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Village Diary July 2016

Weekly

Mon-Fri Eaton Bray Pre-school, Eaton Bray Lower School, 01525 220468

(term time) Mon-Fri

Mon-Fri Dagnall Under 5's, Dagnall Village Hall, 9.15am - 12.15pm, Mrs Ann Tobin 07816

(term time) 358342

Mon-Fri Edlesborough Pre-School, Edlesborough School, 01525 220431

(term time) manager@edlesborough.bucks.sch.uk

Mon-Thu Totternhoe Pre-school, mornings, Totternhoe Lower School, Michelle Urbanowicz on

(term time) 01582 668841

Mondays Pilates, 10.45am, Totternhoe Memorial Hall, Lisa: 07799 893489

Mondays 2nd Eaton Bray Brownies, girls 7-10 years, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, 6 - 7.30pm,

(term time) Contact Sandra Counsell 07979 521900

Mondays Dagnall Community Choir, All Saints Church 7.45 – 9.45pm

Mondays Movement and exercise classes with a dance flavour, Northall Village hall 2-3.30.

(term time) 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

Tuesdays Line Dancing, 1.30-3p.m., Eaton Bray Village Hall, Lyn Stubbs 220731

Tuesdays Pilates, 10-11am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Nicky Roussou 07861 162680

Tuesdays Totternhoe Baby & Toddler Group, 9.30-11.30am, St. Giles Church Hall, Ruth Allen,

01525 222468 or 07796 265174 or email ruthallen002@gmail.com

Tuesdays Northall Baby & Toddler Group, 9:30-11:30am, (open in the Summer School Holidays)

Northall Village Hall, Stacey Richmond 01525 222999/07957 607592

Tuesdays Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall,

01582 620576

Tuesdays Circuit Training - Edlesborough School Hall, 7-8pm - www.simplesfitness.com

Tuesdays Fitness on the Green Class - Edlesborough Green, 10:30 - 11:15am, children and

buggies welcome. See www.simplesfitness.com

Tuesdays Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy, Table Top Sale, 10-12noon, Salvation Army Hall,

Fortnightly Booth Place, Eaton Bray

Wednesdays Pilates, 7.15pm, Northall Village Hall, Lisa: 07799 893489

Wednesdays Egyptian Dance Class, 7.30-8.45pm at Eaton Bray Village Hall. Contact: Soraya on

07976 964316 for more details

Wednesdays Northall & District Age Concern Wednesday Club, 10am - 3pm, Northall Village Hall,

Contact Anna on 07854 230243

Wednesdays Dynamic Yoga 6.30-7.30pm £5 Eaton Bray Coffee Tavern, Keira 07936 693696

Wednesdays Caterpillars preschool parent and child group 10 to 11:30am, Grace Baptist Church,

(term time) Moor End, Edlesborough £1 per family unit, Rebecca Dennis 07920 062248

Wednesdays Pilates 6.45-8.45pm, Dagnall Village Hall, Andrea on 07855 138005 or andrea@

naturalpilates.co.uk

Wednesdays Art of Ju Jitsu martial arts class, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 7 -7.45pm ages 6-15yrs

Thursdays Yoga, Northall Village Hall, 11.30am-1pm 01525 377542

Thursdays Baby & Toddler Group, Salvation Army Hall, Booth Place, Eaton Bray, 9.30-11.30am

Thursdays Keep Fit, Edlesborough School, 8pm Tel: Anthea Healey 01582 841350

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 Circuit Training - Edlesborough Green - 7:15 - 8:00pm - www.simplesfitness.com

Thursdays Tae Kwon-do, Dagnall Village Hall, 5.45-7.30pm 07813 755785

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Fridays Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray Village

Hall, 01582 620576

Fridays "Little Luvvies" baby ballet classes 10am-11.30am. Contact Emma Whittemore

(term time) on 01525 376124

Fridays Kids Club 6:00pm to 7:00pm Grace Baptist Church, Moor End, Edlesborough

(term time) (across from the post office) Frances King 01525 229610

Stay & Play toddler group, 'Musical Monkeys' at the Eaton Bray Village Hall, Fridays

10-11.30am, £4.50 for one adult and child, £1 for extra children/adults, 0-6months

free

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

Sundays Worship at 10:30am and 6pm Grace Baptist Church, Moor End. Sundays

Edlesborough (across from the post office). Barry King 01525 229610

Messy Church, 3-5pm at The Salvation Army Booth Place Last Sunday

Monthly

1st Monday Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, The Coffee Tavern (except January-

2nd Monday)

1st Monday Eaton Bray W.I. Meeting, 7.30pm. Eaton Bray Methodist Church Hall. Contact

Margaret Jones on 01525 220991

Dunstable & District Orbit (social and charitable) Club meet at Dunstable Rugby 1st & 3rd Tuesday

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

2nd & 4th Tuesday TOTS, St Mary's, Eaton Bray, 2pm

Dunstable & District Local History Society meeting, 7.45pm, Methodist Church 2nd Tuesday

Hall, Dunstable (opposite Wilkinson)

2nd Tuesday Edlesborough W.I. Meeting, 7.30 pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall

2nd Wednesday St.Mary's Ladies Guild, 2pm, St.Mary's, Eaton Bray

Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Lions Club, 7.30pm, The Coffee Tavern 2nd Wednesday

CAMEO Coffee, tea & chat, 10am-12noon, Edlesborough Methodist Church 2nd Thursday 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

Lunch club 11.30 to 2.00pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Chris Hewitt 222288 3rd Sunday

Last Saturday Coffee Morning, 10:30-12 noon, Edlesborough Methodist Church

Messy Church, 3-5pm, Salvation Army, Booth Place, Eaton Bray, 07932 057490 Last Sunday

Other Regular Events

3rd Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club Meeting, 11.30am-4.30pm, Eaton

Bray Village Hall

Leukaemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30 am. All 8th

welcome.

19th Dagnall Over Sixties Tea and a quiz in the village hall at 2pm

25th ELF walk from Eaton Bray church, 9:30am

One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

2nd St. Mary's Village Carnival, Edlesborough Green

5th Edlesborough Parish Neighbourhood Plan Open Event, 7:30pm Dagnall Village

Hall

9th Edlesborough Parish Neighbourhood Plan Open Event, 2:30pm, Edlesborough

Menorial Hall

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One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

9th All Saints' Dagnall Ploughmans Lunches, 11:30am - 2pm

9th Curtain Call Theatre Group 'Murder at Calamity Towers', 7:30pm, Eaton Bray

Village Hall, Tickets £10 from ticket hotline: 07412 640936

11th Edlesborough Parish Neighbourhood Plan Open Event, 7:30pm, Northall Village

Hall

14th ELF visit to De Havilland Museum and the Rose Garden.

22nd -24th The Swan Northall Beer Festival & BBQ

24th Open Gardens, 11:30 - 5pm, Tickets £5 from Eaton Bray Village Hall from

11:30am

EDLESBOROUGH PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 'OPEN HOUSE' EVENTS - DON'T MISS THIS!

Three Neighbourhood Plan 'Open House' events will take place in July to share the current status and to get feedback from parishioners on the proposals for housing to meet the requirements of the Vale of Aylesbury Plan. Each event will cover the entire Parish requirements.

We need to have built approx. 200 new houses during the years 2013 to 2033.

Tuesday July 5th at 7.30pm in Dagnall Village Hall Saturday July 9th at 2.30pm in Edlesborough Memorial Hall Monday July 11th at 7.30pm in Northall Village Hall

SEE YOU THERE! Edlesborough Parish Council





EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL

As part of an ongoing programme of efforts to enhance the look and feel of the village, EBPC is proposing to install a flag pole on the green by Moor End/Bower Lane. The intention would then be to fly combinations of the Union flag, National flag and the Bedfordshire flag as appropriate, and at times of national celebrations. We invite and would be grateful to hear views on this proposal from residents of Eaton Bray.

Please forward your comments to the Parish Clerk – email clerk@ebpc.co.uk





EDaN Community Transport

Peter Williams: 01442 842506

Village Hall Bookings

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

Northall: Lorna Cubbage Tel: 07587 318696 Email:northallvhbookings@gmail.com

Eaton Bray: Norman Lee Tel: 01525 222831

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

Dagnall: Elizabeth Coates Tel: 01442 842550

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Email: manager@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk

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

Thames Valley Police (Edlesborough, Dagnall & Northall)
PCSO Jackie Dodson Mobile: 07800 703 524

Email: NHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk



EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL



Please come and help to run your village **BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR**



The Parish Council is nine members of the public

We come to each Parish Council Meeting in the Coffee Tavern on the 1st Monday of each month and spend on average around six hours each month advising and helping to run our village.

At present we have TWO vacancies – will YOU come and join us? If yes, please contact the Parish Clerk – contact details below.



You can also view our website for more details



Heidi Head, Parish Clerk & RFO

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WEEK-DAYS:

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

Wednesday: 10.00am Holy Communion

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Eaton Bray Good Neighbours Update 2

Neighbours The scheme is gathering momentum. We now have over forty volunteers and offers are still coming. The steering group

has met, agreed a name for the scheme as well as a constitution and elected officers. The tasks of arranging insurance, setting up a bank account and organising a Helpline number are all in hand.

The inevitable paperwork involved in volunteer driver registration and DBS screening

is taking time but, once that is in place, the scheme will be launched and the Helpline well advertised.

Any resident requiring assistance will be able to contact us on the Helpline number, 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. We can put you in contact with one of our volunteers, who will then assist you. Any out of pocket expenses, such as fuel costs will be agreed with you, according to a published scale This is reimbursed to the volunteer.

A reminder of the help we shall be offering: Transportation to the surgery, to hospital, prescription collection, minor shopping, errands, lifts to day centres, form filling, letter writing, checking bills, small diy jobs around the home, walking your pet, or just dropping in for a cup of tea and a chat!

For more information please contact Simon Patterson on 01582 419 487 or email simonp@bedsrcc.org.uk

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A Letter from Revid Coraffe

Vicar: Coralie McCluskey
The Vicarage, 11 High Street, Eaton Bray - Tel: 01525 220261
Honorary Assistant Priest: Revd John Heffer
Reader: Gordon Gray (220136)

Church Warden: Catherine Hayden (220527) Email: admin@stmaryseatonbray.org.uk www.stmaryseatonbray.org.uk



The FOCUS letter that has given me the greatest difficulty to write each year has been the July edition. This year is no exception and I resorted to looking up what I had produced over the last five years. The topics included FCN (Farm Crisis Network), Gardens, Children in the Community, Living below the Line and Rural Mission.

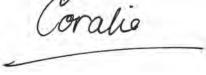
This month it's all about women and although I have never and would never consider myself a feminist I have always been interested in the changing role of women in society and women's rights.

Women have read the Bible for countless generations but as Editors Carol Newsom and Sharon Ringe suggest in the introduction to, *The Women's Bible Commentary*, women have not always been self-conscious about reading as women and there are many reasons why it is important that women do so. Women have distinctive questions to raise about the Bible and distinctive insights into its texts. The Bible, as a result of its importance, has in some ways defined a woman's place in society. Its religious and cultural authority and been used to justify women's subordination to men but in other ways has played a role in empowering women. During the women's movement of the late C19 and early C20 there emerged a clear sense of the need for women to read the bible self-consciously.

The Bible is an excellent resource if you are interested in finding out about the gifts and characteristics of the many Biblical women and others who have followed their example. Biblical women include: women who spoke out such as Deborah and Esther; women of faith like Hannah; the prophets Miriam and Anna; resilient women like those who kept vigil at the cross; supportive women like Ruth and Naomi, Mary and Martha; unlikely heroines including Rahab and the Samaritan woman at the well and of course women who give life, notably Mary the mother of Jesus and Elizabeth the mother of John the Baptist.

Paula Clifford in her book, *Women doing Excellently*, highlights the immense contribution of women to history, religion, society and culture. *The Women's Bible Commentary*, first published in 1992 by SPCK, is an excellent resource that was considered quite daring at the time. Walter Brueggemann, an American Old Testament Scholar and theologian and widely considered one of the most influential Old

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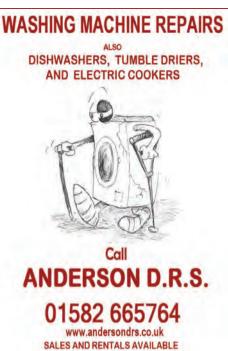
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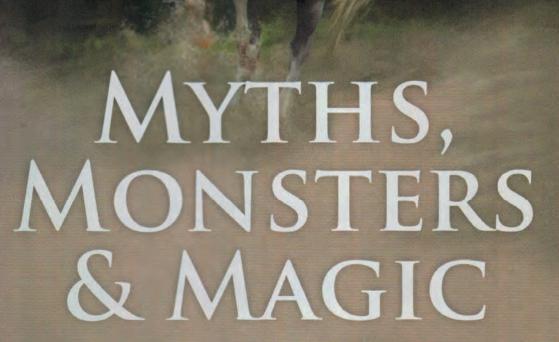
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Thank you to all the individuals and businesses that have contributed so generously to the success of our Carnival this year.

We hope for a fine day and crowds of visitors, and that the defibrillators we can purchase as a result save lives of people in our villages.

Local Village Girls Football goes from Strength to Strength

Within the local surrounding villages there is a growing army of determined and skilled girls playing and winning football at various levels, from beginners to county players, supported by organisations like Edlesborough School, Eaton Bray Academy, EB Lions AFC and Bedfordshire FA.

Edlesborough School Years 5/6

Girls from years 5 & 6 at Edlesborough School kept up a tradition of winning the girl's local school's cup competition, coached by Adrian Bush. The final was between Cheddington and Edlesborough and was a close and hard fought battle, but the girls came through and won 1 - 0, no wonder they are smiling!!





The majority of these girls are also part of the EB Lions AFC U11 Girls squad, who also had a successful season.

EB Lions AFC U11

Although this season was again a non-competitive league, the team won 18 out of their 23 games, coached by Richard Potton and Paul & Ann-Marie Manley.

They also then went on to win a girls tournament organised by Beds & Herts Girls & Women's League at Kempston AFC.



EB Lions U13 Girls



The U13 girls also had a very successful season, and for the second time they were league champions for the Beds & Herts Girls & Women's U13 League coached by Richard Potton and Kevan Key.

EB Lions U15 Girls



Another team that has played well this season, for the second season running they reached their league's cup final. Coached by Adrian Bush, Zoe Sykes, Mike Aslett and James Folds.

All the hard work and practice through the winter months certainly paid off for this clearly talented group of girl's football teams. Well done girls, you should be very proud of what you have achieved this season and good luck for next season.



Going forward, Edlesborough School next term will be putting together another year 5/6 girls team (talk to Adrian if interested) and EB Lions AFC are looking to create an U10 girls team (current years 3&4). Register your interest to join any of the girls teams at http://eblions.weebly.com/joining-eb-lions.html.



Edlesborough Parish Council News

Including Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall

Hedge Cutting

Following guidance from the NFU, RSPB & RHS the parish council will not be carrying out any hedge cutting throughout the villages between 1st April and 31st August unless the hedge, tree or shrub overhangs a highway or any other road or footway to which the public has access so as to endanger or obstruct the passage of vehicles or pedestrians,



or obstructs or interferes with the view of drivers or vehicles or the light from a public lamp, overhangs a highway so as to endanger or obstruct the passage of horse-riders.

This is with the exception of the hedge which borders the Green alongside the High Street and Pebblemoor, this hedge will be cut following a thorough inspection for nesting birds.

The parish council asks parishioners to ensure that the planting around the boundaries of their properties does not cause a danger or inconvenience to others.

Edlesborough Parish Neighbourhood Plan

The work on the plan continues in earnest with Village Task Groups focused on determining the key issues of new housing, location and design criteria. The current information can now be found on the parish website. www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk under' Planning'.

Three Neighbourhood Plan 'Open House' events will take place in July to share the current status and to get feedback from parishioners on the proposals. neighbourhood

Tuesday July 5th at 7.30pm in Dagnall Village Hall Saturday July 9th at 2.30pm in Edlesborough Memorial Hall Monday July 11th at 7.30pm in Northall Village Hall

The information provided will cover the overall Plan proposals together with

specific proposals for each of the three villages. Parishioners can attend any of the 'Open House' events as the information at each will be identical. Parish Councillors, Steering Group members and Village Task Group members will attend to provide information, answer questions and receive feedback.

Vale of Avlesbury Local Plan

The draft Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan has now been published. This covers the development plans for the entire AVDC area.

The next stage is an 8 week consultation on the draft version of the plan, taking place between the 7 July and 5 September 2016. A series of drop in sessions will be held and details of these can be found on the website http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/vale-aylesbury-local-plan-draft-plan. The evidence that has been prepared to support the draft plan can also be found at http://www. aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/supporting-evidence.

All parishioners can comment on the draft plan during the consultation period."

Details covering the specific plans for our parish will be covered in our 'Open House' meetings. Details above.

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Allotments

Edlesborough Parish Council currently has vacant allotments. Anyone wishing to take on an allotment should contact the Parish Clerk. Fees are £1:80 per pole and plots range in size from 5-20 poles.

Speedwatch

The EDaN Traffic Management team are looking for volunteers to help with their new Sentinel device. If you have an interest in slowing down traffic in the villages or are concerned about Road Safety, please contact Louise Turner on 01442 843123 or by email at louisefanthorpe@yahoo.co.uk



Ivinghoe Residents Association

The Ivinghoe Way Residents Association are appealing for your help & support in their fight to reduce the speed limit and improve road safety at the junctions of the A4146 with Ivinghoe Way and Pebblemoor.



Edlesborough Parish Council has tried twice in the past to get the speed limit reduced, and continue to support this appeal.

Parishioners can add their support by writing directly to BCC at:

Mr Neil Gibson, Interim Chief Executive at Buckinghamshire County Council, negibson@buckscc.gov.uk and Mr P Francis, Senior Technician, Road Safety at Buckinghamshire County Council, tfb@bucks.cc.gov.uk

Address for both - County Hall, Walton Street, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP20 1UA

Transport for Bucks have advised the Parish Council that a works order has been raised for the repainting of the road markings at this junction.

Resurfacing Works

It has been confirmed by Transport for Bucks that the Ford Road between Pebblemoor and the county boundary will be closed for resurfacing between the hours of 7am - 7pm. This work will be carried out at some point between 20th June - 12th September 2016.

Carnival Parking Restrictions

An application has been submitted to Bucks CC for temporary parking restrictions on High Street, Edlesborough from Church End to Moor End from 12:30 – 13:30 on the day of St Marys Village Carnival on Saturday 2nd July.



The council asks all parishioners to remember to park considerately, away from the route, to ensure the procession can travel through the village smoothly and to ensure the safety of all.

Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings

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

Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 21st July 2016

Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 20th September 2016

The meetings will commence at 7:30pm.

All Parishioners are welcome to attend all Ordinary Parish Council meetings and may ask questions, raise issues and give suggestions during the Open Forum before the formal start of the meeting. The full minutes of the Parish Council meetings are normally available to view on the website or from the Parish Clerk.

Edlesborough Parish Council Contact Information:

Clerk: Penny Pataky 01525 229358 Office hours Monday – Friday 10.30am – 2.30pm Email: clerk@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk Website: www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk

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Sunday 24 July, 11.30 – 5pm Roving Tickets £5 from Eaton Bray Village Hall - 11.30am

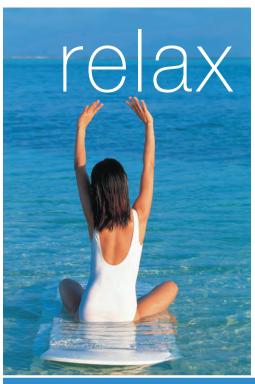
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been opened by willing gardeners in our villages and both visitors and gardeners have enjoyed some wonderful days.

This year eight householders have kindly agreed to open their gardens and I'm sure you will be delighted by the fantastic range they represent;. The gardens range in size, style and content that we hope they will delight you. As usual, during the afternoon there will be a plant stall and refreshments will be served in Eaton Bray Village Hall; refreshments will be available en route.

Do make sure the date – Sunday 24th July - is in your diary. We look forward to seeing you once again. It should be a tremendous afternoon for everyone interested in gardens and, given kind weather, all concerned should have a lovely time.





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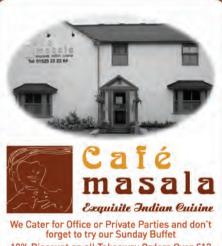


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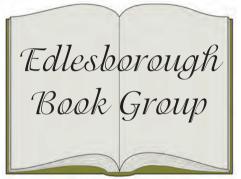
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A God in Ruins by Kate Atkinson

A Kate Atkinson novel is usually received with much critical acclaim, as her books have been well written and entertaining. Our group looked forward to reading her latest work, 'A God in Ruins', Although returning to characters that introduced in her previous book 'Life after Life', it is more a companion piece than a sequel and can be read as a separate novel. 'Life after Life', featured the Todd family of Fox Corner, and this book concentrates on the life of Edward 'Teddy' Todd. Teddy has survived his wartime experiences as a pilot, returned home and has married his childhood sweetheart Nancy. A daughter. Viola has been born. We follow his life as a father and grandfather and see the effects war has on its veterans and their families.

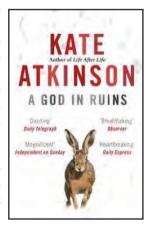
Kate Atkinson does not tell the story in necessary.

a straightforward way, the chronology is disrupted repeatedly, going backwards and forwards in Teddy's life - sometimes on the same page - which some readers might find disconcerting.

However, Teddy's wartime service as a Lancaster bomber pilot is brilliantly brought to life. The horror that these young men experienced is described in detail, making us appreciate their bravery and sacrifice.

Teddy's daughter Viola, is rather a disappointment to her father, she lives a selfish and hedonistic life making her a neglectful mother and daughter. Teddy and his granddaughter Bertie seem to be the most well balanced and focussed amid a cast of eccentric characters.

As a group, we enjoyed reading the book, but the constant time shifting was irritating and the twist at the end disappointed 11S. Atkinson. we felt. was being a little too clever this time it wasn't and





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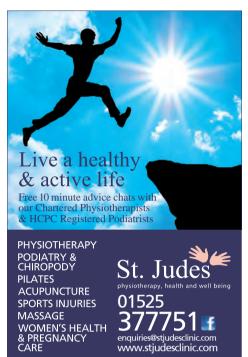


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A hard copy of the minutes can also be viewed on the Parish Council's notice board at The Coffee Tavern.

Annual Parish Meeting/Annual Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council held on Monday 9th May 2016 from 7:00pm at The Coffee Tavern

Projects Completed:

- The Rye Pavillion has been demolished and the area landscaped accordingly.
- School Lane Recreation Ground play area equipment repair.

SPEEDWATCH: The Parish Council are actively recruiting new members – project ongoing. If you would like to get involved in trying to slow down traffic in the village and are concerned about road safety please contact the Parish Clerk expressing your interest.



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group regularly meet

to go through specific items/processes. The Council are looking for additional volunteers to support the Steering Group and the implementation of a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish.

ANY OTHER PROJECTS FOR THE COMING YEAR:

- Summer event village market.
- Skate Park professional artists/university art project.

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2016

The Clerk, as RFO, reported that parish council year end accounts have been completed, ready for approval at the Annual Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council on 9th May 2016. The final accounts were signed off by the Internal Auditor on the 5th May 2016, once approved by the Parish Council the accounts will be forwarded to the external auditors for 27th June 2016.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Tomkins was elected as Chairman of the Parish Council.

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STANDING ORDERS/FINANCIAL REGULATIONS/RISK ASSESSMENT

The Parish Council adopted the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment for 2016.

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2016

The Clerk distributed details of the accounts for the Annual Return. It was agreed to approve the annual accounts, the Chairman signed the accounts on behalf of the Parish Council.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATE: Held in The Coffee Tavern (1st floor)

Monday 4th July 2016 from 7:30pm



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Week3:	Mon 8 th Aug	Tues 9 th Aug	Weds 10 th Aug	Thurs 11 th Aug	Fri 12 th Aug
Week4:	Mon 15 th Aug	Tues 16 th Aug	Weds 17 th Aug	Thurs 18 th Aug	Fri 19 th Aug

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A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. -- George Burns

A Sunday school teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" Annie replied, "Because people are sleeping"

At Sunday School they were learning how God created everything, including human beings. Johnny was especially intent when the teacher told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, "Johnny, what is the matter?" Johnny responded, "I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."



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On the first Sunday in May, Geoff Bocutt led our service, confronting us with the question "Am I doing the right thing?" He drew our attention to the two scenes in the Bible where Jesus calls Peter and his comrades to 'become fishers of men' and reassured us that we, like the disciples, though daunted by the challenge, may achieve amazing things if we do what God asks of us. A

very enjoyable Cafe Service on the second Sunday was guided by Peter Baker who helped us to evaluate what a community is and, with the church at Philippi in mind, how we can best build and develop a healthy community. The Sunday School Anniversary on the third Sunday was an absolute delight; before the presentations we were treated to an animated performance by the young people of 'Peter - This is Your Life'. The students and their teachers and helpers deserve our warm gratitude for the impressive, engaging and inspiring achievement. Finally, Rev Andy Melvin took a very meaningful Communion Service on the fourth Sunday. He gave a sermon of reassurance, reminding us that, if we have real faith, it brings joy. Accepting that Christ died for us means that he has 'put us right' with God, an undeserved but blessed privilege, so we can cope and even rejoice when things get tough.

The May Cafe Community in aid of the Samaritans was a happy and busy one despite the fact that there were many other events on in the village at the same time and we raised a pleasing amount.



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Handsome young Tig is a Husky/ Rottweiler cross aged 8 months. Tig was brought up in a flat and needs someone to help him expand his

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Edlesborough Year 6 Apprentice Week

During the week commencing 23rd May, the top year of Edlesborough School participated in the annual Year 6 Apprentice Challenge.

To start, we were split into groups of 4 and 5 and nominated a team leader, who would keep us on track throughout the week. Each team decided on a name and slogan and then made posters on their wonderful goods. Ideas ranged from balloon animals and refreshments to lucky dip.

There were nine tasks and every day we completed at least two. On Wednesday, when the big day finally dawned, the classrooms were a frenzy of activity. Pupils were rushing around perfecting their products and creating their stalls. There was not a moment to spare, every second counted. The sale was a huge success; so many people attended and purchased most of what we had.

At the end of a busy week, we all gave our presentations to the knowledgeable business man Mr Freed, our head teacher, Mrs Hollinshead and event organiser/ class teacher Mrs Toms. They all thoroughly loved our ideas and gave constructive criticism.

We really enjoyed the event and would jump at the chance to do it again. It was all down to the wonderful Mrs Toms.

Thank you

&Celine and Rebecca Howells, pupils of Edlesborough School

Kingswood

Recently the Year 5's left for a week of fabulous fun at Kingswood, West Runton, and Norfolk. We left on Monday 23rd May and arrived back on Friday 27th May.

The varied activities ranged from the challenging leap of faith to calming rock pooling on the beach.

We thoroughly enjoyed every single activity we participated in. They were all packed with adventure and fun. We defied gravity on the zip wire; got scientific in CSI, shot some hoops in aero ball, and finished the week off with a marvellous movie and much much more.

Everything was top quality from the delicious food to the luxurious beds. It was so much fun that we wished we could go again, again and again.

A huge thank you to all the parents and teachers who made it happen.

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School Holidays Schedule

The Group will run during the holiday period from 10.00am - 12.00pm

Older siblings are welcome

Every Tuesday - activities will be 'out and about' on alternate Tuesdays Venues and meeting locations are listed below:

26th July at the Hall (£1.50 per child)

2nd August Ashridge - meeting at the Monument - walk and picnic

9th August at the Hall (£1.50 per child)

16th August The Downs – meeting at the visitors Centre.

Bring your kites and picnic supplies!

23rd August at the Hall (£1.50 per child)

30th August Rushmere – rambling in the woods and picnic

Meet at picnic area near the Visitors Centre/car park

6th September at the Hall (£1.50 per child)

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Hope to see you at the Hall or on our days out.....

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Edlesborough W.I.

of our institute was again another enjoyable event. After the usual monthly business, we wrangled with the 2 Resolutions, which were ably presented by Elizabeth. They did, however, seem unusually confusing and contrary in their respective content this year.

We were joined by our hardworking PcSo, Jackie Dodson, who manfully (should I say womanfully) fielded members questions. We all agreed that Jackie is essential to our community as she is the all important and only link between our villages and the main police at Kidlington, and she was thanked profusely for being so good at her job.

We then feasted (and I mean feasted) on a sumptuous cheese/paté and wine supper. The assorted cheese, patés, cheese scones and fresh fruits were displayed in a most attractive way and were very inviting and if that wasn't enough of a feast, it was followed by mini, multicoloured macaroons and homemade cakes. Thank you, therefore to all our cooks and Jane Jones for being our caterer on this occasion. You've simply no idea how much noise a "flock" of W.I. ladies can make after a glass of wine! (or two?) Altogether a very happy way to spend an evening with friends and much enjoyed by all present.



Diary of the 13th Eaton Bray Village Hall Beer Festival

I am writing this at 7am Saturday morning 11th June. You may ask how can he be writing about something that is only half way through. Of course you are correct but Focus has a deadline for articles and I am pushing my luck to get this done in time. So am writing this now

and will finish off later so the esteemed editors are not being pushed too much.

Friday started as a warm day and with many helpers and our new caterers, we got ready for the day. The weather just got better, which is not always the best for the main attraction, the beer! Still 26 of the 30 barrels were ready for consumption, plus the perry and cider.

Our usual friends turned up, in their usual numbers and by 11pm almost half of the aforementioned had been consumed. Jerome Chance played for us until the witching hour and apart from a short shower, which drove everybody into the hall for 10 minutes, everything was perfect. We have to admit that the food was a lot less stressful with the cateriers taking over the hard work and we only heard praise for the food.

As I sit here on Saturday morning checking the good old BBC weather app, which miraculously has changed from showers this afternoon to just cloudy all day, but then it didn't forecast last night's shower! Fingers crossed.

Well that brings me up to date, just off to the tip to get rid of rubbish and recycling so we can start with a clean slate (well hall) this morning.

Saturday 11th

Of course, the big question is how will the football match affect the turn out today. Well, the day was warm and sun kept trying to come out and over 300 adults, plus numerous under 18's arrived and all was well. Smartie Artie kept the younger folk amused and then it was continuous music form 5 pm. Firstly the Dicemen played some gentler music for everybody, then for those who didn't go home for the England v Russia match (a lot did stay), enjoyed the Fright Train Riders. They were a little louder, but everybody enjoyed it.

At about 5pm someone pointed out that the glasses were printed with "13th Eaton Bray Villge Hall Beer Festival". How come we hadn't noticed prior to that! In fact all

our logos are the same, cause for a little laughter and ribbing but that really makes those glasses a collector's item.

A big thank you to all the volunteers from CAMRA for getting, preparing and serving the beer. But most of all to over 600 villagers who came along and had a fabulous time.

If you would like to help in organising next year's Beer Festival then just give me a ring or email me.

∠Ross

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St Mary's 100 Club

June 2016 Winners

1st prize – Mark Rusling

2nd prize – Anne Crofts

3rd prize - David Mann

To join the fun (for just £2 per month) or buy additional entries, then please contact me (Gary Freeman) for an application form – gary@old-wrestlers.demon.co.uk

Northall Village Fun Day - Sunday 1 2th June



Northall Residents came up trumps as usual and demonstrated their "can-do" spirit on Sunday 12 June, when the Village Hall hosted the Northall Fun Day. We all got soaked putting up the gazebos in the morning and wondered if anyone would come but we needn't have worried! As you can see from the picture (which was taken quite late in the day) lots of residents thumbed their noses at the elements and celebrated the Queen's birthday in style and enjoyed the delicious barbecue laid on by our local farmer Rob Pratt and his family, whilst listening to the mellow tones of "Sparkies" jazz band. The burgers were excellent and set off by the variety of lovely sauces and salsas on offer, washed down by gallons of Pimms and other lovely beverages from the

bar. Later on, delicious cupcakes (made by 'In A Pickle Buffet Catering') and cream teas were enjoyed by many. If you weren't there, you missed out!

The children disappeared into the playground and onto the bouncy castle and as an extra treat, we were entertained by our local singer Vince Young during the interval, and later on by another local group "These Blue Mountains" who rocked the afternoon away and earned several enthusiastic encores! We are a talented bunch up here! Everybody had a stab at our 'Queen's birthday-themed' competition and our thanks go to 'The Swan' in Northall for generously donating the main prize.

The weather eventually gave up and as you can see from the photograph, the sun came out. The bar still had a queue at the close of play....

Thanks to everyone who came and helped to make it such an enjoyable day. We weren't going to do it again - but you never know, we just might!



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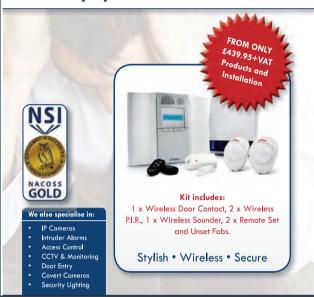
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One of my favourite dishes involving smoked fish has to be a classic kedgeree and Turan made a beautiful one for the show. You can follow his instructions for home-smoking the haddock at the link above, or simply buy it in store. The result is a fragrant, balanced and delicate kedgeree which is delicious hot or cold.

Ingredients

450ml water

350g cold smoked haddock loin (store-bought or made using the method above)

170g long grain rice

2 large free range eggs

2 tomatoes seeded and chopped

2 spring onions

12mm of fresh ginger peeled and grated

2 tbsp mild or medium curry powder

1 tbsp black mustard seeds

2 bay leaves

2 handfuls of fresh coriander leaves

1 clove garlic, grated

1 red chilli finely chopped.

Juice of half a lemon

1 tbsp vegetable oil

1 tsp butter

1 tsp salt

Serves 4

Method

In a pan of boiling water, hard boil the eggs for 95.5 FM | 104.5 FM | DAB | bbc.co.uk/threecounties



10 minutes and cool under water.

If your haddock is not cooked, you'll need to poach it. In a shallow pan of simmering water add the cold smoked haddock and bay leaves. cover and simmer for about five minutes.

Remove the haddock from the pan and leave to cool. Carefully remove the skin and flake the fish. Set this aside.

Heat a pan with a glug of oil and the butter then add the ginger, onion and garlic. Soften for five minutes and add the curry powder, mustard seeds, rice and salt - coating the rice with the melted ingredients.

Add the water to the rice and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat and simmer until the rice is cooked and the water has been absorbed.

Quarter the hard boiled eggs,

Add the flaked haddock to the rice and mix in the coriander and chilli. Stir gently and place in a warm serving dish.

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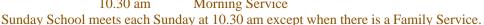


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Sun. 7th Aug. 9.00 am Eucharist

> 10.30 am Morning Service



THE GREATEST

Muhammad Ali was, for me, the greatest boxer ever, and top sportsman of the 20th C. For Brits, WG Grace, the phenomenal cricketer, could well of have been the 19th C's greatest sports man. WGG tried all sports, but was a fanatical lawn green bowler. However, the greatest bowler ever has to be the Somerset lad, like me, David J Bryant CBE.

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Edlesbray Leisure Fellowship (ELF)

Hello everyone,

The year, as usual, is passing very quickly and hopefully getting warmer.

Already, June will have become a memory and both May Bank Holidays will have gone. School children have had a half term holiday and the long summer holiday is not too far away. Hopefully some of you will already taken an early break and enjoyed good weather.

Summer bedding plants, shrubs and hanging baskets are looking very colourful at the moment. Now, the enjoyable hard graft has begun with watering them every day.

A few baby birds have fledged and we hope that they will survive.

The lunch out at The Ship Inn, Leighton Buzzard on the 12th May was enjoyed by the group, this was a new venue for them.

The walk on May 27th was in very good weather and was led by Vic. The group started from the recreation ground in Aldbury. Walking through the village, they passed the Greyhound and The Valiant Trooper pubs across country to Norcott Court Farm. They then crossed the railway line to The Cow Roast and The Grand Union Canal, following the canal to Tring Station. Passing the station, they joined the footpath back to the start. A distance of 5 miles was covered. Thanks go to Vic for leading the walk.

There is NO COFFEE MEETING in July. The next one is on AUGUST 18th.

Manor. A report will appear in the August issue of the Focus magazine regarding our visit to Hughenden Manor.

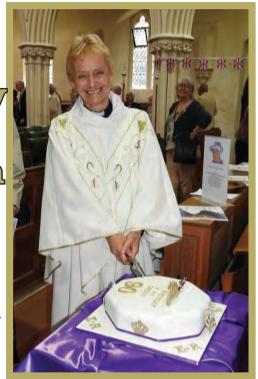
JULY DATES

Thurs July 14th: Visit to De Havilland Museum and the Rose Garden. Meet at the Eaton Bray church car park.

Mon July 25th: ELF walk from Eaton Bray church 9.30am

Celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday at St Marty's Church Faton Bray

Coralie cuts the cake made by Edna Moore which the congregation enjoyed after the service







Kym Mead recently finished her GCSE exams and celebrated by going to the Zoo where she purchased a small toy giraffe. Whilst out on a walk in Dagnall she took this picture.

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On Tuesday there was a large and representative attendance, with brisk bidding practically throughout the sale. Many lots were bought by present tenants. Lots withdrawn were announced for sale by private treaty. Most of the purchasers were residents in the Eaton Bray and Dunstable distriots. Most of the lots were subject to small outgoings for tithe and land tax. The following are particulars of the results of the first day's sale:—

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Lot 2.—Small holding, la. 1r. 19p., with dwelling-house and orchard, near the last lot, rent

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Lot 3.—Comp Farm, 13s. 1r. 23p., with farm residence and premises, rent £50; sold to Mr. Ernest Gray, £790.

Lot 4.—Smithy, garden and orchard, 1a. 0r. 19p., rent £22 10s.; Mr. George Brown, £315. Lot 5.—Small holding, with dwelling-house, outbuildings, orchard and meadow, 10a. 0r. 30p., rent. 240; Mr. George Scott, £500.

Lot 6.—Cottage and garden, 39 poles, rent £6; Mr. H. Cheshire. £95. Lot 7.—Dweling-house, farm buildings, two orchards and meadow, 7a. Qr. 18p., rent £30; Mr. Alfred Tearle, the tenant, £400.

Lot 8.-Dwelling-house and holding, 3a, 2r. 27p.,

rent £24; Mr. Arthur Roberts, £250. Lot 9.—Rye Farm, 104a, 3r. 3p., with residence and farm premises, rent £149; Mr. C. T. Tingey, Lot 10.—Old Ley Farm, 139a. 2r. 23p., with picturesque residence and farm premises, rent

£209 10s.; withdrawn at £3,350. Lot 11.—Park Farm, 338a. 0r. 17p., with superior residence and farm premises, apportioned rent £488; bidding opened at £6,000, and went briskly up to £3,500, when Mr. W. E. Wallace became the

Lot 12.—Eatou Bray Lodge, with orchard, area 3a. 1r. 38p., rent £50; Mr. J. C. Saunders, the tenant, £860.

Lot 13.—Church Farm and premises, orchard, assture, and arable, 48a. 2r. 38p., rent £120; withdrawn at £1,950.

Lot 14.—Dwelling-house and garden, rent £12;

Mr. G. Brown, £215.

Lot 15.—Three cottages and gardens, 1r. 5p., rental £24 7s.; Mr. C. T. Tingey, £270.

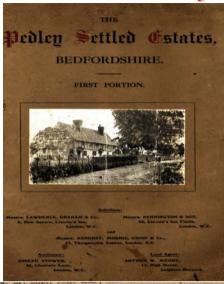
Lot 16.-Three cottages and gardens, 1r. 24p., rent £20 8s.; Mr. H. Sear, £150.

Lot 17.-Cottage and pasture land, 1a. 3r. 15p.;

Mr. R. Gadsden, £125.

Lot 18.—Two enclosures of pasture and arable, 6a. 3r. 35p., rent £21; Mr. Gaius Tompkins, £305.

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Lot 19.-Accommodation pasture land, la. 1r. 24p., rent £6; Mr. Jabez Thorne, £65.

Lot 20.-Moor End Farm, 122a. 2r. 13p., with house and premises, rent £184 10s.; withdrawn at

Lot 21 .- Yew Tree Farm, 156a. 3r., with residence and farm premises, rent £234 16s. 6d.; Mr. Jeffrey Sharratt, the tenant, £3,260, the bidding having commenced at £2,000.

Lot 22.—Orchard opposite School-lane, 1r. 23p.

rent £4; Mr. Jabez Thorne, £55.

Lot 23.—Small holding, 2a. 1r. 36p., with cottage and out-buildings, rent £26; Mr. Ezra Tompkins,

Lot 24.—Corner plot of ground at Moor End,

57 poles; Mr. Walter Gray, £10. Lot 25.—Picturesque cottage at Moor End, with ground 1a. 1r. 15p., rent £14 16s.; Mr. Ezra Tompkins, £320.

Lot 26 .- Moor End Mill, with residence, corn mill, farm premises and land, 25a. 2r. 23p., with-

drawn at £1,400.

Lot 27 .- Land near the last lot, 3a. Or. 21p.,

rent £12; Mr. Frederick Tearle, £280.

Lot 28.—The Abbey House, Edlesborough-road.

with outbuildings, orehard and garden, 1r. 15p., rent £16; Mr. Frederick Howe, £170. Lot 29.—Dwelling-house, commercial premises and orchard, 2a. 2r. 1p., rent £32; Mr. Alfred Thorne, £500.

Lot 30.-Pasture land, la. 2r. 39p., Mr. T. A. P.

Coombs, £85. Lot 31.—Allotment gardens and arable land, 49a.

1r. 8p., rent £106, withdrawn at £1,100.

Lot 32.—Arable land near Doolittle Mill,
6a. 0r. 19p., rent £15; Miss Buckmaster, the £220.

Lot 33.-Arable land, 4a. 1r. 4p., rent £12; Mr. H. Sear, £165.

Lot 34.-Arable land, 2 acres, rent £2; Mr. H. T.

Lot 35 .- A perpetual rent charge of £13 0s. 11d., arising out of three enclosures of allotment gardens: value for 1915, £10 0s. 1 d.; Mr. J. R. Labrum, jun. £180.

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Bugsy Malone – RARE Productions, Community Performance

Thursday 30 June – Friday 1 July 7.30pm Saturday 2 July 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Tickets: £16/ £14/ £13/ £11

RARE Productions, the UK's largest youth musical theatre production company, present the popular show Bugsy Malone. The stage musical follows the 1976 film, produced with a cast consisting entirely of children. Set in Chicago in the 1920s, this production centres on the battle for criminal supremacy of rival gangs led by Fat Sam and Dandy Dan. Into the mix steps aspiring boxing promoter



Bugsy Malone, who becomes involved with aspiring night club singer Blousey Brown, and agrees to help Fat Sam turn the tables on his rival.

Romeo & Juliet - Live Screening

Thursday 7 July 7.15pm

Tickets: £15

Broadcast live from the Kenneth Branagh Theatre Company, a new vision of Shakespeare's heart-breaking tale of forbidden love. Branagh and his creative team present a modern passionate version of the classic tragedy. A longstanding feud between Verona's Montague and Capulet families brings devastating consequences for two lovers caught in the conflict. Kenneth Branagh directs Richard Madden and Lily James as Romeo and Juliet, and Sir Derek Jacobi as Mercutio.

Never 42

Saturday 9 July 7.30pm

Tickets: £20/£18

Never 42 have become established as the forerunner Level 42 tribute band in the UK. With its 7 band members – Howie Rogers, Garreth Hicklin, Mike Wheeler, Tom Wright, Pete Effamy,

Richard Pardy and Darren Wiles, get ready for a high impact night of funk driven tunes. Bringing the hits of Level 42, such as Lessons in Love, Something About You and The Sun Goes Down, Never 42 recreate the sound of the 80s stalwarts with great accuracy.



Majestic Mammoth born at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo Baby Elephant named after HM The Queen at UK's biggest Zoo



Zookeepers at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo are trumpeting the arrival of an exciting new addition, a baby Asian elephant.

The pint-sized pachyderm was born on Friday 10 June, just in time for the nation's celebrations of HM The Queen's official 90th birthday.

In recognition of her regal birthdate, keepers have given the youngster a moniker fit for a monarch, and named the five-day-old calf Elizabeth, after HM The Queen, who is also Patron of the conservation charity which runs the Zoo.

Born to 17-year-old Karishma following a 22-month gestation period, and weighing in at a hefty 130kg, the young female joins a herd of ten Asian elephants at the 600-acre Zoo in Bedfordshire.

Arriving slightly earlier than anticipated, Elizabeth's mum Karishma had showed no signs of going into labour, so lead keeper Darren Fellowes was surprised to find the new addition getting to know the rest of the herd when he arrived at work in the morning.

ZSL's assistant curator of elephants, Lee Sambrook said: "Elizabeth is a great new addition to the Asian elephant herd here at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo, and we had to mark her poignant birthday with a suitably regal name.

"When we know an elephant is pregnant, and nearing her due date, we do a daily hormone test to give us an indication of timescales. Karishma's most recent test suggested we had more time than we did, but you really can't get a better surprise than a baby elephant!

"She's strong, healthy and already forming bonds with her brothers and sisters. Maybe one day she'll be the matriarch of her own herd."

Classified as Endangered by the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, Asian elephants are also ranked on ZSL's EDGE list, which highlights species which are

Evolutionarily Distinct and Globally Endangered, due to their threatened status and unique evolutionary history.

Elizabeth can be spotted with mum Karishma and the rest of the elephant herd enjoying their huge paddocks at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo. Find out more and check out the video online at www.zsl.org



A raptor-ous day out Zoorassic Park at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo 23 July – 4 September 2016

Something massive is coming to ZSL Whipsnade Zoo this summer, as the UK's largest Zoo will

become home to the most colossal creatures ever to walk the earth, dinosaurs!

For just six weeks, summer visitors to the Zoo will be transported to **Zoorassic Park**, a prehistoric world where they will come face to face with life-size, moving dinosaurs, from an immense but gentle brachiosaurus to the formidable presence of a towering tyrannosaurus rex.

Included in Zoo entry, visitors to ZSL Whipsnade Zoo will step back in time into the sights and sounds of the Mesozoic era, where they will encounter lesser-known creatures like the gargantuan, winged quetzalcoatlus (pronounced 'ketsle-koh-atlas'),

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as well as spot dino-fan favourites like the triceratops, proudly guarding its nest.

Families will be able to meet the Zoo's 'dinosaur keepers' and learn all about the fascinating creatures that lived 65 million years ago, as well as the important work ZSL's scientists are doing to help prevent today's animals from becoming extinct.

With fossil digging activities, daily shows in which visitors can discover 'How to Train Your Dinosaur', and a fun trail for kids to complete, there's something for everyone to take part in, and little ones can even turn

themselves into their favourite dinosaur at the face-painting stand.

Serious dino-enthusiasts can take their day out to another level by sleeping-over near the mega-beasts, experiencing the sights and sounds of ZSL Whipsnade Zoo at night. The **Snorassic Park** experience is available on selected dates in August only, where guests will spend a night camping under the stars opposite the dinosaur exhibit before

waking to a morning tour of the Zoo's creatures, both prehistoric and contemporary.

With only six weeks to get your claws on tickets, **Zoorassic Park at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo** is a roar-some delight to be snapped up! Tickets for a raptor-ous summer day trip can be booked now at www. zsl.org



Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

Weather Conditions for May 2016

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

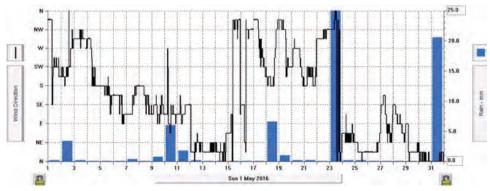
May started off cool and damp followed by a warmer period. With the winds from the south, temperatures peaked at 26.1°c. By the middle of the month the wind moved to the north bringing much cooler temperatures. Then a few days of better weather before a return of north winds and cooler conditions finishing the month with weather feeling more like November than May. You see from the plot below that there were only a few days of rain but we did have mist and drizzle some days recording 0.2 or less so small not to show.

For those who view the web site there is a discrepancy in the rain amounts shown of 3.4mm which I added manually. Unfortunately a pigeon sat on the rain catchment bowl and blocked the hole. I have installed an anti-bird device so this should not happen again.

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time	
Temperature:	26.1°c	8 May 15.00	- 0.9°c	1 May 05.00	
Mean Temperature	12.7°c				
Dewpoint:	15.9℃	12 May 17.00	- 0.9°c	1 May 05.00	
Humidity:	96%	11 May 07.00	32%	5 May 15.30	
Barometer:	1027.4 mb	1 May 10.00	1001mb	12 & 18 May	
Wind Speed	31 mph W	23 May 18.30	Months avg.	5.7 mph	
Wind Chill:	2°c	13 May 16.00	−2.1°c	1 May 05.30	
Dominant Wind:	NNE				
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Monthly Rain:	Total	May 2015	70.40	2.772 ins	
Yearly Rain:	Total	5 Month	349.00 mm	13.740 ins	

May 2016

This plot shows rain and wind direction (not so easy to read, note north show top and bottom)



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The Aches and Pains of Pregnancy

During pregnancy increased body weight, changing hormones and your growing bump can create havoc – you may get pain in your

upper or lower back, your legs can ache and feet can swell. Here are a few ways you can help yourself:

- Stand tall taking care of your posture.
- Sit correctly with support in your lower back like a rolled towel or cushion.
- Take the weight off your feet when you can, but if you put your feet up make sure you don't allow yourself to slump in a chair.
- Think about pillow positions to help support your bump or place under your top leg when you are resting on your side.
- Take breaks from activities in one position and avoid heavy lifting.
- Exercise regularly, but make sure the exercise you choose is suitable during pregnancy.

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Summertime - July takes its name from Julius Caesar, one of the best known Roman Emperors. Before changes in the calendar July was the fifth month and as such was called by the Romans 'Quinctilis'. In Anglo Saxon times it was named Mead-Monath, the name taken



from the flowering Meadows; it is said that you can find some 700 different wild flower species in bloom somewhere in the British Isles during this month!! In times past you could look at a cornfield and see not only the corn growing but red poppies, corn marigolds, corn cockles and cornflowers; - this, though a thing of the past, is rare nowadays but can sometimes be viewed in the fields of the 'organic' farmers. The poet William Blake was well aware of wild flowers and the beauty of such a sight when he wrote:

"To see the world in a grain of sand And heaven in a wild flower Hold infinity in the palm of your hand And eternity in an hour".

In classical mythology the poppy was sacred to Ceres, the goddess of corn. According to Christian myth the flower was punished for its pride by God; He allowed the devil to touch the poppy, leaving black marks at the base of its petals. In the early 20th century children were employed to collect the petals carefully in a muslin bags that were then sent off to be made into a pink syrup used for food colouring. The seeds were used in baking, and were once processed to make cooking oil.

Marigold flowers were, in the 17th century, made into a conserve with sugar, thus, "Taken in the morning fasting, cure the trembling of the harte"!! It was also used as a preservative "in the times of the plague and pestilence".

The intense blue of the comflour petals was used in the making of ink, paint and dye.

"Among the hushing of the com While drowsing poppies nod Ill thoughts can die, and good be born, Out in the fields of God."

Elizabeth Barrett Browning Holidays for some mean going to exotic places in the world – me – I like the quiet life – a day wandering through the woods at Ashridge; sitting on the top of the Downs, an afternoon by a river, with a picnic or perhaps a cream tea in a pleasant garden, visiting places like Bibury in the Cotswolds, Clovelly in Devon, Corfe in Dorset, or Finchingfield in Essex. Much nearer to home Aldbury, where the stocks and the whipping post are a reminder of punishments inflicted in bygone days when the Squire of the manor house was the person In charge of local government. A trip to St Albans to visit the Abbey, with a stroll around the lake, Whipsnade's Tree Cathedral, Wrest Park, Waddesdon Manor, Ascott House; so many beautiful places, so near to hand. I'm not a lover of going too far from my own bed for long periods of time, so



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days out satisfy me.

A glimpse through my window as the mist swirls away, shows me the promise of another fine day. How shall I spend it? Soon I shall see, first, Thank you Lord, for giving it me!

Mother Teresa once said "It's not how much or what you do – it's how much love you put in the doing".

Saints Days: - July 15th Tradition states that St. Swithun was affiliated with rain because of what happened after his death. He was Bishop of Winchester from 852 to 862. He made a simple request that on his demise he might be buried next to the Cathedral walls, so that the rainwater would bless him by pouring onto his grave. His wish was granted, but when monks decided to build a new Cathedral they decided the saint should be reinterred inside the building. The body was due to be moved on July 15th 971 – but – heavy rain flooded the countryside. The storms continued for the next forty days! It was then believed that St. Swithun sent the rain to show his disapproval.

"If on St. Swithun's feast the welkin lours (the sky threatens)

And every penthouse streams with showers.

Twice twenty days shall clouds their fleeces drain

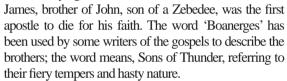
And wash the pavements with incessant rain."

July 25th. "Peter, James and John, were very weary,

And could not keep awake.

Yet the lord was kneeling there

(Brian Wren) Praying for their sake"



Years ago in Sussex, oyster fairs were held when large numbers of the molluscs were eaten. Children collected the shells to make the cave like structures, and then illuminate them with rush lights, hoping to attract people who would then be asked for money or small gifts. Hence this rhyme –

"July to whom the Dog star in her train,

St. James gives oysters, and St. Swithun rain,

If the 1st of July be rainy weather,

It will rain for full four weeks together."

The Dog Star, Sirius, and the sun, were supposed to rise together at this time.

Well now, whenever and however you take your 'holiday break' I hope the weather is kind to you, so that you may be both blessed and refreshed. Remember "In every desert, God has an oasis of grace." Psalm 103:2 says "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits".

≪Maureen



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Sunday Footprints (Sunday School) 9.45-10.45am Morning Worship 11am

Messy Church 3-5pm

(Last Sunday of the month)

Songs of Praise 4pm

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

Tuesday

Coffee Morning

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

Wednesday

2.30-3.30pm Home League

(Ladies Mtg but all welcome)

Champions Challenge Club (term time)

(Ages 5-10 years) 5.45-6.45pm

Thursday

Parent and Toddler Group

9.30-11.30am (Term time)

Sewing & Craft Bees

(2nd Thursday of month) 7.45 pm

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(Last week of month) 7.45pm

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Our May meeting, held in Eaton Bray Methodist Hall, was well attended. After the usual notices,

reports were given on a successful Coffee morning during the month. This event had been enjoyed and raised monies for WI funds. The Group Meeting at Studham on Birds of Bray had also been enjoyed.

Invitations were extended to members to the main WI Federation outings. These included a visit to Oliver Cromwell's House and Ely Cathedral, and to see the Queen's Wardrobe.

The two WI Resolutions put forward were strongly discussed. The subjects were: i) Avoid Food Waste and Address Food Poverty and ii) Providing appropriate care in hospitals for people with dementia. After an interesting and lively exchange of opinions, a vote was taken to go forward to the main NFWI Annual meeting at Brighton in June.

Members were invited to go on a trip to Jordan's Mill on 14th June. The Mill is spread over 3 floors with lifts to each floor, together with a shop, gardens and a restaurant.

An excellent quiz was organised by Susan and followed large quantities of cake and tea consumed by members.

Eaton Bray WI June meeting was opened by the President, Deirdrea Ellins who welcomed everybody on a very warm evening. After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, Dave Simpson from MacMillan Cancer support was introduced.

A very interesting and informative presentation was enjoyed by everyone. Surprise was expressed to learn that MacMillan had been going for 115 years. The qualities necessary to be a MacMillan Nurse were explained. The wonderful nurses are so much more than a support, giving their kindness and understanding as well as medical care. He mentioned that no one should face cancer alone, and there were 200 various cancers. The help offered to cancer sufferers by MacMillan

Cancer support comes in various forms: Medical, Practical, Emotional and Financial. Dave Simpson had suffered cancer himself some time ago, and on his recovery he had been encouraged to help in fundraising and help with such excellent presentations as given that evening.

The next WI trip will be to Jordan's Mill on 14th June. Four members volunteered to drive, and arrangements were made to meet up.

Members were requested to think of ideas for a gathering to celebrate the Queen's birthday. A garden party and visit to Alpacas and tea at Aston Abbott were suggested.

The next meeting of Eaton Bray WI will be on Monday 4th July when Geoff Newman will be talking about Emmaus.

Meetings are always the first Monday of the month (except Bank Holiday when it is the second Monday). The Meetings commence at 7.30 pm and are held in Eaton Bray Methodist Hall. The contact for Eaton Bray WI is: Margaret Jones, on 01525 220991. A warm and friendly welcome awaits new members. At each meeting there is an interesting speaker or demonstration, followed by social time and refreshments.

Dagnall Village Hall 100 Club Winners, April 2016

140	Phillip Wood	£50
48	Sally Thorne	£25
55	Jeanette Bamford	£25
	Witnessed by Brian Holt	
	Winners, June 2016	
88	Margaret Payne	£50
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141 Kevin and Leila Graham £25136 Tony Surman £25

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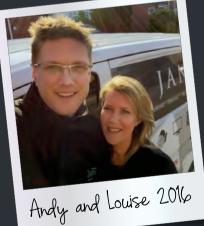
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