. It was another extremely dry month with only 23mm of rain on top of what was already a dry year.

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature:	39.3°C	19 July 14.45	7.6°C	5 July 05.30
Mean Temperature	19.4°C			
Dewpoint:	19.3c	12 July 18.30	6.4°C	5 July 05.30
Humidity:	94%	July 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>	17%	19 July 15.00
Barometer:	1032.2 mb	July 08.30	1006.2 mb	25 July 07.3
Wind Speed:	31 mph SSW	24 July 18.00	Months avg.	4.8 mph
Wind Chill:	38.8°C	15 July 15.00	7.7°C	July 05.00
Dominant Wind:	NW			
<b>Rainfall</b> *T= total rain days and moisture. R= Actual rain				
*Rain Days: 6(T), 6(R)	Wettest Day 20 July		14.6 mm	0.575 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	July 2021	23.0 mm	0906 ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	Months	308.7 mm	12.154 ins



July 2022  
Showing Lack of  
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This is snap shot of weather station summary at 19.23 19 July 2022

Note the highs and lows of the temperature and the outside humidity

Units	Current	Today's Highs	Today's Lows			
Inside Temp [°C]	33.9	33.9 18:54	28.8 7:16			
Outside Temp [°C]	32.4	39.3 14:45	20.6 5:43			
Inside Heat Index [°C]	34.1					
Heat Index [°C]	32.2	37.7 14:48				
THW Index [°C]	32.2					
Wind Chill [°C]	32.4		20.3 5:29			
Inside Hum [%]	34	38 6:00	33 15:50			
Outside Hum [%]	38	58 6:30	17 14:15			
Inside Dew Point [°C]	15.9					
Dew Point [°C]	15.0	15.7 19:10	9.2 15:07			
Wind Speed [mph]	2.0	27.0 15:56				
10 Min Avg Speed [mph]	2.0					
Wind Direction	175 S					
Barometer [hPa]	1007.8	1015.2 0:01	1007.4 18:44			
Bar Trend	Falling Slowly					
Rain Rate [mm/hr]	0.0	0.0 0:00				
	1 min	2 min	5 min	10 min		
Avg Wind Speed [mph]	3.3	3.4	3.1	2.3		
High Wind Speed [mph]	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0		
	Daily	Storm	Month	Year	1 Hour	24 Hours
Rain [mm]	0.0	0.0	6.0	282.6	0.0	0.0
Sunrise: 5:07    Sunset: 21:10    Moon Phase: Last Quarter						
Console Message: WARNING: High Heat index: Heat Exhaustion or Heatstroke Possible.						
Forecast: Mostly cloudy and cooler. Precipitation possible within 12 hours, possibly heavy at times. Windy.						

# Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

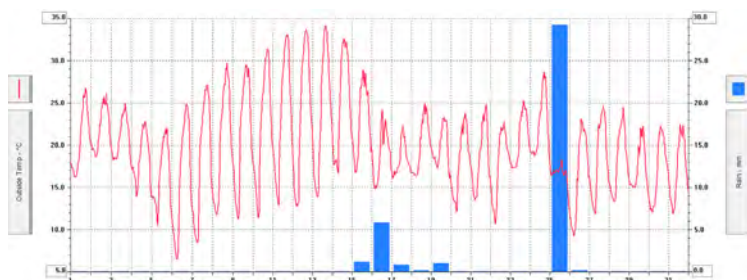
## Weather Conditions for August 2022

August started on the warm side mainly sunny with patchy cloud. On the 7th the temperature started to rise by the 10th we were in the 30 degrees and by the 13th we had reached 34.3°C. The next few days the temperature dropped to the mid-twenties with a few very light showers. The temperatures remained steady until 25th when they dropped to 16.4°C and we had a day of proper rain 29.21mm but next day they were back up to the mid-twenties and stayed there to the end of the month.

August was a very warm month over all, warmer than July with the mean temperature up by 2 degrees. We had 15 days when the temperature was above 25 degrees, 5 above 30 degrees and only 1 day when the day time temperature never reached 20 degrees. It was another very dry month with 38.4mm of rain. The rain for the year up 31st August was 337.9 that's 29% less rain than the 15 year average and we are not close to the driest area.

We talk about the extreme heat and humidity on these hot days the humidity was low at 26% at the hottest part of the day but by the dawn we were up to 92%, it is difficult for the body distinguish between heat and humidity.

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature:	34.3°C	13 August 16.00	6.4°C	6 August 06.00
Mean Temperature	19.8°C			
Dewpoint:	19.3°C	2 – 23 August	4.8°C	6 August 06.00
Humidity:	98%	26 August 08.30	26%	12-13-14 August
Barometer:	1029.1 mb	9 August 09.30	1000.4 mb	15 August 06.30
Wind Speed	26 mph NE	2 August 14.30	Months avg.	3.9 mph
Wind Chill:	34.1°C	13 August 16.00	6.4°C	6 August 06.00
Dominant Wind:	NE			
<b>Rainfall</b> *T= total rain days and moisture. R= Actual rain				
*Rain Days: 7(T), 7(R)	Wettest Day 25 August		29.21 mm	1.150 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	August 2021	38.4 mm	1.51 ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	8 Months	337.9 mm	13.303 ins



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# Salvation Sound

## 'SO LONG, FAREWELL.....'



This is my last article to be included in the Focus as Andrew and I will be officially retiring as Salvation Army Officers, competing 40 years in ministry. This does not mean that we will not be 'active' in ministry for the Lord, but we will take a back step in leading and looking after a Corps (Church). I believe that God has a ministry for us as we take up retirement.

It has been an honour and a pleasure to be the Corps Officers of Eaton Bray, (ministers). It started very shakily when we arrived in July 2020 in the middle of the COVID19 Pandemic. This presented many problems in not being able to visit people in their homes but needing to stay connected with the people that attend The Salvation Army. We were not able to lead worship in Booth Place.

For many months, worship was prepared online and also taken round to those who did not have access to a computer. We were not IT proficient in presenting worship, but worship was prepared in paper form, and YouTube links were given for those who had online internet.

I think for all churches and for the wider community, it was a time of great difficulty and hardship. However, friendships were continued over the telephone or by letter, but was not the same sharing over a cup of coffee in coffee morning, where news can be shared, and friendships deepened.

Through this experience that happened all over the world, the Lord has been good, and His presence has been with us all.

Are you aware of God's presence in your daily life? The reality is that *God is always with us*. But we don't always recognize Him in our everyday lives. We see Him when we read the Bible or go to church, but we may overlook His presence in the small details of our days. Is it possible to have an awareness of God's presence in our daily lives?

Yes, God is always present with us. When we put our faith in God, He gives us His Spirit, who dwells **with us** and **in us**. But in the stress and rush of our lives, it can be a challenge to *recognize* that He is with us, even in the small details of our lives.

Jesus promised to be with us for ever by sending His Spirit to help us and live in us: 'And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you'. *John 14:16-18 NIV*.

May God bless you all and thank you.

✍️ Major Allison Gaudion  
Eaton Bray Salvation Army



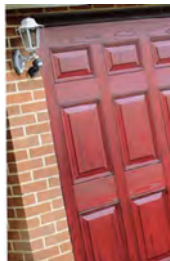


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