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August/September 2016

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

*✍️ Editor*

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# Village Diary Aug/Sept 2016



## Weekly

- Mon-Fri (term time) Eaton Bray Pre-school, Eaton Bray Lower School, 01525 220468
- Mon-Fri (term time) Dagnall Under 5's, Dagnall Village Hall, 9.15am - 12.15pm, Mrs Ann Tobin 07816 358342
- Mon-Fri (term time) Edlesborough Pre-School, Edlesborough School, 01525 220431  
manager@edlesborough.bucks.sch.uk
- Mon-Thu (term time) Totternhoe Pre-school, mornings, Totternhoe Lower School, Michelle Urbanowicz on 01582 668841
- Mondays Pilates, 10.45am, Totternhoe Memorial Hall, Lisa: 07799 893489
- Mondays (term time) 2nd Eaton Bray Brownies, girls 7-10 years, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, 6 - 7.30pm, Contact Sandra Counsell 07979 521900
- Mondays Dagnall Community Choir, All Saints Church 7.45 – 9.45pm
- Mondays (term time) Movement and exercise classes with a dance flavour, Northall Village hall 2-3.30. Contact Jan 01442 864271.
- Mondays Curtain Call Youth Theatre 5-7.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Gavyn 01525 220525
- Mondays Curtain Call Theatre Group - 7:30-10:30pm Eaton Bray Village Hall, Sheila - sdtwinkletoes@yahoo.co.uk
- Mondays KFFPA 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, 9:30 - 10:15am, children and buggies welcome. See www.simplesfitness.com
- Tuesdays Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy, Table Top Sale, 10-12noon, Salvation Army Hall, Booth Place, Eaton Bray
- Fortnightly
- 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 (term time) Caterpillars Baby and Toddler Group 10am to 11:30am, Grace Baptist Church, Moor End, Edlesborough, £1 per family unit, Frances King 01525 229 610
- 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 KFFPA Street dance classes 4+yrs 4pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, www.kfpa.co.uk
- Thursdays Circuit Training - Edlesborough Green – 7:00 - 7:45pm – www.simplesfitness.com
- Thursdays Tae Kwon-do, Dagnall Village Hall, 5.45-7.30pm 07813 755785
- Thursdays Clubbercise 7.30 - 8.30pm. Eaton Bray Hall - Gina Flitton 07846421756

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Fridays	Keep Fit class, Edlesborough Memorial Hall 10 - 11am
Fridays	Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 01582 620576
Fridays (term time)	"Little Luvvies" baby ballet classes 10am-11.30am. Contact Emma Whittemore on 01525 376124
Fridays (term time)	Kids Club 6:00pm to 7:00pm Grace Baptist Church, Moor End, Edlesborough (across from the post office) Frances King 01525 229610
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, 0-6months 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	Sundays Worship at 10:30am and 6pm Grace Baptist Church, Moor End, Edlesborough (across from the post office). Barry King 01525 229610
Last Sunday	Messy Church, 3-5pm at The Salvation Army Booth Place
<b>Monthly</b>	
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
1st & 3rd Tuesday	Dunstable & District Orbit (social and charitable) Club meet at Dunstable Rugby Club at 8pm. For details contact 01525 222441 or 01582 755147
1st Saturday	St. Mary's Church, Eaton Bray Coffee Morning & Plant Sale, 10:30am - 12 noon
2nd & 4th Tuesday	TOTS, St Mary's, Eaton Bray, 2pm
2nd Tuesday	Dunstable & District Local History Society meeting, 7.45pm, Methodist Church Hall, Dunstable (opposite Wilkinson)
2nd Tuesday	Edlesborough W.I. Meeting, 7.30 pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall
2nd Wednesday	St.Mary's Ladies Guild, 2pm, St.Mary's, Eaton Bray
2nd Wednesday	Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Lions Club, 7.30pm, The Coffee Tavern
2nd Thursday	CAMEO Coffee, tea & chat, 10am-12noon, Edlesborough Methodist Church
2nd Saturday	Workshops Dynamic Yoga 9.30-11am £10 Eaton Bray Coffee Tavern, Keira 07936 693696
3rd Thursday	Edlesborough Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
3rd Sunday	Lunch club 11.30 to 2.00pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Chris Hewitt 222288
Last Saturday	Coffee Morning, 10:30-12 noon, Edlesborough Methodist Church
Last Sunday	Messy Church, 3-5pm, Salvation Army, Booth Place, Eaton Bray, 07932 057490
<b>Other Regular Events</b>	
12th Aug	Leukaemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30 am. All welcome.
16th Aug	Dagnall Over Sixties 2pm in the village hall with tea and chat.
4th Sep	Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club Meeting, 11.30am-4.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall
20th Sep	Dagnall Over Sixties 2pm in the village hall
<b>One Off/Annual/Irregular Events</b>	
10th Sep	Appledown Fun Dog Show, 11am, Harling Road, Eaton Bray LU6 1QY
18th Sep	St Mary's Harvest Festival, 10am
23rd Sep	Northall & District Age Concern Harvest Festival Auction, 7:30pm The Swan Northall
24th Sep	French Evening, 7pm, Dagnall Village Hall, £20, tickets: Lynn 01442 843608
24th Sep	Music at St Mary's Eaton Bray, Mark Neil, 7:30pm, £7.50, Box Office: 01525 222283

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## One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

- 25th Sep Eaton Bray Methodist Church Harvest Festival Lunch, Contact Graham on 01525 220742
- 30th Sep Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning, 9:30am to 12 noon, St Mary's Eaton Bray

## Dagnall Over Sixties

The August meeting on 16th will be an informal gathering at 2pm in the village hall with tea and chat. Rosemary is away on holiday so Roy Castledine will take the meeting. The September meeting is on 20th and will have a speaker on the life of Barnes Wallis

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**WEEK-DAYS:**

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

**Wednesday:** **10.00am**    Holy Communion

*EVERYONE WELCOME AT THESE SERVICES*

## Goodbye to Coralie

It is five and a half years since a small Welsh whirlwind arrived in our villages with her husband, Ralph and little dog, Winnie. Her first aim was to get to know people which she achieved with Winnie by her side, roving the streets and footpaths, introducing herself and engaging all she met in conversation. In many cases I imagine, it went something like this:

“Hello, I’m Coralie, the new vicar, and this is Winnie!”

“Well, hello, nice to meet you but, (slight mumble) I’m not exactly a churchgoer/believer myself”

“That doesn’t matter! As vicar, I’m here for everyone, you too, if you ever need me.”

And need her many people did, often in times of sadness and difficulty but also in times of family joy and celebration. Coralie has been the epitome of what a Church of England vicar should be – one who lives alongside the people and shares the many ups and downs of their lives; one who is warm-hearted, open and accessible and above all, a supportive friend and prayerful pastor.

During her time with us, Coralie has been by the side of those in illness and those in their last days; she has comforted and supported their families; she has affirmed strong links with the three schools, the other churches and community groups; she has made friends with young couples preparing for marriage and with the many grandparents, parents and children who have come along to TOTs and Messy Church at St Mary’s. She has also helped people discover or rediscover their Faith and we have been very pleased to welcome them in church. In addition to all this, and aptly, as she is a farmer’s daughter, she has been at the heart of rural ministry as Rural Affairs Officer in the Diocese.

Now, it is time for Coralie to retire – the little Welsh cottage, a retirement project for Ralph over several years, is nearing completion and the ‘Brush up your Welsh’ book beckons! Coralie plans to take a few months well earned rest but it is difficult to imagine she will sit still for long. She has already been sizing up the local area and has plans to give much needed support to rural ministry in the Swansea & Brecon Diocese where there are dozens of tiny, rural parishes. Watch out down there – it’s your turn for the whirlwind!

✠ Catherine Hayden, Churchwarden





# A Letter from Rev'd Coralie

**Vicar: Coralie McCluskey**

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

**Honorary Assistant Priest: Revd John Heffer**

**Reader: Gordon Gray (220136)**

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*Welsh fairytale ends as Cristiano Ronaldo takes Portugal to Euro 2016 final.*

I have never been a soccer fan but as Wales made their way to the semi final of Euro 2016, I was gripped from beginning to end. Gareth Bale is my new hero and I'll be supporting Portugal in the Final

Back to the Parish, this is my final FOCUS letter. August promises to be a joyful month with weddings every Saturday. Listen out for the bells and let's hope the sun shines not just on the couples and their guests but on the children who will be on their summer holiday break from school. This year St Mary's TOTS and Messy Church will have joint activities in August on Tuesday 9th and Tuesday 23rd beginning at 11am and finishing with a picnic at 1pm. Please bring along a picnic and I will provide the ice cream. If you have any dietary problems just let me know and I'll make sure that I have something for everyone. I will email and text reminders to all on the TOTS and Messy Church lists.

Ralph, Winnie and I will be moving at the end of August and want to thank all who made us welcome at the beginning of 2011 and those who have supported me during my ministry in the villages. The whole community has been an important part of my life including the people I have met as I've walked the paths connecting the villages and the children who shout 'hello Coralie' when they see me out walking.

My involvement with the schools has been a joy. I have loved leading assemblies in the three schools especially their Christmas services in the churches at Eaton Bray, Edlesborough and Dagnall. I have baptised many babies, children and some adults, sent many couples off as husband and wife and sadly there have been many funerals for lovely people whom I had grown fond of and who have been such an important part of my ministry. It has been a privilege to be part of their lives.

Finally the children at Eaton Bray Academy produced some beautiful farewell cards including a portrait of me in full vicar vestments. I promise that I shall frame it and hang it in my hallway as a reminder of the years I spent and cherished in Eaton Bray, Edlesborough, Northall and Dagnall.

*May God the Father keep you in all your days.*

*May God the Son shield you in all your ways.*

*May God the Spirit bring you healing and peace.*

*May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you and pour upon you blessing and light.*

*Amen.*

*Coralie*

# Edlesborough Community Sports Club C.I.O.

## News Update

July 2016



### Breaking News !!!!

We have now identified grants and donations for more than 60% of the £500,000 needed to build the new Pavilion.



After lots of public meetings and Parish consultation we are trying to remove the ugly existing pavilion and replace it with a bright shiny eco friendly building custom designed to support sport and community activities on the Green

**The Techie bit:** We got a grant from the Government and with this employed lots of professional advice including a local architect and quantity surveyor. The building has been given full planning permission and is ready to go. ECSC C.I.O is a charity registered to improve sporting and community life in the Parish of Edlesborough and is working closely with the Parish Council. The Parish Council will own the building and ECSC will operate it



You can enjoy the comfort of the new changing rooms, workout in the gym , play cards with your friends and watch all the activities on the Green with a glass in hand enjoying some grub on the balcony—**but**—we need some more help in planning and fund raising. We have already organised many events so why not join us, even if it's just for the one event you have always wanted to see in the village.

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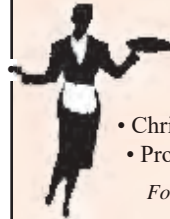
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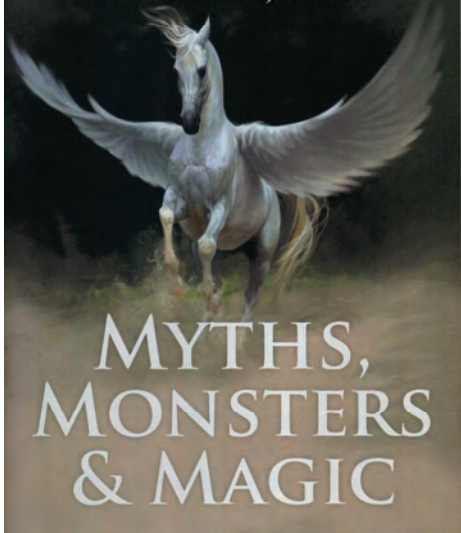
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# St Mary's Village Carnival - Chairman's Summary

In a year when many major towns have cancelled their Carnival due to loss of Local Authority funding it is a delight to see that St Mary's Village Carnival goes from strength to strength. Perhaps this year was the best we have achieved for the Community of our villages and the Carnival Committee should be congratulated on step improvements of delivery of the Carnival in a large number of ways. It was a joy to talk to so many groups of family and friends who had turned up on Edlesborough Green for what they described as a brilliant afternoon. And financially, at this very early stage, it appears to have been

successful with at least £13,000 to be distributed within the local community; if your organisation could benefit from a donation (usually between £50 and £250) please get in touch with the Committee via the website – [www.stmarysvillagecarnival.com](http://www.stmarysvillagecarnival.com).

How can our Carnival carry on when so many Carnivals are being lost? Well, ours is a different model, perhaps a more traditional approach. We don't rely on Local Authority funding; instead we rely on the generosity of local people and businesses and on a vast number of volunteer helpers, some working on Carnival weekend, others working throughout the year to plan and prepare for the big day. To everyone who has given so generously of their time, their money, their vehicles or their goods we say a huge THANK YOU.

It is always good to welcome new people to the team and had there been such a prize then 'Best Newcomer of 2016' would have been won by Anthony Durrant. All he got for his trouble was two lukewarm bottles of beer and a huge sense of satisfaction of a job well done. But on the other side of the coin we were very sad to learn of the death of Kathy Bovington on the eve of Carnival from a massive heart attack; Kathy made a major contribution to the life of Dagnall and will be seriously missed. How ironic then that one quarter of the money raised by the Carnival will be used to purchase defibrillators, one for Edlesborough and one for Northall, so that all our villages will be equipped with this potentially life saving equipment.

Work has already begun preparing for next year. We hope that once again local businesses and organisations will use the Carnival to promote what they do to the local community and that we will see you all again next year on the first Saturday in July as usual - 1st July 2017

✍ Gordon Gray, Chairman of the Carnival Committee

# Music at St Mary's

Our next concert is a little out of the ordinary. It will be performed by Mark Niel, a full time poet and the official Poet Laureate of Milton Keynes. We have a very strong recommendation of Mark's performance style, which describes him as 'hilarious'.



Starting out on the Open Mic circuit his funny, energetic performance style quickly found an audience. Mark has won many Slams including Ledbury, Wenlock and Bristol Poetry Festivals and has appeared at Latitude, Green Man and Wychwood Festivals. In May 2012, he was the Poet in Residence for BBC Radio 2's "2Day" and was commissioned by them to write a poem celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Mark gigs on the poetry and comedy

circuit, runs workshops in schools and companies, appears as a guest speaker at WIs, Rotary Clubs, after dinner engagements and on Cruise Ships. Mark is believed to be the first poet to reach the final of the New Act of the Year Competition (NATYS).

Do book your tickets nice and early from the Box Office. Tel 01525 222283. Tickets are priced £7.50 with children admitted FREE.

Tickets for the Poppy Prom (on 12<sup>th</sup> November) will be on sale at this concert.

# Music at St Mary's

## Poppy Prom – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November

One of the musical highlights of the year for *Music at St Mary's* is the Poppy Prom, Concert, on 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm, in aid of St Mary's, Eaton Bray, and The Royal British Legion.

The evening combines the solemnity of words and music from *The Festival of Remembrance* with the joyful music of *The Last Night of the Proms*. This year's musicians will be the South Beds Concert Band, St Mary's Choir and Dagnall Community Choir along with soloists, Min-Min Peaker and Cheryl Hawkins.

It will be a wonderful evening of entertainment and is likely to attract a sell out audience. Hurry to get your tickets, priced £12.50 and £10, from the Box Office, 01525 222283 and don't forget to bring your flags.



# Edlesborough Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Draft Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) was published at the end of June. Consultation is taking place currently across the district and details of how to find out more and take part are on the AVDC website. The plan is ambitious and challenging and covers all aspects of living in the Vale.

<http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/section/vale-aylesbury-local-plan-valp>

At our recent events some parishioners feel that the requirements placed on villages such as ours are not justified. The place to challenge this is via the VALP consultation. Our Neighbourhood Plan must comply with the requirements of VALP so unless VALP is changed we have no choice if we want a Neighbourhood Plan.

The current draft plan requires more house building in our parish than we were originally advised and teams of parishioners have worked to prepare proposals on how this might be achieved.

In July three 'Open House' public consultation sessions took place where key aspects of our Neighbourhood Plan were displayed for comment and attendees were asked to complete a questionnaire to guide our work. The response to these was, at times, overwhelming. In Edlesborough village we had to print additional questionnaires during the session, such was the volume of parishioners wanting to share their views. We thank you for the keen interest shown in this vital activity for the future of our parish.

Apart from outline options for where we might see the new houses being built we also asked for feedback on our Vision, Objectives, Policies, Community Facilities, Green Spaces and Heritage features that you consider important to be taken account of in our plan.

Landowners have submitted their land to be considered for development and AVDC have made a preliminary assessment of the suitability for us to consider. The next step is for the village teams and the Steering Group to look at the feedback from the consultation and put conclusions into the Draft Neighbourhood Plan for our parish.

We will feedback the results of the input and it will guide our work on the next stage. Our draft plan will be shared with parishioners and key stakeholders for comment before we assemble the final plan that will need to be approved firstly by AVDC and then by an independent Government appointed inspector. Assuming we pass those two approvals the final plan will then be shared with parishioners who will have simple Yes/No vote on the plan.

We are doing all we can to share information and progress with parishioners via public information sessions, flyers, articles in Focus and information on the parish website.

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If you need more information, please advise the parish council via our Clerk Miss Penny Pataky: email [clerk@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk)

We have to, as a minimum, build the number of houses we have been allocated in the Draft VALP. If we don't our plan will fail the basic government requirement for a Neighbourhood Plan and we will have no protection from opportunistic development until the next plan cycle comes into force in 2033. Similarly, if you, our parishioners,

don't approve the plan the same applies. So it is very important that you stay engaged in this process until we have our Edlesborough Parish Neighbourhood Plan finalised with all the approvals stated previously. It is unlikely that we can meet all the expectations of parishioners as we know some don't want any development and some don't want development next to where they live currently. Others welcome development and want to see more new people come into the village and increase the vibrancy and support for village activities and services.

We look forward to continuing this journey with you until we have a final approved Edlesborough Parish Neighbourhood Plan, early next year.

**Remember, if you wish to challenge the number of new houses that Edlesborough has been allocated, you must do that via AVDC's VALP consultation referred to above. The Neighbourhood Plan cannot reduce the allocated number, but it does give us the opportunity to at least limit the amount of new houses to that number and distribute them in accordance with the wishes of the majority of the community.**

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## Eaton Bray Methodist Church

June brought us a fascinating Cafe Worship led by Richard Armiger who invited us to think about how we interact 'On the Front Line' with people in everyday life outside the church. John Enejo led our Fathers' Day service, reminding us that a good father reflects the love of our Heavenly Father. At our

Communion Service on the fourth Sunday Rev Nigel Wright, with reference to Zachariah, the tax-collector, urged us to make a difference in the lives of those around us. At the beginning of July, we had a deeply meaningful service led by Ben Williams. He challenged us, young and old, with some interesting activities, two of which involved 'thinking outside the box', and moved on to urge us to look beyond our immediate surroundings to see the wider picture. He pointed out that God's grace is freely given but comes with a responsibility to share it.

The Sunday School Picnic in June took place inside due to the rain but it was a pleasant and convivial event, much enjoyed by all who took part.

The Methodist Church stall at the Carnival was a thoroughly enjoyable experience for all who took part. All our young visitors seemed to relish the free games and their parents and grandparents certainly relishes the chance to sit down and / or take shelter from the sudden showers. Many thanks to Helen Joels for organising it and all who gave their time and energy.

### **Date for your Diary:**

**Harvest Festival Lunch Sunday 25th September 2016 - after the Harvest Festival service.**

To book a place for the meal, please contact Graham Carter on 01525-220742 or Jane Foy on 07970767355



# Edlesborough Parish Council News

## Including Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall

### **BCC Services Devolution**

In April of this year Bucks CC devolved some of its services to Edlesborough Parish Council this included the cutting of the grass verges within the 30mph limit, keeping some of the Rights of Way clear and maintenance of street signs etc. BCC has now informed us that they are unable to carry out some of their retained responsibilities as they have no funds for it.

The Council is currently investigating the costs of taking responsibility for the spraying of weeds in the kerbside and clearing additional Rights of Way. We expect to be able to address these issues this year.

### **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.



The Brownlow Avenue and Pastures hedges are planned to be cut in early September.

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.

### **Reporting Pavement, Pothole, Fly Tipping & Rights of Way Issues**

Please report any pavement issues, potholes, and Rights of Way issues to <http://www.transportforbucks.net/Tell-us> If it is safe to do so please take a photo of the problem and upload it when making the report.

Please report fly tipping to <http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/environment/waste,-recycling-and-treatment/fly-tipping/report-fly-tipping/> or call 01296 480771 or 0845 330 1856.

### **Edlesborough Parish Neighbourhood Plan**

The Council thanks parishioners for taking the time to attend the Open House Events in July and will share the results with the parish once they have been collated and analysed. Please see the separate article in this edition of Focus

### **Vale of Aylesbury 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.”

### **Thames Valley Police**

The Police and Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley would like your views on policing and crime.

This summer, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is seeking views from the residents of Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire on policing and crime. This feedback



will help inform the Police and Crime Plan which sets the priorities for Thames Valley Police for the next 5 years.

What concerns you about policing in your area? What would you like Thames Valley Police to prioritise with regards to crime? Have you been a victim of crime and would like to feedback your experience?

To give your views, you can complete a short online survey at [www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/survey](http://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/survey). It should take no more than 10 minutes to complete and will be open until Friday 30th September 2016.

If you would like a copy of the survey posted to you, please contact the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner on 01865 846780

### 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](mailto:louisefanthorpe@yahoo.co.uk)



### Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings

The next Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings will take place as follows

Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 15th September 2016

Northall Village Hall, Thursday 20th October 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.

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# EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MINUTES

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

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

### Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council held on Monday 6th June 2016 from 7:30pm at The Coffee Tavern

#### Central Beds Council (CBC) – Councillor Ken Janes

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#### Vacancy - Parish Councillor:

There are vacancies for Parish Councillors on Eaton Bray Parish Council. If you are interested in joining the council please email the Parish Clerk or visit our website for more details

#### Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group are looking for help, if you can spare some time to support this important scheme then please contact the Parish Clerk who will forward your details onto a member of the Steering Group.

#### Call For Sites

The Council wished to remind residents to sign up to CBCs email, to keep up to date on what is happening for this area. Link: [http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/planning/policy/local-plan/call-for-sites.aspx?utm\\_source=website&utm\\_medium=shortcut-cfs&utm\\_campaign=cfs2016](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/planning/policy/local-plan/call-for-sites.aspx?utm_source=website&utm_medium=shortcut-cfs&utm_campaign=cfs2016)



#### Village Community Market

The Council are proposing to introduce Community Market events in the parish, for local crafts, inviting stallholders from Eaton Bray. The initial dates put forward for these market events are 20th August and 19th September, although these are to be finalised; location at Market Square. Further details/notices to be displayed within the parish (notice boards/facebook/website) in due course.

#### Speedwatch

The Parish Council are always looking for new members. 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.

#### Unauthorised Advertising

NO advertising on Parish Council land without prior consent from Eaton Bray Parish Council, the Council will remove any unauthorised advertising within the parish.

**Parish Council Meeting Date:** Held in The Coffee Tavern (1st floor)

Monday 5th September 2016 from 7:30pm



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<b>Week1:</b>	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Weds 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Week2:</b>	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug	Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	Weds 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug
<b>Week3:</b>	Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug
<b>Week4:</b>	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug

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## Litter Pickers at Large!

Well I am very pleased to be able to report that we have made a good start! Northall and Edlesborough now have an enthusiastic team of lady “litter pickers” (an ugly term, but we haven’t found a better name and anyway litter **is** ugly, isn’t it!....) So here we are complete with yellow jackets, rubber gloves, boots, and litter pickers ready to go! So far, we have had two good sessions. The first along the Main Road in Northall on a lovely sunny Saturday morning, netted six bags of assorted rubbish and a road sign which was found upside down in the ditch. The second began along Cow Lane

in Edlesborough and then gravitated to the “Traveller’s Rest” roundabout which turned out to be a mine of litter! Haul:- another seven bags and a car battery. We couldn’t lift the car parts which had been dumped in the lay-by but when I rang up to arrange collection, AVDC knew about it. At the moment, the nettles, brambles and other vegetation are hiding a multitude of sins so we are probably going to bide our time and wait for it

all to die down before we really make inroads. However, we shall continue to hit the really bad places in the villages, so if you know of anywhere particularly bad please let us know. I am afraid that this only applies to Edlesborough, Northall and Dagnall as Eaton Bray is “over the Border and needs its own set-up with Central Beds Council. Not all of us made both sessions. As you can see from the relaxed attitudes of some of us, we are trying to make our outings a social occasion as much as a community improvement project and so the sessions sometimes include coffee and biscuits - or if we are feeling lucky - cake!! If you feel inspired and would like to join us in our endeavours, or have suggestions about places needing attention, contact me. We have plenty of spare litter pickers.....

***By the way, if you happen to be driving past and notice us at work by the side of***

***the road, please look at your Speedo and consider slowing down! We found the speed of the traffic on the Main Road and at the roundabout quite daunting at times, despite the 30/40mph limits (what limits???...!)***

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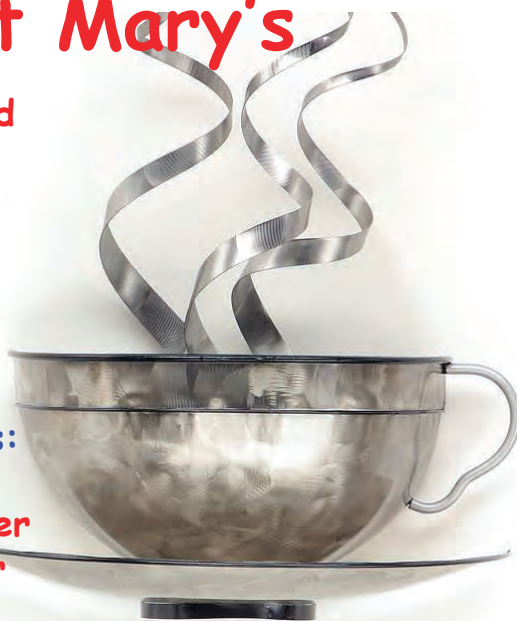
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community from far and wide to our wondrous St Mary's Church.

A huge thanks to everyone who supported the fourth Edlesborough Festival.

Kimber's Men travelled all the way from Yorkshire offering a Friday night of sensational harmonies, humour and music. A packed audience enjoyed their wit and wonder.

The ever popular award winning musician, Martin Simpson gave an evening of intense entertainment with guitar, voice, strong lyrics and storytelling. We also thank local musician Wes Russell for showing us his talent and music mastery and to Tinlin, who enthusiastically returned to



*Tinlin, Regina Whyatt and Martin Simpson*

the festival with a soothing set of songs. Thanks to Regina Whyatt for opening both nights with the stirring sound of the bagpipes.

Thanks to the bell ringers and to Coralie for closing the festival with a reflective Songs of Praise (We are all going to miss her when she leaves our community). We also thank



*Kimber's Men, Wes Russell and Regina Whyatt*

the Burghope Trust and John Pratt for permission and help to use the field for parking, Janes for once again being our local ticket agent and for all the local businesses who gave us their support - John Able Bathrooms. NMJ Motors, Edlesborough Post Office, Cafe Masala, Edlesborough Flowers, Chez Jerome and The Rye Nurseries plus a big thanks to Oakman Inns of Tring for their generous sponsorship of





*Coralie Flower Power*

church or simply stepped inside to take a peep. We will remember the moments, the music, harmonies, awesome acoustics and the time shared. But most of all we will remember our dear friend Kathy Bovington who once again gave the festival her warmth and energy helping out behind the church festival bar. Sadly, Kathy died suddenly and unexpectedly on Friday 1st July. She will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved her. Her contribution to this and previous festivals and the community will always be remembered.

Cheers to Church on the Hill and to Kathy.

✍️ Julia Bell

A Friend of the Church on the Hill

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But most of all thanks to everyone who got behind the event, pulled a pint, served up a cuppa, served up a smile, gave a donation, encouraged friends to come along, bought a ticket, enjoyed a brew, arranged floral bouquets to decorate the



*Bell Ringing*

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This all-American key lime pie, created in July to mark American Independence Day by Bedford cake designer Charlotte White ([www.restorationcake.com](http://www.restorationcake.com)) is rather epic. The biscuit base is topped with a very limey centre and the whole thing is finished off with show-stopping Italian meringue. It is wonderfully over the top! To make it easier, you can completely ignore the meringue layer (it will still be delicious) or replace it with piped whipped cream.

## For the Base

80g unsalted butter

250g chocolate chip cookies or digestive biscuits

Crush the biscuits thoroughly and stir them in melted butter until completely coated. Press the damp, sandy rubble into the bottom of a lined springform cake tin. Make sure that the biscuits are pressed into the very edges of the cake tin.

Bake at 150C/ gas mark 3 for 30 minutes and leave to cool.

## For the Lime centre

Zest and juice of 5 limes

2 cans of condensed milk

8 egg yolks

½ tsp lime extract (optional)

green food colouring paste (optional)

Mix together all the ingredients and pour them onto the cooled base. Bake for 25-30 minutes until set on top and with a little wobble remaining. Allow to cool completely before topping – this will take at least 2 hours at room temperature (and can be done the day before for convenience).

## For the Italian Meringue Topping

225g caster sugar

50ml water

4 egg whites



Place the egg whites (at room temperature) in a bowl.

Meanwhile, dissolve the sugar and water in a small saucepan and bubble to 118C over a high heat. It's worth having a sugar thermometer here - they take the guess work out of the task and they needn't be expensive.

Once the sugar reaches 100°C, whisk the egg whites on top speed until they hold stiff peaks. This should happen just as the sugar reaches 118°C.

Pour the hot sugar syrup into the egg whites whilst the mixer is whisking – the syrup will incorporate quickly into the egg whites and a further 5 minutes of whisking is required to create stiff, shiny peaks of meringue.

Pipe or spread meringue on top of your lime centre and finish with a flourish of flames from a chef's blowtorch (or under a grill, although the effect is less dramatic). Alternatively whip up 300ml of double cream and pipe it on to the pie.

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- 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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Services in Aug/Sept 2016

Sun. 7th Aug.	9.00 am	Eucharist
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Sun. 14th Aug.	10.30 am	Morning Service
Sun. 21st Aug.	10.30 am	Family Communion
Sun. 28th Aug.	10.30 am	Family Service
Sun. 4th Sept.	9.00 am	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Morning Service
Sun. 11th Sept.	10.30 am	Morning Service
Sun. 18th Sept.	10.30 am	Family Communion
Sun. 25th Sept.	10.30 am	Family Harvest Festival Service
Sun. 2nd Oct.	9.00 am	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Morning Service



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

# Nostalgia

## The Dunstable Repertory Company

The Dunstable Repertory Company presented "The Wizard of Oz" at the Civic Hall in January, 1966. The production was deemed a great success, but with only a few hundred in the audience, it was clear that the Hall was far too large for the Rep. Dunstable was going to get a brand new library almost opposite the Civic Hall which meant that the old library in High Street South would fall vacant. The Rep were quick to seize their opportunity - the Chew's Trust governors leased them the vacated building and they formed themselves into the Dunstable 'Rep' Theatre Club, turning the old library into a delightful Little Theatre. In the meantime, the Rep presented their plays at Brewer's Hill School and Luton's Library Theatre. They also toured their productions around the Bedfordshire villages. After months of alterations, decoration and sheer hard work, Dunstable's Little Theatre was opened by Bernard Bresslaw on 5th October, 1968. At first, the theatre had just eighty seven seats on a flat floor. These were later replaced

*When the Dunstable Town Hall was demolished, the Dunstable Repertory Company lost their home. Various venues were used but, in 1968, they opened their own Little Theatre which has proved to be a huge success.*



with the seats and the raked floor from Whitbread's Lecture Theatre. When these seats came to the end of their life, the rake remained, but with major changes to the auditorium, the Little Theatre now had the ninety nine seats plus space for a wheelchair it can offer to this day. The stage, with a proscenium opening of twenty one feet and a depth of sixteen feet, is small but totally adequate. There's also room for set-building and storage with dressing-room facilities to suit the Rep's needs. With workshop facilities and extensive wardrobes, the company is self-contained and well able to present five full-length productions during its season from September to May. There's no doubt that the Dunstable 'Rep' Theatre Club has become a resounding success, fully justifying their affiliation to the prestigious Little Theatre Guild. Their membership is so large, nine performances of each production are required to satisfy demand. Such a long run for an amateur company demands a considerable commitment from its members. The Theatre Club encourages young people and offers "open" auditions to local actors in Dunstable, Luton and the surrounding district. Both Luton and Dunstable now had facilities for stage performances. Exactly eleven years later, Leighton Buzzard would join their ranks. However, there were other developments before the western side of the county got its own venue. (Information gleaned from 2007)

## **Rock, Pop and Dancing in Dunstable**

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## August

Thursday 4th August

### Blow's Downs

Meet: Half Moon Lane entrance

Doing: Ragwort control

Saturday 13th August

### Totterhoe Quarry

Meet: at the end of Knolls View

Doing: Grass cutting and raking/Ragwort control.

Wednesday 17th August

### Houghton Regis Chalk Pit

Meet: Fieldstone off Lake View

Doing: Ragwort / Willowherb control

Saturday 20th August

### Galley & Warden Hills

Meet: Links Way car park

Doing: Ragwort control

Wednesday 24th August

### Totterhoe Knolls

Meet: at the stables entrance, parking at the top of Knolls view.

Doing: Grass cutting/Willow herb management .

Saturday 27th August

### Blow's Downs

Meet: Skimpot roundabout entrance

Doing: Fence work

## September

Thursday 1st September

### Blow's Downs

Meet: Skimpot roundabout entrance

Doing: Scrub clearing & fence work

Saturday 3rd September

### Totterhoe Knolls

Meet: at the stables entrance, parking at the top of Knolls view.

Doing: Scrub clearing.

Wednesday 7th September

### Totterhoe Knolls

Meet: at the stables entrance, parking at the top of Knolls view.

Doing: Scrub clearing.

Saturday 10th September

### Houghton Regis Chalk Pit

Meet: Fieldstone off Lake View

Doing: Willow removal

Wednesday 14th September

### Houghton Regis Chalk Pit

Meet: Fieldstone off Lake View

Doing: Willow removal

Saturday 17th September

### Galley & Warden Hills

Meet: Links Way car park

Doing: Scrub clearing

Tuesday 20th September

### Blow's Downs (Cottage Bottom Field)

Meet: Southwood Rd/Jardine Way entrance

Doing: Scrub clearing

Sunday 25th September

### Blow's Downs (Cottage Bottom Field)

Meet: Southwood Rd/Jardine Way entrance

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Wednesday 28th September

### Galley & Warden Hills

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# Totternhoe Quarry and Totternhoe Knolls

## Totternhoe Quarry

Last winter saw many volunteers carrying out a large amount of scrub work on the reserve. This was to create and maintain suitable habitat for the Duke of Burgundy butterfly and to control the growth of scrub encroaching on the rich chalk grassland flora. This spring was very late to arrive and the first sighting of the Duke of Burgundy was not until



Duke of Burgundy by Richard Knock

the 5th May. This rare and declining butterfly has only a short flight season and will only be seen for 4-6 weeks in May and early June. This year is already proving to be a better year for butterflies than 2015, with common blue, small blue, green hairstreak, dingy skipper and grizzled skipper all being recorded this spring. The Wildlife Trust has a team of volunteers monitoring them, if you would like more information on getting involved please contact Reserves office Richard Knock. Other highlights of this spring on the reserve has seen the Corn Bunting and Grey Partridge back nesting. These are both farm birds which are in decline; they make their nest on the ground and can easily be disturbed by dogs. This is why we are asking dog walkers to keep their dogs under close control from April - September in certain areas of the reserve. I am saddened to say that for the second year running no Turtle doves have been seen on the reserve. Totternhoe Quarry was once a stronghold for them, with Turtle doves nesting most years in the scrub behind the working stone pit. This very rare farmland bird has seen a massive 90% decline since the 1960s. We still live in hope that like the spring they are just running late this year.

## Totternhoe Quarry and Totternhoe Knolls Orchids Monitoring

Following the long wet winter and the slow start to spring, the reserves have both sprung into life. The late change of season has seen the orchids flowering slightly later,

creating an explosion of colour all around the reserve and it is now the reserve starts looking at its best. Totternhoe Knolls and Totternhoe quarry are both very important sites for orchids, with 8 different species of orchids being found there, two of which are rare and one locally rare. Totternhoe is the only place in the country where both Man orchids and Musk orchids can be found. Man Orchids flower from the end of May to mid-June, with Musk flowering afterwards from mid-June to mid-July. These orchids have both been monitored for many years, with some success in increasing their numbers. This year is set to be one of the best years yet for Man Orchids on the reserve with the highest number in recent years being recorded.



Man Orchid by Richard Knock



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## A Roar-Some Night at the Flicks

**Silent Cinema at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo**  
**Friday 26 & Saturday 27 August 2016**

A towering T-Rex and a singing orangutan will be coming to life on the silver-screen this summer with open-air cinema at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo.

For the first time ever, ZSL Whipsnade Zoo is launching a **Silent Cinema** weekend, with an exciting line-up of big-screen blockbuster classics which audiences can marvel at within the wild and beautiful setting of the 600-acre Zoo.

On Friday 26 August, guests will be able to tour the Zoo's huge, walk-through **Zoorassic Park** experience, coming face-to face with the gentle brachiosaurus and toothy T-rex, before buckling up for the rollercoaster action-adventure **Jurassic Park**, as it roars onto the big screen, in the shadow of the life-size, moving dinosaurs themselves.

The adventure gets animated on Saturday 27 August, as Disney's musical classic and family favourite, **The Jungle Book**, delights young and old once again. Families can join King of the Swingers, Louie the orangutang and loveable bear Baloo for the Bare Necessities, as they sit right in the middle of the Zoo at twilight, surrounded by its 2000 animals.

Before the screenings begin, film-lovers will be treated to a magical **Birds of the**



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To ensure the Zoo's animals don't have to stay up past their bedtimes if they don't want to, movie-goers will wear **comfy headphones** for the screening, and don't forget to bring a blanket to sit on while you soak up the enchanting experience of watching a film under the stars. A range of **tasty food and drink** will be available, including gourmet hotdogs, popcorn and sweet treats, as well as alcoholic drinks, soft drinks and warming, hot beverages.

With only 600 places per night, **Silent Cinema** at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo promises movie-lovers a film-night like no other. The limited-run event can be booked now at [www.zsl.org/](http://www.zsl.org/)

## Crackle, Pop and... Snap!

### Four baby dwarf crocodiles hatch at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo

Four West African dwarf crocodiles (*Osteolaemus tetraspis*) have hatched at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo for the first time in 18 years. Zookeepers are celebrating the arrival of the four dwarf crocs, which measure only eight inches long and are already exploring their



spacious, tropical enclosure and deep pool within the Zoo's colourful Butterfly House. Amara and Kojo, the Zoo's 39-year-old West African dwarf crocodiles last produced offspring in 1998, but on Christmas Eve 2015 the pair were spotted mating, and in March this year, female Amara laid eggs.

Amara closely guarded the nest for three months, and on Friday 17 June four eggs finally hatched, to the delight of Zoo visitors.

Team Leader Alex Cliffe said: "When the eggs were in the nest, we were monitoring them closely, ensuring that they were kept at the perfect temperature and humidity levels. Amazingly, even before hatching, the baby crocs can actually call to their mum from inside the egg. That means that she can help excavate them from the nest and carry the hatchlings down to the water for safety.

"Mum Amara is very protective of her little ones, so we are being careful not to disturb any of them during feed times.

"We are so excited to have four tiny new additions to our dwarf crocodile group. It's great to see them out and about in the pool, bonding with their parents and learning that crickets are tasty!"

Classified as vulnerable by the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, the four little reptiles will be added to the European Studbook (ESB) for West African dwarf crocodiles.

Hatching just in time for ZSL Whipsnade Zoo's summer spectacular, Zoorassic Park, the tiny crocodiles will soon be joined by a herd of the largest reptiles to have ever walked the Earth. For tickets, see [www.zsl.org](http://www.zsl.org)

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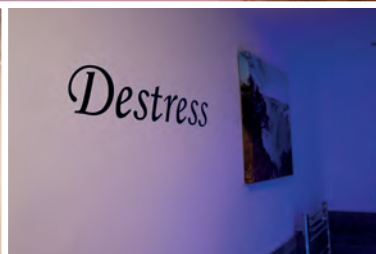
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## Edlesborough W.I.

Our June meeting was again a most enjoyable and interesting occasion. Our speaker, Sandra Barker gave us a very informative talk and "demo" entitled "The Wonderful World of Wicker". Since the beginning of mankind itself primitive baskets, woven in some kind of nearby natural material, were in everyday use and still are in many poorer countries of the world, where they are still made in great numbers and are in daily use as housing as well as for carting, carrying and storage purposes.

Sandra has been weaving natural materials for 44 years and after many years of studying and hard work is now a yeoman basket maker and is a respected member of the Worshipful Company of Basket Makers and as such enjoys the freedom of the City of London, which permits her the honour of participating in the annual Lord Mayors Show parade, which she greatly appreciates. Her dedication and talent has given her the opportunity to travel all over the world teaching, exhibiting and demonstrating as well as studying and learning even more skills herself. She is excellent at what she does!

She was able to assist the British Army in Basra, for instance, helping them to resettle groups of swamp dwelling people who had been displaced by the war. Their homes, woven from local materials, having been destroyed, had to be reconstructed in their traditional style. some of them being large and very elaborate.

Did you know that when you watch them changing the guard outside Buckingham Palace, inside every Guardsman's bearskin there is a shaped frame made of willow over which is stretched the actual bearskin? They have to be precisely made in numerous different sizes and

are notoriously time consuming to make - think about it, there are an awful lot of Guardsmen - whole regiments of them in fact!

Sandra further demonstrated how to make a willow garden obelisk, plus displayed an array of willow objects and baskets in all shapes and sizes. These are still in use today for a variety of purposes, i.e. catching eels and cockles, fruit and veg picking, baby cradles, traction engine filters, repairing furniture and much more. Each and all of the items were truly a work of art and the talented Sandra is "master" of them all. A very much enjoyed evening.  
✍️ Sue Parker

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#### Sunday

Footprints (Sunday School)	9.45-10.45am
Morning Worship	11am
Messy Church	3-5pm
<i>(Last Sunday of the month)</i>	
Songs of Praise	4pm
<i>(3rd Sunday of the month from May to Dec)</i>	

#### Tuesday

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

#### Wednesday

Home League	2.30-3.30pm
<i>(Ladies Mtg but all welcome)</i>	
Champions Challenge Club <i>(term time)</i>	
<i>(Ages 5-10 years)</i>	5.45-6.45pm

#### Thursday

Parent and Toddler Group	
<i>(Term time)</i>	9.30-11.30am
Sewing & Craft Bees	
<i>(2nd Thursday of month)</i>	7.45 pm
Ladies Fellowship	
<i>(Last week of month)</i>	7.45pm

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# Music

**Date:** September 2016

**Box Office:** 01582 60 20 80 (opt 7)

**Book Online:** [www.grovetheatre.co.uk](http://www.grovetheatre.co.uk)

Let's get 2016 rockin' and a rollin', with a fine line-up of music acts which are bound to excite at the **Grove Theatre, Dunstable** this **September**.

The spirit of the *Man in Black* is alive and 'kicking like a mule' with an outstanding celebration of an iconic legend in **The Johnny Cash Roadshow** on **Friday 23 September** at **7.30pm**. From the 1950s through to 2002, with all the stops in between; **The Johnny Cash Roadshow** will leave you with the essence of being at a real Cash show. This is gold standard, fire-cracking entertainment from the first note, delivering an inspired set of cherished numbers with impeccable rhythmic pace, including *Walk the Line*, *The Ring of Fire* and *A Thing Called Love*, accompanied by video projection which brings evocative images to each song. Award-winning singer/songwriter **Clive John** recreates Cash with astounding accuracy and is the only show to be endorsed by the Cash family themselves!



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Or are you *Desperado* to celebrate the great **Eagles**? **The Illegal Eagles** make a welcome return on **Friday 30 September** at **7.30pm**, promising more of their tight harmonies, acute attention to detail and incredible showmanship. With flare and impressive authenticity, you can enjoy classics such as *Hotel California*, *Take It Easy*, *Lyin' Eyes* and lots more. This latest production also features a special tribute to the late **Glenn Frey**, one of the original founding members of the **Eagles**.

Tune those vocal chords up and head to the **Grove Theatre** to sing praise to some legendary music acts. Ticket prices vary; for more information or to book, call the Box Office on **01582 60 20 80** or visit the website at [www.grovetheatre.co.uk](http://www.grovetheatre.co.uk).



## Grove Film

**August and September** are set to be a scorcher for film, with titles; *The Secret Life of Pets* (U), *Independence Day: Resurgence* (12A), *The BFG* (PG), *Ice Age: Collision Course* (U), *Absolutely Fabulous*, *Alice Through the Looking Glass* (PG), *X-Men: Apocalypse* (12A), *Now You See Me 2* (12A), *The Legend of Tarzan* (12A), *Ghostbusters* (12A), *Me Before You* (12A), *The Nice Guys* (15), *A Hologram for the King* (12A), *Our Kind of Traitor* (15), *The Colony* (15), *Jason Bourne*, *Love & Friendship* (U), *Mother's Day* (12A), *Suicide Squad*. Please see the Grove Theatre website for full film listings at [www.grovetheatre.co.uk](http://www.grovetheatre.co.uk) or call our Box Office team on 01582 60 20 80.



# Live & Encore Screenings

**Date:** August – November 2016

**Tickets:** £15

**Box Office:** 01582 60 20 80 (opt 7)

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You may be a good judge of character, but how can you truly know what someone is thinking or planning? Well, you can't necessarily, but you can have your wits about you. It is recommended too, as the following characters know only too well. In a host of **Live & Encore Screenings** in the upcoming season, power struggles, betrayals and hidden emotions will give you plenty to be gripped by in **Richard III**, **Cymbeline**, **King Lear** and **The Entertainer** at the **Grove Theatre, Dunstable**.



For fans of stage and screen; **Richard III** will see **The Almeida Theatre** make its screening debut with an explosive adaptation of the tale, featuring **Ralph Fiennes** as Shakespeare's most notorious villain and **Vanessa Redgrave** as Queen Margaret. With an encore broadcast

on **Wednesday 17 August at 7.30pm**, **Richard III** follows war-torn England as it is reeling after years of bitter conflict. King Edward is ailing, and as political unrest begins to stir once more, Edward's brother Richard – vicious in war, despised in peacetime – awaits the opportunity to seize his brother's crown.



To add fuel to the fire of power; the **Royal Shakespeare Company** brings you **Cymbeline**, broadcast live on **Wednesday 28 September at 7pm**. A ruler of divided Britain, **Cymbeline** banishes the lover of his only living heir after their secret marriage. But is this what he should be focusing on? As a powerful figure lurks, plots are being hatched to seize power and murder them both. A dangerous journey is embarked upon to reunite the lost heir and reconcile the young lovers, whilst defending the throne.

The **Royal Shakespeare Company** also bring you one of the greatest parts written, in one of Shakespeare's most powerful plays, with an encore screening of **King Lear** on **Sunday 23 October at 2pm**. As age begins to overtake him, the king decides to divide his kingdom amongst his children, living out his days without the burden of power. Misjudging his children's loyalty and finding himself alone in the wilderness, **King Lear** is left to confront the mistakes of a life that has brought him to this point.

From family betrayal to a smothering of freedom by society, **Kenneth Branagh Theatre Company** explore John Osborne's modern classic, **The Entertainer**, bringing you an encore screening of the play on **Sunday 6 November at 2pm**. Set against the backdrop of post-war Britain, **The Entertainer** conjures the seedy glamour of the old music halls for an explosive examination of public masks and private torment.

Immerse yourself in the gripping world of **Live & Encore Screenings** and revel in a fresh way to enjoy theatre from some of the most successful companies today. Ticket prices are **£15** each for these productions, with **discount for concessions and Friends of the Grove Theatre**. For more information or to book, call the Box Office on **01582 60 20 80** or visit the website at [www.grovetheatre.co.uk](http://www.grovetheatre.co.uk).



# Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

## Weather Conditions for June 2016



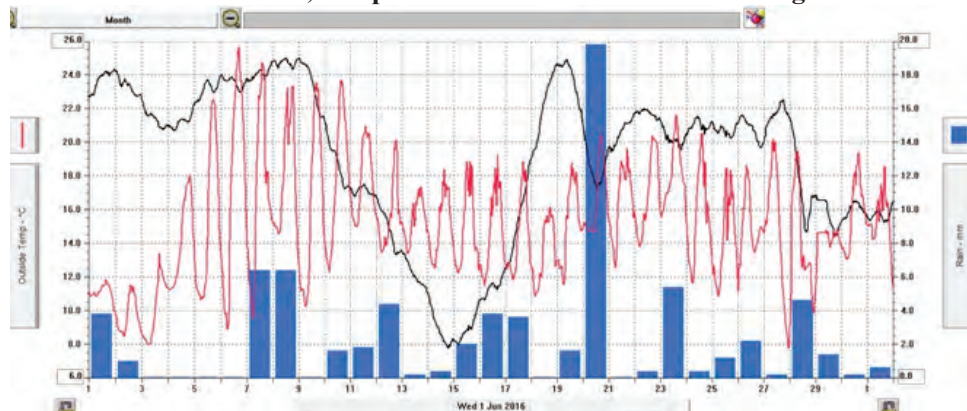
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June was unsettled starting off with a few dry days, by the 7th late afternoon the storm's started to come our way with thunder and lightning and heavy rain. This was localised while in Little Gaddesden and Dunstable the heavens opened flooding Dunstable town centre but here in Dagnall it was just a short burst of heavy rain recording only 6.4mm. The month continued cloudy with rain on most days with the dominant wind coming from NNE making it feel on the chilly side.

With night temperatures above 10°C and humidity exceeding 90% for much of the time this the was ideal conditions for potato blight, on inspecting the allotments I found blight on a few plots including my own which had been totally been destroyed.

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature:	25.8°C	6 June 16.30	7.7c	25 June 22.30
Mean Temperature	15.2°C			
Dewpoint:	19.4°C	23 June 15.30	5.7c	7 June 00.00
Humidity:	98%	20 & 27 June	45%	6 June 09.30
Barometer:	1023.2mb	8 June 23.30	993.3 mb	14 June 19.00
Wind Speed	35 mph NNE	2 June 05.30	Months avg.	4.6 mph
Wind Chill:	25.6°C	6 June 16.00	4.8°C	2 June 04.00
Dominant Wind:	NNE			
<b>*Rain Days: 23 (T), 23(R)</b>		<b>Wettest Day 20 June</b>	<b>19.81 mm</b>	<b>0.778 ins</b>
<b>Monthly Rain:</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>June 2015</b>	<b>72.90 mm</b>	<b>2.870 ins</b>
<b>Yearly Rain:</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>5 Month</b>	<b>418.40 mm</b>	<b>16.472 ins</b>

**June 2016**  
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**Happy Feet** – we see a huge increase in foot pain and plantar fasciitis cases in the summer often due to poor footwear. Ordinary flip-flops give no support and little shock absorbency and affect the fascia under the foot (it's a bit like a piece of gristle that acts like a bow-string to lift the arch of the foot). This feels like you're walking on sharp stones and if not treated properly, can take ages to clear so try some supportive sandals instead. Feet looking a bit tired? - use a pumice stone to remove hard skin and then apply a specialist foot cream such as CCS Foot care cream which is recommended by Podiatrists to



manage and help prevent dry and rough skin (available from St Judes)

**Sunbathers back** – too much of a good thing lazing around is not actually good for you. Try to support your spine when sunbathing - if your back hollows when lying on the sunbed on your tummy, put a rolled towel or cushion under you to prevent backache. Look after your neck – it's better to keep your neck straight and place your hands on a rolled towel under your forehead than turn your head to the side.



**Wet walkies?** If it's raining cats and dogs avoid wearing your wellies as they don't offer much support - you are far better off wearing some walking boots. Here's to a super summer!



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## Bracing Walk to the Carpenters Arms, Slapton

This should be regarded as a flat, comfortable walk that would take between 45 minutes to an hour (one way). Starting these directions from the Swan at Northall, you turn down South End Lane just off the A4146. Continue along the lane until you come to a right hand turning, where you bear right along this lane and continue until you reach a small gate. Follow this route, passing under trees that line the path, and you have a stream meandering on your left hand side. To your left, you notice dwellings and eventually you come out at Slapton Lane. You cross over this



*The Carpenters Arms, Slapton*

road and rejoin the Two Ridges Link, clearly signposted on the other side of the road. You walk across a couple of fields with the stream now on your right hand side. You can now just see the spire of St Mary's church in Slapton peeping out over the trees. As you walk towards this, there is a stile that you cross and you are in the back of the churchyard. When you get to the entrance of the church, you can either go through the lych gate or climb over the stile. At the main road you turn right and walk for a minute until you reach the pub on the left hand side.

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## 8 Mile Hike to the Village Swan, Ivinghoe Aston via Ivinghoe Beacon

This is a more challenging walk that (excluding pub stops) takes approximately 90 minutes (one way). Starting these directions from St Mary's Church in Edlesborough, you walk along the bridlepath with beautiful open views towards the Beacon, Ivinghoe Aston and Coombe Bottom. You can often see pheasants, wood pigeons and the occasional dog walker along this path. This is a fairly flat bridleway and as you walk along it, you cross the ubiquitous footbridge. At the end of the path you reach the main road into Ivinghoe Aston. At this point you can either pick up the Two Ridges Link on the other side, or turn left and walk up the road to join the B487. The first route is more scenic but brings you out at the Beacon at the steepest angle and this is a very steep climb.

Alternatively, if you walk up the road for 5 - 10 minutes you cross the B489 by a car park, and can reach the Beacon with a much easier climb. After climbing the Beacon and recovering at the top, you can walk back down the Beacon and retrace your steps along the main road into Ivinghoe Aston. If you continue along this road instead of rejoining the bridleway you continue into Ivinghoe Aston and come across the Village Swan.



This pub has a beautiful garden with plum trees and benches. The pub serves excellent food and also has seasonal drinks on tap such as mulled wine.

After recovering from the first leg of your walk, you continue along the road out of Ivinghoe Aston, heading towards Slapton. Here you reach Vine Farm and Moses Cottage and there is a signpost for a public footpath. You head down the drive and bear left to pick up the footpath. You cross a little bridge and after walking under mature trees, you walk along the boundary of the field and cross another footbridge - to your right is the site of an old moat. Here you eventually meet up with the road, which brings you back to The Swan at Northall, finely placed for another rest where you can enjoy the real woodburning stove in winter or the huge beer garden in the summer months.

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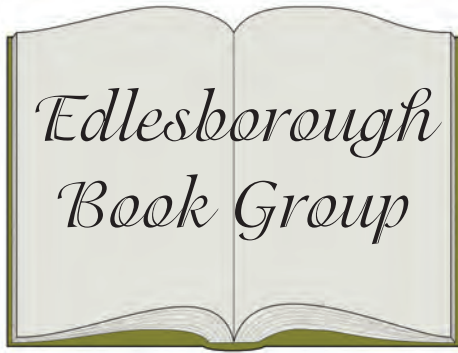
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### **Minaret by Leila Aboulela**

Growing up in privileged surroundings in Khartoum, where her father is a Government official, Najwar is a young university student who although a Muslim officially, lives a secular life, greatly influenced by Western clothes, music and attitudes.

Her wealthy family pay lip service to the Muslim religion, but in their household, it is only the servants who pray. Circumstances change radically when a coup overthrows the Government and Najwar's father is accused of corruption and executed. Najwa, her mother and twin brother Omar flee to London, where they own a flat. Over the course of time their lifestyle becomes straitened, Omar becomes addicted to drugs and turns to crime to support his habit, and is eventually sent to prison for what appears to be a long sentence. Meanwhile, their mother succumbs to a long illness and dies. Orphaned and with few resources, Najwar struggles to survive. Not wanting to abandon her brother, she decides to stay near to him in London and becomes a maid, first to a relative and then, finding solace in the companionship of the women at a local mosque, she accepts a post to one of the young women there as a nursemaid cum maid of all work, whilst her employer, ironically, studies for a

degree.

Her employer's younger brother Tamer, begins to spend a lot of time with her as she looks after his little nephew. Inevitably, despite their age difference, they start to fall in love. He is a rather serious boy, committed to his religion and gradually Najwar becomes more involved with Islam, starting to pray and wear a scarf. Her conversion becomes her security.

We had hoped that the novel would give us an insight into the Islamic culture and would help us to understand more about the Muslim faith and traditions, but felt that Leila Aboulela skimmed the surface rather and didn't go deep enough. We felt it a brave attempt to describe the differences between the two cultures, but would have liked a little more depth for a very serious subject.

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