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# Village Diary November 2016

Weekly

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

(term time)

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

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

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

(term time) 01582 668841

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

(term time) Ian 01442 864271

Mondays Curtain Call Youth Theatre 5-7.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Gavyn 01525 220525 Curtain Call Theatre Group - 7:30-10:30pm Eaton Bray Village Hall, Sheila -Mondays

sdtwinkletoes@yahoo.co.uk

KFPA ISTD Classical Ballet classes, 3+yrs, 4.15pm, Edlesbrough Memorial Hall, www. Mondays

kfpa.co.uk

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, Tuesdays

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

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

Northall Village Hall, Stacey Richmond 01525 222999/07957 607592

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

01582 620576

Tuesdays Circuit Training - Eaton Bray School Hall - 7:15-8:15pm - Tel: 07969 572153

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

Place, Eaton Bray

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

Egyptian Dance Class, 7.30-8.45pm at Eaton Bray Village Hall, Contact; Soraya on 07976 Wednesdays

964316 for more details

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

Contact Anna on 07854 230243

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

Wednesdays Caterpillars Baby and Toddler Group 10am to 11:30am, Grace Baptist Church, Moor End,

(term time) Edlesborough, £1 per family unit, Frances King 01525 229 610

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

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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 Jazzercise, 9.30-10.30am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Angela Veryard, 01525 715208 KFPA Street dance classes 4+yrs 4pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, www.kfpa.co.uk Thursdays

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

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"Little Luvvies" baby ballet classes 10am-11.30am. Contact Emma Whittemore on 01525 Fridays

(term time) 376124

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

(term time) from the post office) Frances King 01525 229610 illage Diary November 2016

Keep Fit class, Edlesborough Mermorial Hall 10 - 11am Fridays

Stay & Play toddler group, 'Musical Monkeys' at the Eaton Bray Village Hall, 10-Fridays

11.30am, £4.50 for one adult and child, £1 for extra children/adults, 0-6months free Jazzercise, 9.30-10.30am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Angela Veryard, 01525 715208

Saturdays 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

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

**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

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

St. Mary's Church, Eaton Bray Coffee Morning & Plant Sale, 10:30am - 12 noon 1st Saturday

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

2nd Saturday Workshops Dynamic Yoga 9.30-11am £10 Eaton Bray Coffee Tayern, Keira 07936

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Edlesborough Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall 3rd Thursday

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

4th Tuesday The Filling Station, 7:30pm, Bellows Mill

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

**Other Regular Events** 

Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club Meeting, 11.30am-4.30pm, Eaton 6th

Bray Village Hall

11th Leukaemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30am. All

welcome.

12th Cafe Community, 11am-1pm, Eaton Bray Methodist Church

15th Dagnall Over Sixties 2pm in the village hall 28th ELF walk from Eaton Bray Church, 9:30am

One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

12th Poppy Prom, 7:30pm, St Mary's Eaton Bray, £12.50 & £10 Box Office: 01525 222283 19th

St Mary's Christmas Fair, 12noon-3pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 50p admission

24th ELF Coffee Morning, The Coffee Tavern, 10:30am

Steam in Beds Large Scale Narrow Gauge Model railway Show, 10-4.30, Eaton Bray 26th

Village Hall and St Mary's Church Eaton Bray. Adults £5, accompanied children free

Christmas Coffee Morning, 10:30-12:30, All Saints' Dagnall 26th

27th Salvation Army Community Carol Service, 4pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall Tickets £1

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30th Dagnall Christmas Bingo, 7:30pm, Dagnall Village Hall





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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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Typetalk: 18001 01582 473418

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**



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ages can be left on answerphone] 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 a vacancy - 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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# EDLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL WISHES TO THANK

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## Eaton Bray with Edlesborough Parish News

Church Warden & Pastoral Matters: (01525 220527) Reader: Gordon Gray (01525 220136)

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

It's 97 years since Britain first came to a standstill, in 1919, to honour the dead of the First World War and, on Remembrance Sunday, 13th November, we will stand in silence, as we have done in each of the previous years, in memory of the men and women who gave their lives in that and subsequent conflicts around the world. We will use the wonderful words of Laurence Binyon's poetry:

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning

We will remember them."

It is right that we should remember and recall the sacrifice of those killed in war, for many of you reading this will have had family members killed or maimed in one of the World Wars. Remembrance Sunday is held in their memory and for the memory of those from villages like ours; I hope you will purchase a poppy and wear it with pride. Young men from our villages marched innocently to war in 1914 and 1939, proud to serve in defence of those they loved, but they soon experienced the unspeakable horrors of war. This year marked the centenary of some of the most awful battles of the Great War: Jutland, Verdun, the Somme – the very names cause me to shudder.

25 years later the world was at war again and, with merchant vessels mostly deployed to carry armaments, fuel and troops, starvation was rife throughout Europe. In this country the challenge of starvation was met by the 'Dig for Victory' campaign which encouraged people to transform gardens, parks and sports pitches into allotments to grow vegetables. However, in Europe the threat of starvation was met in the most callous ways. A whole race of people, the Jews, was singled out for slaughter so there would be more food for German mouths whilst the German army ruthlessly invaded Russia, slaughtering troops and civilians alike, in order to capture the grain harvests from Ukraine (the bread-basket of Europe). By the end of the war, over 6 million Jews, including 1.5 million children, and 9 million Russians had been systematically murdered.

At the end of the war in 1945 returning troops surely could not have imagined that in every subsequent year members of the British armed forces have fought and been killed on active service overseas nor that the total number of people killed in the wars of the twentieth century would be around 160 million. Warfare didn't come to an end with the turn of the millennium; it is estimated that over 1 million lives have been lost in war since the year 2000.

So on Remembrance Sunday maybe we should also reflect on today's wars; we are told that these will be primarily fought over diminishing natural resources — oil, mineral wealth. water. Just as throughout human history there are those who consider it acceptable to use brutal violence to take what they want from the poor and weak to

satisfy national and corporate greed. As G K Chesterton once wrote "It isn't that they can't see the solution. It is that they can't see the problem."

Jesus was born into a peasant family in a country ravaged and impoverished by occupation of the great empire of his day, Rome - he wouldn't be surprised by today's wars, just dismayed that his teaching had been ignored and distorted. As we remember the fallen dead from the last century we might ask "What is more important today, human greed or human life?"

#### Services at St Mary's Church

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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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I walked around the corner
And someone saw me grin
When he smiled I realised
I had passed it on to him
I thought about the smile
And then realised its worth
A single smile like mine
Could travel round the earth
So if you feel a smile begin
Don't leave it undetected
Start an epidemic
And get the world infected.







# 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 5th September 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

#### **Eaton Bray Cricket Club**

Eaton Bray Parish Council would like to congratulate Eaton Bray Cricket Club on winning the 1st Division and the 2nd team getting promotion to Division 5 of Four Counties Cricket League. As recognition of this achievement the Parish Council will be flying the Eaton Bray Cricket flag at the three corners for a week as a celebration of their success. A full report can be found on the Eaton Bray Website and facebook page.

#### 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 on to a member of the Steering Group.



#### 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.

#### Felling/Trimming Trees On Parish Council Land

In line with procedures set out by Central Bedfordshire Council, it is the Parish Council's policy NOT to top, lop or fell otherwise healthy trees that would otherwise need no maintenance to alleviate problems such as the build of leaves, seeds, berries or other minor debris on a neighbouring property to ... allow more light to a property, where the trees in question would not otherwise require any surgery, improve television or satellite reception, prevent roots entering already broken pipes. If a tree/hedge does not have birds nesting or if a tree does not have a tree preservation order, we can only work on it if there is a health and safety risk or the tree is diseased. However, residents are entitled under law to cut back to the boundary line any branches/hedging overhanging their property line.

#### **Unauthorised Advertising**

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

Parish Council Meeting Date: Held in The Coffee Tavern (1st floor) Monday 7th November 2016 from 7:30pm



Heidi Head, Parish Clerk & RFO

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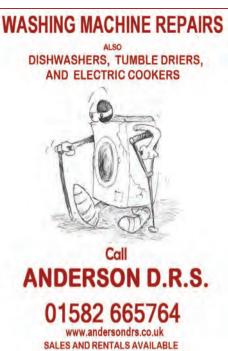
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## Edlesborough Parish Neighbourhood Plan Q & As

Why are we developing a Neighbourhood Plan? A Neighbourhood Plan gives us the opportunity to influence the developments in the parish over the next 15 years or so. If we get approval it will guide the planning authorities on future applications by developers. It will help to protect us from opportunistic developments until 2033.

Who decided how many houses we have to build? AVDC (Aylesbury Vale District Council) is in the process of getting their overall local plan approved. In that plan they have laid out the housing numbers required of the towns and villages in the district. The Draft Vale of Aylesbury Plan (VALP) was published for consultation from 7th July 2016 and residents of AVDC were invited to submit their views on the plan. Consultation on the plan closed on 5th September 2016.

**How many houses do we have to build?** The village of Edlesborough is classified in VALP as a 'large' village and has an allocation of 164 houses. Dwellings built since 2013 and any sites that already have planning permission form part of the 164 target.

Can we plan for less than the target number? No, if our plan has less that the target number then it will be rejected by AVDC and the Government Inspector. To get our plan approved we must comply with the requirements of VALP. This should ensure that we have a cap on the number of houses to be built until 2033.

Why can't Dagnall and Northall take some of the housing allocation from Edlesborough? Apart from the fact that Dagnall is Green Belt, it and Northall have been categorised in VALP as 'small' villages with few facilities and are not deemed as sustainable as Edlesborough. Allocating more houses in Northall and Dagnall than required by VALP would not reduce the allocation for Edlesborough. Each individual settlement is considered separately, not the Parish as a whole.

Why don't we put the new houses on sites such as the old RAF site or adjacent to the houses on the Tring Road? Firstly, the RAF site is in an AONB. It was probably there before AONB and Green Belt were introduced. Also there are no services there and the assessment for new houses is based on key sustainability criteria contained in VALP. This also applies to any existing houses outside the existing main village settlements. One key factor in planning is a requirement that new developments are contiguous with existing housing in the village to prevent sprawl.

Can we refuse to comply with VALP? Yes, but then we will not have a Neighbourhood Plan that can protect us. Your Parish Council decided that getting a Neighbourhood Plan approved is the best course of action for our parish. The Plan should enable us to limit the numbers and influence the types on new homes to be built in the parish.

**How does the plan get approved?** We will submit our plan to AVDC for approval. If they approve it an independent Government Inspector has to approve it. Finally, the plan will be put to our parish residents on the Electoral Register to vote Yes or No. A simple majority of those who vote is needed.

What happens if the majority vote NO? In that event we might have a chance for a further attempt to get an approved plan but it is unlikely. In the event of a NO majority, the protections provided by a Neighbourhood Plan will not apply and developers can continue to apply for new developments with most of the normal protections removed.

AVDC will then decide how many and where developments in our parish will take place. It is likely they will allocate more housing.

What is the next step? The Steering Group expects to publish a draft plan in November. It will be available on the parish website and we will deliver a summary to each household. There will be a six-week consultation process for feedback from parishioners and other statutory bodies. We will publicise when the draft plan is available.

Where can I get more information in the meantime? Many more Q and A's together with detailed current proposals are available on the parish website in the Neighbourhood Plan section under Planning.

www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk

What if I have questions other than those on the website? Please send your questions to the clerk Penny Pataky clerk@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk We will attempt to answer them as soon as possible.

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## Eaton Bray Methodist Church

Our first September service was led by a new visiting preacher,

Stephen Poxon. His sermon, based on the story of the runaway slave in Philemon, was an inspiring reminder of God's wonderful love and forgiveness; God welcomes us back with open arms when we have drifted away and become lost. On the second Sunday. Belinda Freeman ran our cafe service with her usual zest and joy. She helped us to think about ensuring the presence of God in our mundane routines and rooting ourselves in his service on a daily basis. We welcomed Rev Wallace Edwards back for our Communion Service on the third Sunday. He gave us a typically thoughtful sermon, asking us to be zealous in serving the Lord. The month closed with a delightful Harvest Festival in a church decked gloriously with glorious flowers and fruit. It was a special day for more than one reason; our new Minister, Rev Nigel Bibbings and his wife, Elizabeth, a lay preacher, took their first service in our church, celebrating God's bountiful harvest in all walks of human activity and reminding us that, in a world obsessed with immediate results, God's timescale and pace may often be very different from our own. The service was followed by a delicious lunch shared with many friends from other local churches. October opened with a very interesting service led by one of our members, Keith Blackburn. It celebrated the life of Isaac Watts, a fine 18th Century hymn writer who gave us many memorable hymns, based on the psalms. One of the most famous is 'Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

#### **Dates for your Diary:**

Cafe Community

#### Saturday 12th November 11am - 1pm

There will be a craft stall with handiwork.

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

Coffee Morning with Craft Stall

Saturday 3rd December 10am – 12 noon

# Further objection to planning application in Slicketts Lane sent to AUDC

1 MANOR FARM CLOSE, EDLESBOROUGH, BEDS, LU6 2HZ. 5th October 2016.

Dear Ms Harris,

Re Proposed development of 10 houses at 5 Slicketts Lane, Edlesborough, Reference Code - 16/02821/AOP,

I would like to draw your attention to the well-established Badger set at No 5 Slicketts Lane. The set has visible entry and exit chambers to the right of the property on the edge of the join of Mr Leary's land to the field directly to the right of his property.

The sett has been active for many years with regular sightings and nocturnal visits to neighbouring gardens. There are more chambers running along the perimeter of Mr Leary's garden at the back. These are, at present, well hidden by vegetation, bushes and scrub but, of course, are totally exposed and vulnerable once earth movers and heavy equipment start their work.

On your website regarding the proposed building, you mention that environmental surveys have been carried out with suggestions that bat boxes and bird boxes are installed into the finished development....but, mysteriously, no mention of badgers.

I have contacted the Badger Trust and the Beds Wildlife Trust on the matter and of course, I do not need to remind you that any damage, interference or blocking access to a badger sett, is illegal under the 1992 Protection of Badgers, and will result in prosecution.

I will be interested to hear your comments and to see what steps you will be taking to protect this sett.

yours sincerely.

Sue Loch (Mrs.)

#### St Mary's 100 Club

The October draw for St Mary's 100 Club was made by some of those who attended this month's coffee morning in the church.

The lucky prize-winners are:

1st	No. 117	Jennifer Maxwell	£59.00
2nd	No. 66	lain Stubbs	£35.40
3rd	No. 108	Abigail Newbiggin	£23.60

One of those lucky winners doesn't live in our villages, but is a relative of someone who does. It's dawned on me that a year's subscription might make an ideal gift (such as birthday present) for someone dear to you – and who knows, they could end up with a small windfall!

If you'd like to make such a gift, or join the fun yourself (for just £2 per month), then please contact me (Gary Freeman) for an application form – gary@old-wrestlers. demon.co.uk

Good Luck!!



## lieirloom: Edlesborough's new cafe

If good coffee is a given, what more should a good cafe provide?

Adeline and Scott found themselves asking this very question a few months ago when they decided to take over the village cafe in Edlesborough. With over a decade's experience in speciality coffee, there's no doubt that good coffee would be high on the list, but what else is important to a local family wanting to add their mark to the community?



Having moved to Edlesborough three years ago and now with two young children, Adeline & Scott have been enjoying all aspects of village life, but have longed for a place to enjoy a moment of calm with a cup of coffee, good food, and good friends. The couple own Weanie Beans, a speciality coffee roastery in North London, from where they supply an abundance of restaurants and cafes across the UK with coffee and their house made hot chocolates - but still, they wondered, what more can they bring to the community than great coffee?

With their knowledge and experience of cafe culture and their passion for raising a family in our picturesque neighbourhood, they have chosen to open Heirloom, the new village cafe in Edlesborough.



So, what is Heirloom? First and foremost, Heirloom is a variety of coffee from Ethiopia, from which all coffee stems from. Heirloom is also an old plant variety cultivated again and again, or a family possession handed down from generation to generation. The various definitions of Heirloom display the framework of the cafe; from developing a lasting business to their background in speciality coffee.

With the couple's strong advocacy for ethically sourced ingredients, Heirloom will showcase and support local producers, serve direct traded coffee, hand roasted at their roastery, and provide fresh seasonal food whilst being socially responsible.

Heirloom will be a hub for local residents and long travelled visitors alike. As the long evenings draw in, expect a selection of autumnal salads, warming soups, slow-cooked stews and other comforting homemade foods to keep you fuelled during the day. With

extended opening hours, you'll be able to get your coffee before work, as well as enjoying a cosy cuppa in the evening before settling in on the sofa.

The impact of a local cafe goes beyond a quick coffee, a room to chat or a space to work. The couple are hoping to create a warm social hub for everyone, welcoming couples, individuals and families alike.

#### Eaton Bray Cricket Club 100 Club Winners October 2016

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Eaton Bray Cricket Club is kindly sponsored by Meadow Marquees, Houghton Insurance & Giblin Property.



## **Edlesborough Parish Council News**

Including Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall

#### Report It

Have an issue, complaint or feedback? Not sure where to report it. This handy guide will help.

#### **Edlesborough Parish Council**

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- Streetlights in Edlesborough, Dagnall & Northall
- Edlesborough Cemetery
- Edlesborough Green
- Edlesborough Green Play Area
- Grass cutting within the 30mph limit
- Allotments

#### **Bucks County Council**

http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/about-your-council/do-it-online/report-it/

01296 395000/0845 3708090

- Potholes
- Pavement problems/defects
- Other highway issues such as road markings, road surface, bollards, etc.
- Grass cutting outside the 30mph limit
- Rights of Way

#### AVDC

https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/ 01296 585858

- Missed bin collection
- Fly tipping
- Street names
- Planning: applications, breaches, issues
- Anti-social behaviour
- Dog fouling or dog bin emptying
- Safe Guarding Children
- Dead Animals on the road side

#### **Thames Valley Police**

Emergency – 999 Non-emergency – 101

http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/contactus.htm Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall are covered by **Thames Valley Police** should you need to contact the police please ensure you ask for TVP.

- Crime
- · Vandalism
- Road safety including parking issues
- Missing person

#### **Thames Valley Police Report**

PCSO Jackie Dodson attended the September EPC meeting and reported the following information:

- One theft of a vehicle in Edlesborough.
- One theft of a motorbike in Dagnall.
- One domestic dwelling burglary in Edlesborough.
- One incident of anti-social behaviour in Edlesborough.
- One Road Traffic Collision in Northall.

#### **New Defibrillators**

EPC can now confirm that thanks to donations from St Mary's Village Carnival Committee and the Burghope Trust two new defibrillators have been installed in the Parish. This means that each village now has a defibrillator. These are located at Edlesborough Memorial Hall in Edlesborough, The Red Lion PH in Dagnall and The Swan PH in Northall. To access the unit please phone 999. You will be given the access code and the location of the box will be confirmed. The defibrillator is easy and safe to use.

#### Streetlights

If you notice a failed streetlight in Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall please report this to the Clerk for repair. We are currently working hard to ensure all 143 streetlights are labelled with reporting information. When making a report please ensure you are a specific as possible about the location.

#### Edlesborough Green Roundabout

At the time of writing this report the roundabout on Edlesborough Green is still currently out of use. EPC have investigated and discussed both repair and replacement options at length and have agreed to further investigate giving the unit a major overhaul. EPC understands that many children are disappointed that the unit is still unusable however this is due to health and safety implications.

EPC hope to rectify this situation as soon as possible.

#### Benches on Edlesborough Green

Many of the benches on Edlesborough Green are donated by relatives in memory of loved ones.

Anyone wishing to sponsor the refurbishment of an existing bench should contact the Clerk to discuss the matter.

#### Neighbourhood Plan

Work continues on the Neighbourhood Plan, this plan is vital to help protect the parish against opportunistic developments until 2033. AVDC are in the process of getting their overall local plan approved. In that plan they have laid out the housing numbers required of the towns and villages in the district. More information is available in a separate article in this edition of Focus.

#### White Lines & Speed Roundels

EPC continue to press TfB for the promised repainting of the road markings and replacement of the cats eyes at the junctions of Ivinghoe Way, Pebblemoor and the Leighton Road (A4146).

TfB have confirmed that a works order has been raised for the repainting of the 30mph roundels through Northall. If you notice any other road markings in need of repainting please report those to Bucks CC (see the information at the start of this article).

#### Think Before You Park

Parking in the Parish continues to be an issue EPC ask all drivers to **Think Before You Park** Ask yourself:

- Does my parking prevent any of the following using the pavement:
  - A pedestrian
  - · Awheelchair
  - · Apushchair
- Does my parking block an emergency vehicles access?
- Does my parking damage the pavement or grass verge?
- Does my paring obstruct other road user's view?

If the answer to any of these questions is YES please find somewhere else to park.

#### **Allotments**

Edlesborough Parish Council currently has vacant allotments. Anyone wishing to take on an allotment should contact the Parish Clerk. Fees are £2 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.

#### **Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings**

The next Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings will take place as follows

Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 17th November 2016

Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 15th December 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:**

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# Eaton Bray Good \_\_

Since our launch the scheme has been running successfully and gathering momentum. In July and August volunteers were able to do 26 jobs for local residents and the number doubled in September. Neighbours residents and the number doubled in September.

The majority of services provided were transport,

particularly to hospitals, doctors and dentists but we

were also able to help out with gardening, dog-walking, visits to the library, moving small items of furniture and small household jobs, usually for people who were ill or recovering from medical treatment. In addition there have been several requests for befriending and we are looking at ways in which we can best develop this.

In September three members of the Committee attended the South Beds Village Care Schemes Local Network Meeting, where they were able to meet representatives from several other Good Neighbours groups and gain ideas and guidance from teams who have much more experience. It was an inspiring event which has given us useful pointers on the way forward.

#### St Mary the Virgin Eaton Bray: Toilet Twinnings



In August a special coffee morning was organised in church to raise funds and twin our newly built toilet with another one to enable people living in poor communities to have clean water, basic toilet, and to learn about hygiene - a vital combination that

helps end generational poverty. 1 in 3 people worldwide don't have a toilet.

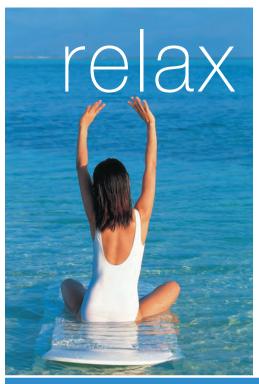
The result was stunning so the PCC decided to offer the funds raised for one of the toilets to each of the school in our parish: Eaton Bray Academy, Edlesborough School and Dagnall CoE School for them to be able to twin with a country of their choice. Contacts were made and on September 28th a full assembly at Eaton Bray Academy welcomed





The Eaton Bray Church toilet by John Hockey

the initiative. On October 5th followed Edlesborough KS2 children who were mesmerised and very thankful and Dagnall whole school who learnt the word "poverty". The children responded with excitement and keen interest to the fates of their peers in Africa when they saw the videos. They asked many pertinent questions underlying genuine generosity and sharing. They were made to reflect on the message: "Help flush away poverty", "Poverty stinks", "Wipe out poverty" for instance. They were given stickers and posters to keep as they reflected further with their teachers on the meaning of this twinning. Watch that space and do not forget that November 19th is World Toilet Day. It is also Eaton Bray Christmas Fayre in the Village hall, meet vou all there.



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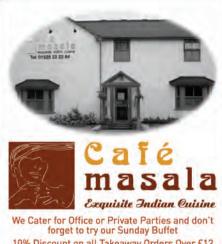


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## Eaton Bray W.I.

At our October meeting we welcomed Wendy Austin who gave us an extremely interesting, illustrated talk on Ashridge

House and the part the Brownlow family Starting life as a played in the Estate. monastery in 1283, Ashridge House was saved during the Dissolution of the Monastries by Henry VIII. He favoured the area as a hunting ground. Ashridge House was bequeathed to Elizabeth I and eventually purchased by Sir Thomas Egerton. Various cousins inherited the Estate down the centuries, culminating in the Brownlow family headed by 1st Earl Brownlow inheriting the Estate in the 19th century. In 1928 Urdan Boughton bought the house and presented it to the Conservative Party when it became the Andrew Bonar Law College. The Management College has now been taken over by an American Corporation. The talk was followed by the notices. Several sympathy cards had been received from

other WI's since we had lost our dear friend and member Dorothy Bradbury. She will be greatly missed by Eaton Bray WI.

The Christmas Appeal would be to Emmaus this year, as well as the usual Salvation Army donations.

Members will vote for Resolutions on 30 November, for those to be presented at the 2017 AGM.

The next meeting of Eaton Bray WI will be on Monday 7th November when Graham Harrison will talk on Poisons for Medicine.

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.

## **Macmillan Coffee Morning**



Sue and David Cawdell would like to thank everyone who supported their Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 30th September 2016.

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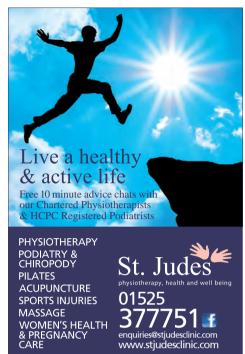


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#### New Methodist Minister... Let me Introduce Myself

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this I will be moving into my third month as minister at Eaton Bray and Edlesborough Methodist Churches and Methodist minister at All Saints' Dagnall.

As a family (that's myself, Elisabeth my wife and Jonathan our son) we are delighted to find ourselves in this beautiful part of the country and serving among you (though we live in Toddington).

Thomas Hood's beautifully descriptive but rather disheartening poem 'November in England' ends like this

"No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,

No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds – November!"

My step mother however loves November because, as she says, there is not much more she can do in the garden and so she can come into the warmth and snuggle down with a good book or some sewing. In addition, of course, it is the important month of Remembrance as well as fireworks and bonfires!

I find it difficult to share her enthusiasm and can find November a difficult month as the days shorten and winter's chill begins to set in.

Sadly there are many things that could 'get us down' – war and its human consequences as so many are killed or flee for their lives, injustice, poverty, hunger, crime, dishonesty, greed, and a world in which standards seem to have been swept aside – in which many individuals seem to think that they can simply do as they like without regard for others. However, not all is gloom and doom. God, our creator has placed us in a wonderful, beautiful world filled with everything necessary for human happiness and flourishing, for all his children.

God, in Christ, has given us a glimpse of what can be – a world filled with love, beauty, mercy and peace and through the power of his risen son, Jesus, we shall build God's Kingdom here.

With these thoughts in mind perhaps we could add a stanza to Thomas Hood's poem to reveal the world that can and will be:-

No fear, no foe, No tear, no woe,
No hate, no war,
No shop door beds, no wino's breath.

No starvation any more,
No use for guns or prison cell
No lack of love, no addicts hell,
No silent church nor empty pew,

No need for drugs or needle's scar. For God's sure promise – will come true

No selfish pride, no colour bar, One November.

As November closes we begin to look forward to the fulfilment of God's promise on Advent Sunday as we learn again to wait for the coming of the light of Christ among us – Emmanuel, God with us.

Have a peaceful and grace-filled November.





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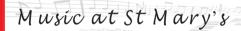


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## Christmas 2016 in Dagnall

Friday 2nd December Father Christmas around the Village, 6.30pm Father Christmas Switches on the Village Hall Lights, 7.30pm



### Other Christmas Events in Dagnall

Christmas coffee morning at the church Saturday 26th November - 10.30am

Christmas Bingo, Weds 2nd December - 7.30pm

Christmas Fair, Säturday 3rd December - 1pm

Dagnall Children's Party

Sunday 4th December (Dagnall children only)

Carol Concert, Sunday\*11th December - 2:30pm

Dagnall Over 60s Party (Members only)
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decorated house competition Saturday 17th December

Carol service at the church sunday 18th December 3pm



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#### LOCAL HERALDRY

In this new series, John Hockey takes a look at local heraldry and attempts to explain the meaning of the various symbols found.

If you have ever been in a church with monuments, or a pub called the Red Lion (or better still the Bridgewater Arms), then you have embraced heraldry directly!

To me the world of heraldry is fascinating and I am grateful to be able to share some of it with vou. Where better to start than the church on the hill in Edlesborough?

#### KEMPE'S WHEATSHEAF

In the lower left hand corner of a stained glass window on the south wall of St Mary's church, Edlesborough, there is a small golden wheatsheaf or 'garb' tucked away almost out of view. This was the trademark of Victorian stained glass designer Charles Eamer\* Kempe (1837 - 1907). Many craftsmen chose a symbol that had some meaning to them as their

> signature and in this case, the wheatsheaf was taken directly from Kempe's personal coat of arms. Heraldic descriptions can seem complicated but they're not

really. The full blazon or description of Kempe's shield from which the wheatsheaf is taken is as follows: Gules, three garbs Or, on a bordure engrailed of the second,

eight hurts. i.e. the background is red (Gules), the wheatsheafs are golden (Or) and on a spiky (engrailed) gold border there are eight blue roundels (hurts). So the inconspicuous wheatsheaf

Kempe's coat of arms relates directly to

his own shield and is intimately linked to his family's status and his place in society a very personal signature.

You may sometimes see a black tower accompanying the golden wheatsheaf and this relates to Walter Towers who was a cousin of Kempe and became chairman of the company of C E Kempe & Co., after Charles' death in 1907.

\*Eamer was Charles Kempe's mother's maiden name

Next month: The Bray family



The arms from a book published in 1905





Kempe's wheatsheaf at St. Mary's Edlesborough

#### **Roy Dean**

Doreen Dean wishes to thank all friends and neighbours for their kindness and help, their cards and telephone calls following the death of her husband Roy. Her will be remembered with great affection.



#### All Saints Church, Dagnell Services in November 2016

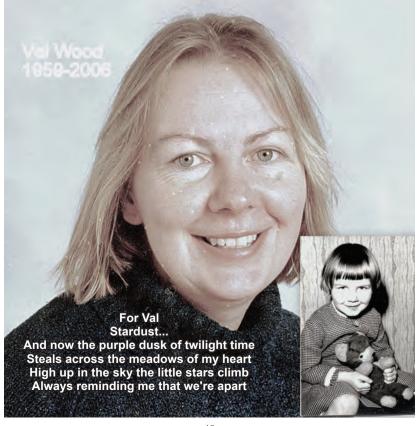
Sun. 6th Nov 10.30 am United Service for the Festival of all Saints

Sun. 13th Nov 10.30 am Morning Service
Sun. 20th Nov. 10.30 am Family Communion
Sun. 27th Nov 10.30 am Family Service

Sun. 4th Dec. 9.00 am Eucharist

10.30 am Morning Service

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#### 'Carols by Candlelight'



Saturday 17th December @ 3.00 p.m. Join us - for a feast of carols, mince pies and mulled wine at our magnificent Church on the Hill, Edlesborough

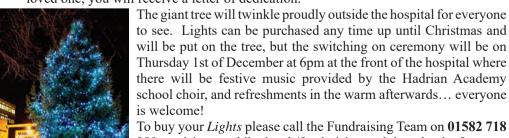


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## the WI INSPIRING WOMEN

#### Edlesborough W.I.

September was a special month for the Edlesborough WI because

we had two events. The first was a coach outing to the annual RHS Gardens and Flower Show at Wisley, near Woking in Surrey, where we were able to admire the Royal Horticultural Society's spectacular grounds and the National Dahlia Show, which included the viewing of the 100 flower exhibits, 55 nurseries and 21tradestands, selling a wide spectrum of plants and gardening products. There was also an interesting sculpture display exhibited by the Surrey Sculpture Society. The grounds were once part of the 60 acre Wisley estate which was given to the RHS in 1903 and these 60 acres have changed and been developed enormously since then. The aim of the RHS

and Wisley is "To enrich everyone's life through plants and make the UK a greener and more beautiful place". One of the RHS's famous campaigns is the 'Britain in Bloom'.

The second event was our meeting which was held in the Memorial Hall on 13th September, when Lynn Grocock from the All Saints Apiary, Leighton Buzzard, spoke about honey bees and the apiary. It was six years to the day of our WI Meeting that Lynn first attended a course organised by the BBKA (Bedfordshire Bee Keepers Association) which she found to be very good and led to an amazing hobby. Lynn thought she had solved the problem of where to keep her bee hives; in her garden, which was once a quarry. However, the BBKA pointed out to Lynn that this was not a good idea for the bees and so she had to look elsewhere for a suitable home and this she found in the churchyard of All Saints Church, Leighton Buzzard, having asked for permission. Consequently,

people joined Lynne in becoming interested in keeping bees in the churchyard and they became known as the 'Bee Team' and they spent the following year raising funds, attending BBKA courses and digging/tidying the grounds. Lynn also found it invaluable that the 'Bee Team' had a mentor from the BBKA giving them guidance and support during that initial first year.

Lynn's enthusiasm for her bees shone out during her talk which included the history of bee keeping and numerous 'bee' facts. Monies raised from the All Saints Apiary are donated to the All Saints coffee shop, "Bees in Africa" and "Bees in Research".

#### **Brass Band Instrument Players**



The Salvation Army in Eaton Bray is to hold a Community Carol Concert in Eaton Bray Village Hall on Sunday 27 November. It is hoped that a

## **Community Brass Band**

can be formed to take part in the concert.

The initial performance will be quite simple and not overly demanding but our hope is that the band will develop and become a regular feature in the community. No religious connections are required. Everyone welcome whatever age or ability.

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Hello Everyone,

The year is passing very quickly, blossoms are fading but the recent good weather has helped to provide beautiful colours. Autumn will soon be here and hopefully it will bring us more gorgeous colours.

Marbled Meats of Northall

Mead Open Farm

The lunch out at The Ship Inn, Leighton Buzzard on September 22nd was well attended and all those present enjoyed the venue and meal.

Unfortunately, the planned visit to The Gaydon Motor Museum did not take place and was a disappointment for the members who would have liked to have gone.

Brian F. led the walk, in fine weather on September 26th. The group started from The Wyevale Garden Centre in Great Gaddesden and walked along the Gade Valley, then through woods to Potten End passing Boxted Farm and

crossing fields towards St Margarets to return to the start. The distance covered was 4½ miles and the group enjoyed refreshments at the end. Thanks go to Brian F for arranging the walk. They would be very pleased to see more people joining them, especially women. The walkers meet at Eaton Bray Church at 09.30 on the 4th Monday in the Month. The walks are usually fairly easy and at a leisurely pace between 3½ and 4½ miles.

Arrangements are well in hand for our visit to Milton Keynes Museum on October 20th.

Please come to our meeting at the Coffee Tavern on November 24th for refreshments and join in the leisurely conversations and discussions on our future proposed outings. All are welcome.

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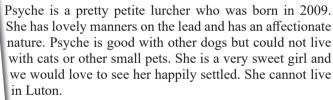
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#### **Dagnall Over Sixties**

Dagnall Over Sixties enjoyed a delicious lunch of Sausage and Mash followed by an entertainment from a group of Ukelele players who belong to U3A on 18th Oct. On November 15th Brian and Rosemary Holt will be giving a presentation with

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The Xmas meal is on the 20th December at 1.30 in the village hall followed by carols and presents.

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#### Children at Eaton Bray Academy get a Special Message from Gold Medallists Andy Murray & Gordon Reid

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These first few words spoken by Andy Murray surprised the 28 children who were invited to visit the National Tennis Centre at Roehampton

in London.

Back in June, children in year 6 entered a competition to write motivational speeches to inspire tennis team GB, who were getting ready for

Rio 2016 Olympics and Paralympics games. From a staggering 680 entries sent in by 50 different primary schools, Nathaniel's recorded speech 'Believe' was the overall competition winner. His speech was delivered to the Olympic and Paralympic Tennis teams before the games. Also posters with the speech

were displayed in the changing rooms for the athletes to read.

As a reward the entire class who had written a speech were invited to visit the National Tennis Centre at Roehampton, where Britain's elite tennis players train. At the start of the visit the children were given a guided tour of the incredible training facilities at Roehampton. There was real excitement when the children ran down the running track used by Andy Murray and other tennis stars as part of







**Believe** that there is power and strength within you to achieve the impossible. A great attitude is everything. Everyone knows that you are all born winners and history its self will remember you. You represent an entire nation; if you win, we are all winners.

#### Believe.

**Believe** that you own the court. You are the warriors of this sport. In doubles, you co-operate; in singles, you dominate. You have a whole nation behind you. Have courage, Remember, you can if you think you can.

**Believe. Believe** in the nation, **Believe** in your team. **Believe** in your coaches. But most of all, **believe** in yourself.

#### Believe.

Good luck Team GB. Make Great Britain proud.

their warm up. The children were then put through their paces by elite national tennis coaches who delivered a demanding two hour training session for them.

Finally, the real treat came when the children watched a video of our GB tennis heroes and to their amazement Nathaniel's speech was used as background track to a video: it ended with a special message from Gordon Reid our tennis Gold medallist Paralympic star and Gold Medallist Andy Murray. Both of them took some time out to thank all the children from Eaton Bray who entered the competition, with a special thanks to Nathaniel for a hugely inspirational speech. This was totally unexpected and a real surprise.

The children and the accompanying staff had the most inspirational day and felt it was a massive privilege to be given this opportunity.

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The World's Biggest Coffee Morning held in St Mary's Church on Friday September 30th was our most successful to date and I would like to thank everyone who supported in any way. I would like to especially thank the magnificent team of helpers who made it happen, and everyone who contributed to the success of this event by joining us on the day.



Willing helpers on the cake stall

Also many thanks for all the donations of cakes, books, raffle prizes etc.



The total raised was £1,000, a truly amazing figure and this demonstrates real charitable support in our villages. Edna Moore would also like to give a personal thanks to all those who gave donations to the cake stall, which raised the amazing total of £430. This brings the figure raised for Macmillan in this way to £5000 in the seven years since St Mary's Church first hosted a World's Biggest Coffee Morning We are very grateful and this will be put to very good use to try to ensure that no-one should face Cancer alone.

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#### St Mary's Ladies Guild

Deirdrea welcomed the ladies to the September meeting.

The devotions were read by Thelma, who was then presented with a plant and card to say thank you for preparing the devotions for many years, which had been greatly appreciated. Two of the members had been in hospital and they were remembered.

It was a great shock to everyone, to hear of the sudden death of Dorothy Bradbury, a well loved and vibrant person, who had supported the Guild in all that they had undertaken. She will be missed in so many ways.

Members were asked if they could bring a gift to the next meeting in readiness for the November Fair.

It was suggested that the Christmas meal be given a very warm welcome.

be held at the Bridgewater Arms again.

Joan Fossey offered to take on the sending of cards for birthdays and other occasions. Deirdrea then introduced the speaker Zena Dickenson who spoke on Luton Hoo Past and Present. Having worked there for over 31 years, she gave many interesting details on all the various owners and the changes made. June Thorne gave the vote of thanks.

Social time followed with a tea prepared by the committee and a raffle.

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm, where we have a speaker or demonstrator, followed by afternoon tea and a raffle.

Please come and join us, where you will be given a very warm welcome.

## Chocolate Truffled Meringues

I often say to my listeners "did I ever mention that I lived in France for 10 years?" and I can hear the communal groan go up as I do so! So yes, I probably did mention it and yes, I did live in Lille for the best part of the decade. Of course one of the things I loved about France was the food. My local bakery used to make something called a "Merveilleux", literally translated as a "Marvellous", and I would treat myself to one on a regular basis. Two big domed meringues, glued together with chocolate, rolled in chocolate and covered in, well, more chocolate. So when pastry chef Diana Woo, who runs the Délices Patisserie and Bakery in Bedford town centre, came on my show, I could not resist asking her to make a version of this favourite of mine. And she certainly didn't disappoint. Perfect light meringues, naughty chocolate filling - and very pretty to boot. Make these a treat for family and friends...

#### For the meringues

180g egg whites (about 6) 375g sugar For the ganache 50g whipping cream 100g milk

#### 350 dark chocolate For the decoration

150g chocolate sprinkles

Preheat your oven to 120C/ Gas Mark 1/2

Whisk the egg whites at a medium-high speed with 100g of sugar. When the egg whites become really firm, sprinkle in the rest of the sugar and keep on whisking.

Pipe the meringues into quite large half sphere shapes (around 5cm wide) on parchment paper on baking trays.

Bake for 1 hour in the oven, with the door slightly open (you can use a wooden spoon to keep it ajar).

When the meringues are cold, gouge a small



part of the meringue out from the bottom. Set the meringues aside.

Now make the ganache. Put the milk and the cream into a pan. Bring to the boil. Once boiling, pour the liquid onto the chocolate.

Wait two minutes for the chocolate to melt, then use a whisk to mix well. Cover with a plastic film and put aside to cool.

With a spoon, put some ganache into holes that you made in the half-meringues. Spread some more ganache around the bases and stick the two halves together to make a big ball.

With a brush, coat the outside of the sphere with some ganache then roll it into chocolate sprinkles or desiccated coconut (or anything flaky!) to coat it.

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#### The Magic of Motown

Friday 4 November 8pm, Tickets: £27/ £24.50 - concession, Friend and group tickets available

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#### The Entertainer – Encore Screening

Sunday 6 November 2pm, Tickets: £15 – concession and Friend tickets available

The Kenneth Branagh Theatre Company perform John Osborne's modern classic, conjuring the seedy glamour of the old music halls for an explosive examination of public masks and private torment. Kenneth Branagh stars as Archie Rice.

#### Isle of Woman

Tuesday 8 November 7.30pm, Tickets: £15 – concession tickets available

Think Joan Rivers meets the Andrews Sisters or Fascinating Aida with a hint of 40s close harmony. Starring Nicole Faraday (Bad Girls, Emmerdale), the show is a mix of raucous, sharp and witty comedy anthems, heartfelt songs and relaxed honest chat, expressing real women's views on many topics from dating to career, politics, relationships, feminism and single parenthood; all seen from 3 very separate female standpoints.

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#### **A-Stars Dance Show 2016**

Sunday 13 November 12pm & 5.30pm, £9 - concession and group tickets available

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#### **Shakespeare Schools Festival**

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Thursday 17 November 8pm, Tickets: £12.50/£15, Age 18+

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Friday 18 November 7.30pm, Tickets: £25/£20 concession and Friend tickets available, 18+

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#### Adventure of a Lifetime

Saturday 19 November 2.30pm, Tickets: £12

A community performance presented by NKB School of Dance, celebrating their 15th anniversary. A fantastic afternoon for all the family, showcasing just some of the outstanding work from this well-established local dance school, supported by Tina's School of Dance and Herlihy Burgoine School of Irish Dance.

#### Les Contes D'Hoffmann - Encore Screening

Sunday 20 November 2pm, Tickets: £15 – concession and Friend tickets available Created by Academy Award-winning film director John Schlesinger, this production brings alive a 19th century world of romance, comedy, mystery and menace from the vivid imagination of the drunken Romantic poet Hoffmann.



#### Living With Luke

Thursday 24 November 7.30pm, Tickets: £14, Age 14+

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Friday 25 November 7.30pm, Tickets: £15 until 7 October 2016

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#### The Salvation Army: Christmas at the Grove

Sunday 27 November 6pm, Tickets: Adults £!0/ Children £5

A community performance by three local schools and a local dance company, as well as Salvation Army members offering music, drama and dance in The Salvation Army's 10th annual carol concert.

#### **Jackson Live**

Wednesday 30 November 7.30pm, Tickets: £21/£18—concession tickets available Long-time fan and hugely talented Ben, recreates the Michael Jackson experience with stunning renditions of his favourite songs. Joined on stage by his incredible band and dancers, Ben is the UK's most accurate and exciting tribute to the King of Pop.



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Continuing our article from the July 2016 issue

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## Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

## Weather Conditions for September 2016

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

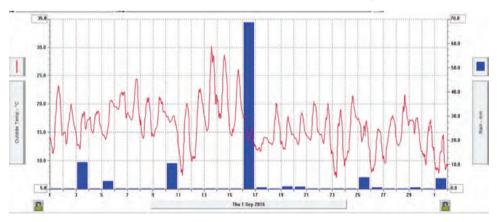
September was a month of records. Temperature: much warmer than normal reaching a high of 30.3°c on 13th and the month's "Mean Temperature" of 16.2°c was 3.8°c higher than last year. In weather terms that's a massive amount.

Sun: more hours of sun than an average September. Rain: In the South East area it was a dry month but here in Dagnall that was a different story. On the morning of the 16th we experienced a torrential downpour starting around 06.30 lasting about 1½ hours during this time we had 53.8mm (2.118 ins) of rain. At its heaviest we recorded a rain rate of 151.6 mm (5.969 ins) per hour, the drainage in the village could not cope with this which caused the roads to flood.

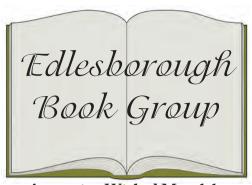
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Humidity: 97%		9 Sept 16.30	49%	5 Sept 15.30	
Barometer:	1023.8mb	23 Sept 14.30	106.3mb	8 Sept 07.00	
Wind Speed	31 mph SSW	23 Sept 18.30	Months avg.	4.3 mph	
Wind Chill:	31.1°c	13 Sept 14.00	7.1°c	23 Sept 08.00	
Dominant Wind:	W				
*Rain Days: 12(T), 12(F	R) Wet	test Day 16 Sept	68.61mm	2.701 ins	
Monthly Rain:	Total	Sept 2016	101.2	3.984 ins	
Yearly Rain: Total		9 Month	574.5 mm	22.658 ins	

### September 2016

Plot shows the large amount of rain on the 16th and the high temperature on the 13th



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### August is a Wicked Month by Edna O'Brien

When some of our members, having read The Country Girls trilogy, suggested that we choose a novel by Edna O'Brien for a late summer read, this book seemed the obvious choice. We knew a little about Edna O'Brien; that she was Irish, convent educated and that her books at first were considered quite shocking and were banned for some time in Ireland. Since then she has attained international acclaim and won many literary prizes. This, her fourth novel was published in 1965 and when reading it, one has to remember that the moral climate at that time was quite different from today.

At the beginning of August is a Wicked Month, we meet Ellen Sage, who has been separated from her husband for two years. She lives with her small son in the family home and her husband visits regularly. She helps her son and his father get ready to go on a camping trip together and when they are gone, she muses on how lonely and frustrated she has become and how she misses the companionship and intimacy of marriage. An unfortunate experience with a virtual stranger, a man she has met briefly, leaves her restless and acting on impulse she books a holiday on the French Riviera. She hopes that this will be liberating and help her to gain more confidence both sexually and as a person in her own right. Once there, she is caught up in a group of very strange people, who are connected in one way or another to a famous American film actor. Although their hedonistic lifestyle is alien to her, she allows herself to be drawn in and to become another of the "hangers on".

Although the book purports to be the story of a woman striving to gain independence and dignity, it is difficult to understand Ellen or even to like her. Without this empathy, together with the cast of very undesirable characters around her, it is hard to relate to anything in this book. Our view of women and their place in society is vastly different to that of half a century ago and Ellen is of that time. Even so, she seems selfish and self involved, making unwise and thoughtless decisions which leave her unhappy and unfulfilled. A dramatic twist at the end of the book. makes the reader hope that she will be more responsible and mature as a result.

The book group were united in their dislike of the book, which is very unusual. The overall opinion was that although the writing was good, it didn't describe the background very well, there was no sense of place and the characters seemed rather cardboard.

Sorry Miss O'Brien!



### Dunstable & District Local History Society

Tuesday 8 November, 7.45pm London 1851 and the Great Exhibition

Michael Gilbert talks about Victorian London and the amazing celebration of inventiveness and endeavour on display in the Crystal Palace at Hyde park.

Methodist Church Hall, Dunstable Visitors always welcome £2

### **Salvation Sound**

#### Remember, Remember the Fifth of November, Gunpowder, Treason and Plots...'

In the United Kingdom November 5th is the annual commemoration of the events of 1605 when Guy Fawkes, a conspirator in the Gunpowder Plot, was arrested while guarding explosives the plotters had placed under the House of Lords. Following the thwarting of the plot Londoners were encouraged to celebrate the King's escape from assassination by lighting bonfires.

While today the word 'guy' is often used to refer to any man, originally it was a term used for an 'ugly, repulsive person' in reference to Fawkes. Straw effigies were made of Guy Fawkes and thrown onto the bonfires to remember the failed gunpowder plot.

This month people will gather to celebrate Bonfire Night by enjoying the warmth and light of a bonfire, sharing food, and ending the evening with the joy of a colourful display of light and sound - fireworks.

Bonfire night is an explosion of light in contrasts with Halloween (which has become more popular in more recent years) with its focus on darkness. Interestingly though the origins of Halloween are the Christian festival of All Hallows' Eve, a vigil of prayer and singing in preparation for the celebration of the faith of saints and martyrs on All Saints Day on 1st November.

While darkness conceals, light brings hope. Even the tiniest light can made a difference. One single candle flickering can be seen by the human eye 30 miles away. Light helps us see all the wonderful things around us: light helps us to feel safe; and helps us to see the way to go.

Jesus in declaring himself to be the Light of the World was claiming that He is the source Just as a candle dispels the of spiritual light. darkness and guides, Jesus, as the light of the world dispel the darkness of evil in this world and guides us in the right way to live. Two thousand years ago Jesus gave us a blueprint on how to live in the Sermon on the Mount. His teaching was to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us; to overcome evil with good. What a different world it would be if Thursday everyone lived by these standards.

As we celebrate Bonfire Night may we focus on the light, on the good things, around us rather than on the darkness, the bad things. May we be good neighbours who help one another. People who take account of the needs of others, who act as beacons of light which dispel the darkness. People who make a difference and bring hope to this community, this country, and to our world.

#### The Salvation Army, **Booth Place, Eaton Brav** Weekly Activities



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 w

(Atternate weeks)	10-11.50am
Music practices (all welcome)	7.30-9pm

#### Wednesday

Home League	2.30-3.30pm
(Ladies Mtg but all welcome)	

Champions Challenge Club (term time) (Ages 5-10 years) 5.45-6.45pm

Parent and Toddler Group	
(Term time)	9.30-11.30am
Girls' Night Out	

(1st Thursday of month) 7.45pm

Sewing & Craft Bees

(2nd Thursday of month) 7.45 pm Ladies Fellowship

7.45pm (Last week of month) For further details please call Envoy Hilary Chadwick. T:01525 222087 / 07932 057490 E: hilary.chadwick@salvationarmy.org.uk

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