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Village Diary July 2017

Weekly

(term time)

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

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

(term time) 358342

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

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

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

(term time) 01582 668841

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

(term time) Jan 01442 864271.

Mondays Curtain Call Youth Theatre 5-7.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Gavyn 01525 220525

Mondays Curtain Call Theatre Group - 7:30-10:30pm Eaton Bray Village Hall, Sheila -

sdtwinkletoes@yahoo.co.uk

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

kfpa.co.uk

Mondays Cubs (8-10 ½ years old), 6.30pm - 8pm, 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Hut, High

Street, Edlesborough. Contact Liz Coates 01442 842550

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, Sam George: 07748 152379, Tracy Bennett: 07803 123318

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

01582 620576

Tuesdays Beginner's Boxercise, 6-7pm Dagnall Village Hall, Josh Thompson 07456 574405 or

itptinfo@gmail.com

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

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

(term time) Edlesborough, £1 per family unit, Frances King 01582 475896

Wednesdays Pilates 6.45 & 7.45pm, Dagnall Village Hall, Andrea on 07855 138005 or andrea@

naturalpilates.co.uk

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

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

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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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Thursdays Explorers Scouts (14-18 years old), 8pm-9.30pm, 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout

Hut, High Street, Edlesborough. Contact Simon Betts, lionheartesu@hotmail.co.uk

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Thursdays Intermediate Boxercise, 7.30-8.30pm, Dagnall Village Hall, Josh Thompson 07456

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

01582 620576

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

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

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

Fridays Scouts, 10 ½ to 14 years old), 7.00-8.30pm, 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Hut,

High Street, Edlesborough. Contact Mark Owen, 07899 892344, ebescoutleader@

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

(term time) from the post office) Frances King 01582 475896

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

(term time) 01525 376124

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

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Saturdays Bootcamp Fitness, 9-10am, Dagnall Recreation Ground, Josh Thompson 07456

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

(across from the post office). Alister King 07572 395687

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

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

1st Sunday St. Mary's Edlesborough Open Days, 2-5pm, May to September inclusive

2nd & 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

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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

4th Tuesday The Filling Station, 7:30pm, Bellows Mill, Diane 07815 895501, Email:

threecounties@thefillingstation.org.uk

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

2nd Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club Meeting, 11.30am-4.30pm, Eaton

Bray Village Hall

14th Leukaemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30am. All

welcome.

18th Dagnall and Kensworth Friendship Club, 2pm in the village hall for tea and

entertainment by an accordionist.

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One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

8th

1st St Mary's Village Carnival, Edlesborough Green, 12:00 - 16:30. Carnival Procession leaves The Orchards, Eaton Bray at 12:30 and arrives Edlesborough Green at 13:30

Ploughman's Lunches, 11:30am - 2pm, All Saints' Dagnall

8th St Mary's Eaton Bray 'Let's Hear it for the Girls' £10 Adults, Children free, Tickets:

07771 702136

15th Curtain Call present 'Sea is for Comedy, 8pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, £10, Tickets:

07412 640936

16th Salvation Army Christian Magician, 11am, Booth Place, Information: 07932 057490

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

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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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Heritage Open Days 2017

Thursday 7th September to Sunday 10th September

For the last three years, the Friends of the Church on the Hill, have participated in Heritage Open Days which is an international initiative aimed at encouraging people to visit and enjoy buildings which are part of our historical heritage but not regularly in use.

This year will be special because the famous **Edlesborough Rose Brass** will return to the village **for one day only** so that local people can enjoy seeing it again. It is not coming to stay, at least for the time being, as it

requires some conservation work to be carried out. There will also be a talk about the Rose on the same day - further details will be available over the summer months.

The church will be open on all 4 days and there will be displays about the village and family history. On the Sunday we will have bell ringing at 3pm followed by Songs of Praise at 4pm.

St Mary's 100 Club

June 2017

The lucky prize-winners are:

1st prize – Barbara Collier (£53.50)

2nd prize – Gordon Gray (£32.10)

3rd prize – Brian Chapman (£21.40)



St Mary's Church, Edlesborough

will be opening for visitors from 2pm to 5pm on the first Sunday of each month from May until September inclusive

Eaton Bray with Edlesborough Parish News

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

Reader: Gordon Gray (01525 220136) Website: www.stmaryseatonbray.org.uk Facebook: St Mary's Eaton Bray

When Dave and I were living in Sheffield, we visited the Derbyshire well dressings. Every summer hundreds of wells, springs and street taps have wonderful pictures made of natural objects placed by them. This is the tradition of well dressing which is unique to Derbyshire. No one knows for sure what its origins are, but it probably started in pre Christian times. One suggestion is that villagers made sacrifices to pagan gods as a thanksgiving for the water in the well and as an offering for the continued supply of water in the coming year.

With the spread of Christianity, the tradition was absorbed by the church, and today well dressing has strong religious links. The majority of pictures have a religious theme, and the wells and springs are blessed by the clergy as the pictures are unveiled. People who come to visit make donations which are given to local and national charities.

Each village has a slightly different way of producing their pictures, but most are mounted on boards covered in clay mixed with salt. One year the villagers of Wirksworth counted up the materials they used in producing the picture for a single well. Onto their clay background they stuck 3 buckets of parsley, 3 buckets of spurge, 7 jars of seeds, 80 metres of cones, 3,500 leaves, 3,800 bits of corn, and 10,000 petals. It's not surprising that it took 80 people who worked a total of 400 hours to produce the finished picture.

Well dressing unique to Derbyshire because of the limestone landscape which absorbs water and stores it underground. So before the introduction of mains water, springs were vital for survival. People built settlements in places where several springs emerged. And if the spring failed, so did the life of the village. Perhaps that is why this age old tradition of giving thanks for the gift of water arose. It is a reminder that without water, people cannot survive or thrive. There are well dressing ceremonies in different Derbyshire villages throughout the summer season from May until September. If you want to visit, you can find out the dates and

locations of the well dressings from the website www.welldressing.com It also contains over 6000 photos of well dressings over a number of years which highlight the creativity and skill of those involved.

Apart from the wonderful art work, the well dressings remind us not to take the gift of water for granted. We are blessed in this country with a temperate climate and, generally speaking, plentiful supplies of water. Let's be thankful that we can access clean, fresh water at any time of day or night, unlike many who live in other parts of the world.

∠Joy, Vicar of Eaton Bray with Edlesborough



Wednesday Club Age Concern Northall

We require a volunteer driver and a conductor for our mini bus on one Wednesday each month to transport our members to and from Northall hall. It will require 2 hours in the morning to collect and again 2 hours in the afternoon to return members home.

Full support training will be give for both positions, which are both important to the running of the club.

Interested.... please call Peter Barrow on 01442 842364 or Ken Coates 01525 220868.

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Beton Brev Methodist Church

Mav commenced with typically a thoughtful sermon Wallace bv Rev Edwards who

helped us consider the 23rd Psalm, its contemplation of pastoral leadership and its emphasis of the 'still waters' which refresh us and our faith. Our Cafe Worship, led by Belinda Freeman on the second Sunday, focused on the need to 'lean on Jesus in the darkest night', rediscovering God's great goodness when he transfers our grief into hope and our weakness into strength. Our Sunday School Anniversary Service on the third Sunday was a complete joy. The young people and their teachers had worked hard to create a lively 'extravaganza', First meeting free, then £2 per session

dramatising the Bible Story in four scenes. It was beautifully prepared, very meaningful and much appreciated by the congregation. Afterwards the prizes were presented to the children and gifts to their teachers. Jenny Spouge took our Communion Service on the fourth Sunday. In her sermon she explained that we are all involved in bringing about God's kingdom on earth and offered suggestions as to how we can help achieve this - the key ingredient being love.

Dates for your Diary:

Social Afternoons

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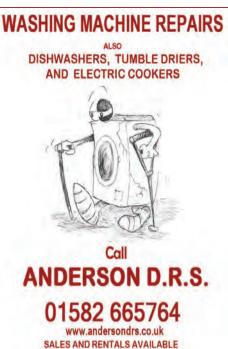
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Front Row Theatre Group

Front Row are pleased to announce their next production, a comedy by Peter Gordon, entitled "Secondary Cause of Death", the sequel to our previous performance of "Murdered to Death.

It is now 1939, and storm clouds are gathering over Europe. Having inherited Bagshot House, Colonel Charles Craddock has converted the property into a hotel for the discerning visitor. Soon Inspector Pratt arrives once again at Bagshot House, bearing grim news for Colonel Craddock. And where does the flamboyant thespian Cardew Longfellow fit into the picture? When Joan Maple's sister Cynthia arrives to stage a murder mystery evening, it's long not before Pratt's visit turns into a chaotic nightmare as the bodies pile higher than ever!

If you thought that Murdered to Death was funny, just wait until you see this one!

The production will run from Thursday 12th October to Saturday 14th October.

Box office opens 1st September.

B Countie: Filling Station is moving

With the barn at Bellows Mill in greater demand throughout the week, 3 Counties will be moving to a different venue w.e.f. Tuesday 25th July. We are extremely grateful to have had the barn while we established ourselves.

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Sun. 2nd July	9.00 am	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Morning Service
Sun. 9th July	10.30 am	Morning Service with Holy Communion
Sun. 16th July	10.30 am	Family Communion
Sun. 23rd July	10.30 am	Family Service
Sun. 30th July	10.30 am	Morning Worship
Sun. 6th Aug.	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.



Eaton Bray Lawn Tennis Club

Well what an anti-climax all that election nonsense was. Eight

weeks of promises, counter promises, false promises and blatantly impossible-to-keep promises, and we end up with a situation more muddy than an extremely muddy thing from the planet Mud. The one saving grace was that our candidate, Ronnie Racquet, managed to bribe enough people to vote for him and ended up being elected. This was as much of a surprise to him as it was to us, mainly because the chairman didn't have as much cash stashed away under his bed as he thought (he'd been down the pub the night before and blown the lot on Doombar), so financing all our manifesto

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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 weeks) 10-11.30am

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

Thursday

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

(Last week of month) 7.45pm

For further details please call Envoy Hilary Chadwick. T:01525 222087 / 07932 057490 E: hilary.chadwick@salvationarmy.org.uk W: www.salvationarmy.org.uk/eaton-bray pledges is going to be a bit tricky. We might have to put the subs up a tad.

However the good news is that we can have an influence on the future of our great nation, as Ronnie, bless him, left his election party at our Clubhouse in the early hours of Friday (leaving both other attendees to clear up I should add....), got on his bicycle, and headed straight for number 10, and has offered himself as a coalition partner in the hung parliament. Clearly he has asked for some concessions for EBLTC in return for his support of whichever crowd of halfwits ends up in charge, so this will bring 'enormous benefits to our strong and stable community' (our new slogan). His demands include the abolishment of stamp duty, because stamps are expensive enough and we shouldn't have to pay duty on them; the vacuuming of motorways twice a day to prevent those irritation stone chips from hitting your car; a compulsory clown based in every hospital because laughter is the best medicine. and finally, in recognition of our demand for self-governance, the creation of a National Assembly of Eaton Bray with powers at least equal to those of the Scottish Parliament (so not many in fact). This Assembly would meet in the White Horse every Friday evening and put the world to rights over a few beers and several million pounds of taxpayer's money. It just can't fail. We'll let you know how he gets on. As the more astute readers amongst vou may have guessed, it's been a fairly low news week at the tennis club. Everything is carrying on as normal. That's about as much as I have. So I must revert to some of our more senior members (and I do mean senior...) for some breaking news. Just yesterday, or probably a few weeks before that depending on when you're reading this, Lynn Dorman, Steve Macintosh, Roy Cook and Peter Hale (combined age well in excess of 250....and I'm erring on the side of caution there) helped Eaton

Bray's County Veteran's team secure a thrilling, close & unexpected victory at the David Lloyd Centre in Milton Keynes. How we've come on since our annual defeats at the Luton Co-op (haberdashery department) back in the 90's. Lynn and Steve, after losing their first match & then suffering a first set 0-6 reverse in the second rubber, and seeming to be down and out, fought back to win the second set 7-5 & then take the Champions Tiebreak to record Eaton Bray's first overall win against the home team. Meanwhile, the former over 65 County champions Messrs Cook & Hale managed two wins to make it a very special team effort. Well done to you all, you did the club proud.

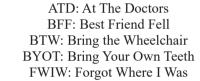
Our team doctor doesn't bother taking a defibrillator to these veteran games, he takes an iron lung instead, but I'm pleased to report that it wasn't required, and all players came through the experience in one piece. Mainly because

they have so many replacement parts already, their bodies are like meccano kits, and can you remember trying fruitlessly to take those models apart once you'd made them? Skinless knuckles is a fond childhood memory. Anyway, the team celebrated later with a cup of tea and a nice sit down, and toasted one another with sanatogen in the day care centre later.

/Well that's it for another month. For any further information about the club, including when we get together for our social tennis sessions up at the School Lane courts, or our various activities, you can visit our website at www.ebltc.org. uk; Alternatively please call any committee member – names and numbers on the website

- Coach Sara Leavy on 07561 571578, or if they're all out and I've not been hounded out of town by our Veteran's team, then me, Andy Cross, on 07783 667338.

SENIORS TEXTING CODE:



GGPBL: Gotta Go Pacemaker Battery Low GHA: Got Heartburn Again IMHO: Is My Hearing-Aid On

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Edlesborough Parish Council News

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF EDLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

On 18th May the Annual General Meeting of Edlesborough Parish Council was held. Cllr Alan Williams was elected as Chairman with Cllr Scott Mineikis as Vice-Chair. Council agreed Cllrs responsibilities, financial limits, annual subscriptions, representatives for outside bodies and the renewal of EMH car park licence.

The full minutes can be viewed at www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk

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 July unless the hedge, tree or shrub overhangs a highway or any other road or footway to which the public has access so as to endanger or obstruct the passage of vehicles or pedestrians, or obstructs or interferes with the view of drivers or vehicles or the light from a public lamp, overhangs a highway so as to endanger or obstruct the passage of horse-riders.



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

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

Rights of Way

Following Bucks CC Devolution of services EPC is now responsible for many of the Rights of Way in the parish. Our contractor will attend to these paths once a month during the growing season ensuring they are useable. Any concerns regarding path can be reported direct to the Clerk or by making a report on the Bucks CC website www. buckscc.gov.uk

Edlesborough Green Play Area

Due to the unseasonably dry weather the older section of the play area remained closed for longer than originally planned. EPC have now taken the decision to re-open the area. More grass seed will be sown in the autumn.

Please would parents remind their children <u>NOT</u> to climb the fence to enter and exit the play area. This is causing damage to the fence. Thank you.

Dagnall Village Hall

Following a comprehensive proposal EPC has agreed to make a donation towards the refurbishment of Dagnall Village Hall toilets.

The DVH Committee have organised a Village Fete for the 5th August to raise more money for the village hall. All parishioners are encouraged to support this event on the Dagnall Recreation Ground.

Edlesborough Parish Neighbourhood Plan

The open house events held on Friday 12th & Saturday 13th May were well attended,

with many parishioners wanting to support the EPNP.

The consultation period for the Edlesborough Parish Neighbourhood Plan closed on the 18th May 2017.

The plan is now with the external examiner. If the plan is approved by the examiner AVDC will organise a referendum. All parishioners registered to vote can participate. You will be asked a simple question Yes or No to approving the Edlesborough Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

ABF - The Soldiers Charity Ride

On Sunday 3rd September cyclists aged from 8 - 80 years will be riding through our Parish taking part in the ABF - The Soldiers Charity Bike Ride.

Numerous signs will be displayed throughout the village directing the cyclist. Anyone wishing to know more about this event can contact Jacqui Sage-Passant on 01525 211498 or 07941 107699

Streetlights

Please report failed streetlights in Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall to the Clerk for repair.

When making a report please ensure you provide the Clerk with the information displayed on the lamp post.

Allotments

Edlesborough Parish Council currently has vacant allotments at the Cow Lane site. Anyone wishing to take on an allotment should contact the Clerk. Fees are £2 per pole and plots range in size from 10-20 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 20th July 2017
- Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 21st September 2017.

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.

To keep up to date with the latest information on the Neighbourhood Plan, Planning Applications etc. please visit the Edlesborough Parish website and to look out for day to day events visit our Facebook page.

Edlesborough Parish Council Contact Information:

Clerk: Miss Penny Pataky Office hours Mon – Fri 10.30am – 2.30pm (Excl. Wed)
Email: clerk@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk 01525 229358 Website: www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk
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This July, come on-board the 'Global Horizon' cruise ship for an evening of fun and mayhem!

The adults from the Curtain Call Theatre Group (who also bring you the annual pantomimes) will be hosting a comedy evening themed around a cruise ship!

The night will include a range of scenes and sketches written by local Gavyn Lugsden, to entertain all those who fancy a great night out.

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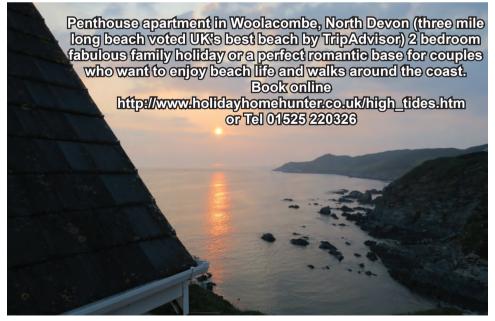
shipping forecast, the annoying Grandmother at the quay side, the ships Captain who meets an unwelcome visitor on the bridge, Nan and Grandad in their cabin are having technical problems, the romantic proposal goes horribably wrong... but at least we have a great cabaret singer (or do we)?

Intrigued? Then grab your towels and rush to the poolside on deck 7, or if it's any easier come along the Eaton Bray Village Hall on Saturday 15th July. Boarding at 7.30pm but don't be late as the boat leaves at 8.00pm!

Seating will be around tables and there will also be a licenced bar! This is a one-night-only event and the spaces are limited!

Although family friendly, some scenes may be unsuitable for young children.

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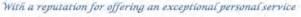




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Dagnall Community Choir



hoping for sunshine and blue skies on Saturday 5th August, when the choir will be singing for

your entertainment at Dagnall Village Fete. This takes place on the recreation ground from 12.30pm. Whatever the weather, we will be performing some of our favourite songs and enjoying the atmosphere – hope to see you there!

After this, our minds will be turning towards our Autumn Concert Programme for 2017. It's set to be a busy time of year for the choir, with a performance at Stanbridge Church in September to look forward to, and our annual "Autumn Showcase" at Eaton Bray Village Hall in October. We will be singing a selection of new songs as well as some old favourites, and with a repertoire that ranges from Elvis to Elgar, with lots in between, there really is something for everyone! In November we will be making our usual appearance at the Poppy Prom and then rounding off the year with a Christmas Concert at the beginning of December.

In the meantime, we are all still thoroughly enjoying our Monday night rehearsals, under the expert direction of musical team Michele Garrard and James Banville. There is always plenty of laughter and a

Summer is here, and we are friendly atmosphere prevails. Being part of Dagnall Community Choir isn't always just about singing - we are also a social bunch and like to get together for a bit of a knees up now and again. Our recent Barn Dance, which took place at Dagnall Village Hall was a huge success, with great music, fabulous food and wonderful company, and we are looking forward to our annual summer barbecue later this month.

> If you share our love for music, and enjoy singing, why not come and join us? We welcome all new members, and are particularly keen to recruit some more male voices to strengthen our numbers. You can get in touch through our website at www.dagnall-community-choir.co.uk, or just come along to one of our Monday night rehearsals. We are at Dagnall Church, Ringshall Road, Dagnall, from 7.45 to 9.45pm every Monday (except Bank Holidays).

> Or if you prefer to listen rather than sing, then how about coming to our October concert...? An evening of fun and great entertainment is guaranteed, and there is generally a glass of wine included in the price of the ticket, so put the date in your diary now - Saturday 7th October. Watch this space for more information, or check our website, which will have all the details.



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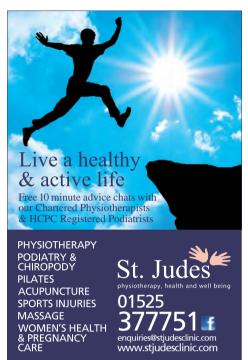


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EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MINU

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.

Annual Parish Meeting/Annual Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council Held on Monday 8th May 2017 from 7pm at the Coffee Tavern

Projects Completed:

Additional Christmas wreaths for the parish, village flagpole, Coffee Tavern car park improvements.

Speedwatch: The Parish Council are actively recruiting new members. If you would like to get involved in trying to slow down traffic in the village/concerned about road safety, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Neighbourhood Plan: The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group regularly meet to go through specific items/processes. The Council are always looking for additional volunteers to support the Steering Group and the implementation of a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish. If interested in getting involved, please contact the Parish Clerk.



Any Other Projects for the Coming Year: Christmas Market, hanging flower baskets, play equipment refurbishment, Coffee Tavern-internet & broadband access, The Rye - new bollards/restrictive access, strategy for tree maintenance for parish trees, Mill End Close - green area bund, cemetery improvements.

Accounts for Year Ending 31 March 2017

The Clerk, as RFO, reported that Parish Council year end accounts have been completed, ready for approval at the Annual Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council on 8th May 2017. The final accounts were signed off by the Internal Auditor on the 5th May 2017, once approved by the Parish Council the accounts will be forwarded to the external auditors for 3rd July 2017.

Election of Chairman

Cllr. Cartwright was elected as Chairman of the Parish Council. Eaton Bray Parish Council welcomed two new Councillors - Cllr. Marie Brewer and Cllr. Ronald Woods.

Vacancy - Parish Councillor

Eaton Bray is a great place to live and its residents have the opportunity to shape its development by contributing towards the ongoing activities overseen by the Parish Council. Whether it's protecting the environment, improving the facilities or traffic and parking issues that interest you - we need your views. There is a place available on the Parish Council that we would like a resident to fill and help contribute to the villages continued development. If you think there's something you can contribute please, have a chat with any of the existing Councillors or contact the Parish Clerk.



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Standing orders/Financial Regulations/Risk Assessment

The Parish Council adopted the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment for 2017.

Accounts for Year Ending 31st March 2017

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

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

Monday 3rd July 2017 from 7:30pm



Edlesbray Leisure Fellowship (E.L.F.)

At our meeting on the 8th June, members the Riv confirmed that they had enjoyed the visit to Milton Keynes Museum very much. They were impressed by the improvements and changes which had been made to the Museum since the Club's last visit there. Wyke to the It is intended to arrange a boat trip on 222831

the River Ouse in Bedford and afternoon tea; and a trip to Anglesey Abbey in August and September respectively. New members will always be welcomed. For further information please contact Brian Wyke on 221065, or me, Ann Lee, on 222831



July

Summer is progressing

This is often one of the hottest months of the year and a great time to sit out and enjoy your garden. Keep plants looking good by regularly dead-heading, and you'll enjoy a longer display of blooms. Make sure you keep new plants well watered, using grey water where possible, and hoe off weeds, which thrive in the sunshine.

Top 10 jobs this month

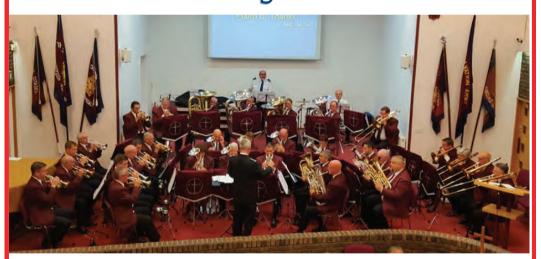
- 1. Check clematis for signs of clematis wilt
- 2. Care for houseplant while on holiday
- 3. Water tubs and new plants if dry, but be water-wise
- 4. Deadhead bedding plants and repeat-flowering perennials, to ensure continuous flowering
- 5. Pick courgettes before they become marrows
- 6. Treat apple scab
- 7. Clear algae, blanket weeds and debris from ponds, and keep them topped up
- 8. Order catalogues for next year's spring-flowering bulbs
- 9. Give the lawn a quick-acting summer feed, especially if not given a spring feed
- 10. Harvest apricots, peaches and nectarines





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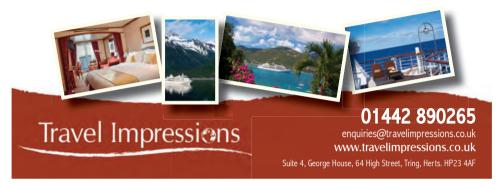
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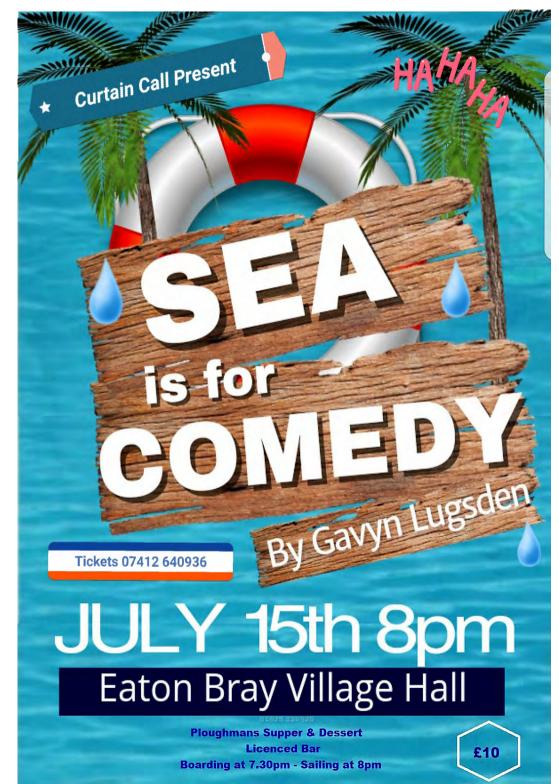
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(Coloured Yellow on Plan).

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OF ABOUT

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Rye Farm

with Homestead approached from the Leighton Buzzard Road, and situate adjoining Lot 8, including

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Pasture and Arable Land

partly detached, and divided as follows:-

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Let to Mr. Jeffrey Sharratt on a Yearly (Michaelmas) Tenancy, at the Rent of

£110 per annum.

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Let to Mr. Gaius Batchelar on a Yearly (Michaelmas) Tenancy, with other Lands comprised in Lots 10 and 11, at the Annual Rent of £570 for the entirety, of which

£39 per annum

is apportioned for the purposes of Sale, as payable in respect of this Lot.

Summary of Lot 9.

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NOTE.—The Purchaser of this Lot shall covenant in the Conveyance to him to forthwith erect and for ever after maintain a Post and Rail or other sufficient Divisional Fence between the points A and B on Plan.

LOCAL HERALDRY BY JOHN HOCKEY

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

DUNSTABLE – QUEEN ELEANOR

Whilst on a recent trip on the Douro River in Portugal, we had an excursion to Salamanca in Spain. This is a university city, not unlike Oxford with buildings in a warm golden sandstone. Carved on the façade of the Gothic Cathedral was a familiar coat of arms. The punning or as we say in heraldry-speak 'canting' arms of Castile and Leon were beautifully carved, depicting a castle and, unsurprisingly, a lion. I had seen these quartered arms before on a stained glass window in Dunstable Priory and there is a lovely local historical connection.

King Edward I married Eleanor of Castile who was born in Burgos, the capital of the Spanish region of Castile. When she died in 1290, he famously arranged for her coffin to travel from Lincoln to London, placing a memorial cross at each resting place on the journey. Dunstable was so favoured and the Eleanor's Cross shopping arcade recalls



Coat of Arms at Salamanca Cathedral

this feat to this day. In addition, Queen Eleanor's Grammar School, which opened in 1959 (later merging with Kingsbury Technical Grammar to become Queensbury School) was split into houses commemorating this journey, including Castile, Lincoln and Westminster. Salamanca is in north-western Spain and is in the province of Castilla y Leon. The community of Leon was founded in the year 910 by Alfonso the Great and Castile followed in 1065. The regions were united in 1230. The shield of Alfonso is a simple one – Argent a lion rampant Gules. In other words on a silver (always shown white) background there is a red lion standing on one leg in a pose that screams 'ready for battle'! Incidentally, I have not



Stained Glass Window at Dunstable Priory

mentioned before that unless specified to the contrary, beasts such as the lion always face Dexter, which is to the left as we look at it.

The glass window depicting these arms in Dunstable Priory (the Royal window on the west end) was given in 1972 and is the work of John Hayward. The arms are also shown on a plaque on NatWest bank at the crossroads in Dunstable.

Who would have thought that a trip to Portugal and Spain would have reminded me of heraldry in Dunstable?

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Apple and Almond Frangipane 'Rose' Tart

I do love a good television food show! Going back all the way to the pioneers like Keith Floyd, I just cannot get enough of them. In recent years of course, the country has rediscovered its love of baking thanks to Bake Off and now we have the professional version, Crème de la Crème. One of my Weekend Kitchen regulars, Reece Collier (head pastry chef at the Grove Hotel in Watford) recently reached the semi-final of the competition with two of his very talented colleagues. Of course, the programme is all about show-stopping desserts but Reece also loves simple bakes. And this beautiful tart of his is simplicity itself. It's worth taking the time to decorate it properly, creating a rose effect with the apples - it really is an impressive treat to serve to your guests.

Ingredients

500g ready-made sweet pastry 100g ground almonds 25g custard powder 2 whole eggs 100g caster sugar

100g unsalted butter (plus a little for glazing) 8-10 apples of your choice. Make sure they are a nice, uniform round shape. Red skinned ones work really well here)

Method

Roll out the sweet pastry. You don't want



it to be too thick. Line the tart tin (don't trim it



yet). Pop it in the fridge to chill.

Now make the frangipane. Cream together the butter and sugar using a food mixer (or elbow grease and a wooden spoon). Then add the eggs and, finally, mix in the almonds and custard powder.

Spread this directly into the tart case and neatly trim the edges of the tart, using a flat sharp knife.

Take your apples. Cut them into quarters and remove the core from each quarter. The key here is to cut the apples in such a way that all the slices are equal in size and shape. You want to thinly cut each slice, down to the point of the apple quarter. This will mean that all the slices are identical.

Starting from the outer edge of the tart, lay the apples at a 35-45 degree angle (skin side upwards) and go round and round the tart in a spiral, until the whole tart is full and you have created a pattern like a rose.

Brush the apples generously with some melted butter and bake in a pre-heated oven at 160C/Gas Mark 3 until the apples are golden and the pastry cooked. This will take 20-25 minutes.

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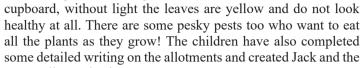
Growing, Growing!

Children at Dagnall CE School have visited the village allotments and then had a go at growing their own plants in the school vegetable patch and in the classroom. They have



discovered that pure water is better than any coloured water

and although a bean will grow in a dark



some detailed writing Beanstalk and the Tiny Seed stories of their own. We are very grateful to Mrs Coates and Mr Killick who have given up their time to help us learn about all the different types of plants and how they grow.



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PHILOSOPHERS OF THE PAST CENTURY

~ Jean Kerr...

The only reason they say women and children first is to test the strength of the lifeboats.

~ Prince Philip...

When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife.



~ Emo Philips...

A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kickboxing.

~ Harrison Ford...

Wood burns faster when you have to cut and chop it vourself.



~ Spike Milligan...

The best cure for sea sickness, is to sit under a tree.

~ Jean Rostand...

Kill one man and you're a murderer, kill a million and you're a conqueror.





~ Arnold Schwarzenegger...

Having more money doesn't make you happier. I have 50 million dollars, but I'm just as happy as when I had 48 million.



~ WH Auden...

We are here on earth to do good unto others. What the others are here for, I have no idea.





~ Jonathan Katz...

In hotel rooms, I worry. I can't be the only guy who sits on the furniture naked.

~ Johnny Carson...

If life were fair, Elvis would still be alive today and all the impersonators would be dead.





~ Steve Martin...

Hollywood must be the only place on earth where you can be fired by a man wearing a Hawaiian shirt and a baseball cap.



Home cooking. Where many a man thinks his wife is.



~ Doug Hanwell...

America is so advanced that even the chairs are electric.

~ George Roberts...

The first piece of luggage on the carousel never belongs to anyone.



~ Jonathan Winters...

If God had intended us to fly, he would have made it easier to get to the airport.

~ Robert Benchlev...

I have kleptomania, but when it gets bad, I take something for it.



~ John Glenn...

As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind: every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder.



~ David Letterman...

America is the only country where a significant proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real but the moon landing was faked.



~ Howard Hughes...

I'm not a paranoid, deranged millionaire. Dammit, I'm a billionaire.



~ Old Italian proverb...

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Nigel's Thoughts

Methodist Minister

Dear Friends,

For many of us, the coming weeks will provide an opportunity to go on a journey.

We shall need good directions in the form of an up-to-date map, or detailed instructions and sign posts to guide us. We shall also need a good sense of direction and of 'common sense', especially if we are 'sat-nav' users not wanting to be led astray, down a road that proves to be a dead end, or which invites us to blindly drive over a precipice or into a river!

I met a lady the other day who confessed that when her satellite navigation lost its signal she had to drive around and around, totally unaware of where she was, or where she was going until she was 'reconnected' and then 'redirected' to her destination.

The parallels with life and faith are obvious ones – connection with the one who started us on this journey and will direct us safely all the way to its conclusion, together with following His direction whatever our own false guides may be telling us.

Should we follow blindly, however? In the same way that we wouldn't let a poorly prepared satellite instruction lead us into danger, shouldn't we be prepared to question and think out for ourselves our obedience to God's direction for our lives?

Absolutely, but in a faithful spirit which knows that, in the words of Charles Wesley:-

"By thine unerring spirit led, we shall not in the desert stray;

We shall not full direction need, nor miss our providential way;

As far from danger as from fear, While love, almighty love is near."

(H & P 62, v2)

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Extinct in the Wild Père David's deer gives birth to tiny fawn at the UK's largest zoo

An 'extinct' deer has taken its first wobbly steps under the watchful eye of its doting mum at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo.

The tiny Père David's fawn, which weighed just 11 kilograms at birth, was one of four fawns born in May at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo.

Declared extinct in the wild in 2008, by the IUCN's Red List of Threatened Species, the rare deer species is endemic to the grasslands of China.

Zookeeper Graeme Williamson said: "The birth of an animal which is classified as Extinct in the Wild is clearly a special occasion and shows just how ZSL Whipsnade Zoo is helping to conserve species that might otherwise be lost forever.

"The fawn is doing really well and making the exact progress we would expect; she is quite literally coming on leaps and bounds and running around with the rest of the herd in their huge paddock.

"She will be weaned from her mother by the end of autumn, at approximately eight months old, and then she will be fully independent by the time she reaches her first birthday."

The newborn fawns can be seen congregating in small 'creche' groups with adult females in the herd, in the Zoo's Passage through Asia exhibit, where visitors can drive their cars among the deer and Bactrian camels.

The species was first described in 1866 and fortunately, by the time it became extinct in China, a number of animals were sent to zoos in Europe, including in the UK, as back-up populations.

In its native China the species is considered to have a mixed appearance, made up of the neck of a camel, hooves of a cow, tail of a donkey and antlers of a deer and as such is known as

'sze pu shiang', which means 'none of the four'.

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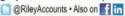
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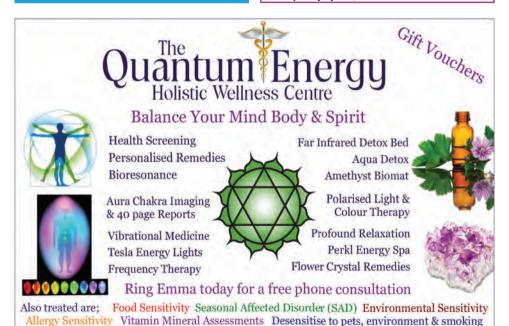




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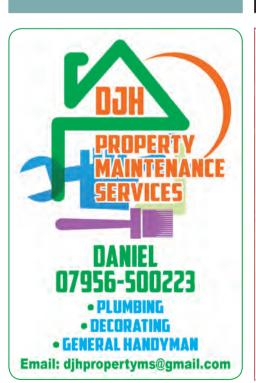
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Above: Edlesborough & Ivinghoe Sunset by Stuart Morris Below: Bluebells by Phil Wood





Above: Red Admiral on Ivy in Yew Tree Close by Richard Woodhead Below: Whipsnade Lion and Rape Seed by John Hockey



July at the Grove

Film

Churchill (PG) Mon 3 July 2.30pm, Wed 5 July 7.30pm

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 (12A) Thu 6 July 7.30pm, Sat 8 July 7.30pm, Thu 13 July 7.30pm

Their Finest (12A) Mon 17 July 2.30pm, Wed 19 July 7.30pm

The Promise (12A) Tue 18 July 7.30pm

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales (12A) Fri 21 July 7.30pm, Sat 22 July 2.30pm, Mon 24 July 2.30pm, Tue 25 July 2.30pm

Boss Baby (U) Sat 22 July 11am, Sun 23 July 11am, Wed 26 July 2.30pm, Fri 28 July 2.30pm

A Quiet Passion (12A) Sun 23 July 7.30pm

Wonder Woman (Cert. TBC) Mon 24 July 7.30pm, Tue 25 July 7.30pm

Miss Sloane (15) Wed 26 July 7.30pm

Hampstead (12A) Fri 28 July 7.30pm

Live & Encore Screenings

André Rieu's 2017 Maastricht Concert - Live Screening, Sat 22 July 7pm

Otello - Encore screening, Wed 5 July 2pm

Angels in America - Part 1: Millennium Approaches - Live Screening, Thu 20 July 7pm

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Salomé - Encore screening, Sun 23 July 2pm

Drama

Strictly Murder

Brian Capron (Coronation Street / Where the Heart Is / Grange Hill / Celebrity Masterchef), Corrinne Wicks (Doctors/Emmerdale) and Gary Turner (Emmerdale) star in



Strictly Murder at the Grove Theatre on Tuesday 11 July at 7.30pm and Wednesday 12 July at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. April 1939. An English couple, Peter and Suzy, are living in Provence in idyllic isolation, far, it seems from the rumblings of the coming war. But lies, subterfuge and murder make this fast-moving thriller a dark and disturbing roller coaster of bluff and double bluff.

Live Music

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Dance

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Sun 2 July 7.30pm



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Baby Elephant Enjoys Birthday Kickabout

ZSL Whipsnade Zoo's youngest elephant Elizabeth celebrates first birthday with new footballs to play with

Zookeepers at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo treated a baby elephant to a set of new footballs to play with as the young pachyderm celebrated her first birthday at the UK's largest Zoo. Baby Elizabeth, who turns one on Saturday

10 June, took a liking to using her trunk to 'dribble' an inflatable medicine ball around her 30-acre exhibit from an early age, leading zookeepers to choose the footballs as the perfect present for the youngest, and most energetic, member of the herd of nine Asian elephants.

In fact, Elizabeth gets so much enjoyment from running around playing football that she rarely allows the other herd members – or indeed, her zookeepers – a chance to take the ball off her.

ZSL Whipsnade Zoo elephant keeper Mark Howes said: "We knew Elizabeth would absolutely love her birthday presents – as well as providing a wonderful source of fun and stimulation; it keeps her very active too.

"For a little elephant Elizabeth certainly has a trunkful of skills when it comes to dribbling a football; she's somewhat of a natural with the ball!

"When elephants are first born it can take them a little while to work out how to make the most of their trunk, which contains more than 40,000 muscles, but we have all been amazed by how quickly Elizabeth mastered it, and how much control she seems to have."

As a newborn, Elizabeth weighed approximately 130kg but one year on she is now tipping the scales at just under half-a-tonne (480kg).

The female elephant – named after HM The Queen as she was born just before Her Majesty's

90th birthday celebrations in 2016 – can be seen in the herd's brand new Centre for Elephant Care, which was opened by HM The Queen in April this year. To come and see

Elizabeth and the rest of the herd, as well as the new Centre for Elephant Care, why not book tickets to ZSL Whipsnade Zoo at www.zsl.org.



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Weather Conditions for May 2017

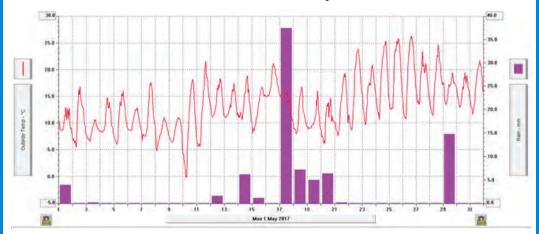
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After a very dry April. May was wet overall, total rain was 131% of the 10 year average. May started with showers on the 1st and then 10 days of fine weather with temperatures just below average, in the middle of the month it became unsettled with showers most days but on the 17th it rained heavy all-day with almost half of May's rain in one day. In the last week the temperatures rose into the mid 20's with long sunny periods.

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature:	26.6°c	26 May 16.00	- 0.1°c	10 May 05.30
Mean Temperature	13.4°c			
Dewpoint:	18.1°c	27 May 11.30	– 1.1°c	10 May 05.30
Humidity:	96%	7 days in May	44%	22 May 16.30
Barometer:	1027.8 mb	8 May 23.30	993.2 mb	11-12 May
Wind Speed	31mph SSE	27 May 12.00	Months avg.	4.9 mph
Wind Chill:	25.7°c	26 May 16.00	0.00°c	10 May 05.30
Dominant Wind:	SSE			

*Rain Days: 11 (T), 13(R)		Wettest Day 17th May	37.39 mm	1.472 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	May 2017	84.2mm	3.315 ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	5 Months	250.6 mm	9.866 ins

Plot shows rainfall and temperature

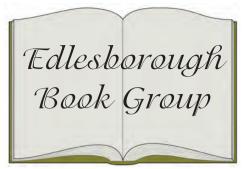




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Exposure by Helen Dunmore

Whilst writing this review, the untimely death of Helen Dunmore was announced. It was not unexpected; she had written movingly about her illness and its prognosis and had written poetry and a final novel during its progression. She was a poet originally and started to write first children's and then adult fiction later in her life and achieved success at them all, although she remarked that if her adult novels had been written under a masculine name, her subject matter would have been taken more seriously by the critics. Her poetry and prose is accessible and finely tuned: the books that I have read have all been excellent. Her poetry is thoughtful and easy to grasp, putting into words situations that are common to us all.

Exposure is a story set in 1960's London,

during the Cold War. We meet Simon Callington on his train journey home to the suburbs, after a day in his job as a minor civil servant. Home to his wife Lily, a teacher and their three children. Just an ordinary evening, but it is to change their lives forever.

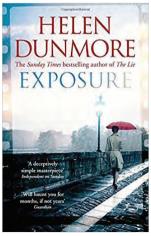
Simon's boss, Giles Holloway has taken home a secret document that should never have left his office. Unfortunately, he has had an accident and has been hospitalised, the papers lying exposed in his flat. There is only one person that Giles can trust to retrieve the papers and that is Simon. Giles has been not only Simon's mentor, getting him his clerical position, but during Simon's student days he was his lover. Obviously in the climate of 1960 this is something that neither of them want revealed. It is also something that Simon has withheld from Lily. But Lily also has a secret, that of her birth in Germany as Lili Brandt a Jewess. She escaped to England as a child with her mother, who instilled in Lily the importance of becoming wholly English and forgetting her German roots entirely.

Simon answers the call from Giles, and proceeds to obey his instructions, but all does not go smoothly. He makes some impulsive decisions and is then drawn into situations beyond his control. He is wrongly accused of crimes against his country and is badly let down by his superiors. So there we have the three main characters that drive the story and it is Lily that shows her mettle, we admire the way she sets about saving herself and her family when all the odds seem against her. Helen Dunmore creates in Lily a

wonderfully strong female character, that I think we hail as the true hero of this book.

We had almost a full meeting of members for our discussion and all liked the book. There were a few minor reservations, but we agreed that the book held our attention and we wanted to know its resolution.

Helen Dunmore's final book is "Birdcage Walk" and we look forward to reading it.





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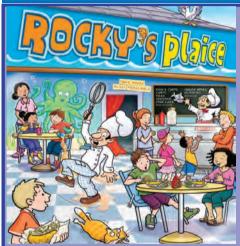
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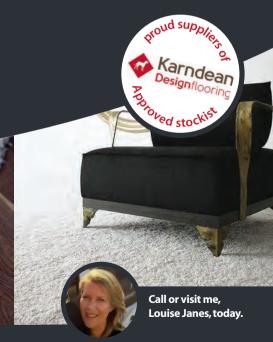
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