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December & January. Don't forget to send
in your December & January entries by
10th November**

Kindly Note

*If the event you wish to advertise falls in the first
week of the month, it is advisable to get the details
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✍️ Editor

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Village Diary November 2017



Weekly

- Mon-Fri (term time) Eaton Bray Pre-school, Eaton Bray Lower School, 01525 220468
- Mon-Fri (term time) Dagnall Under 5's, Dagnall Village Hall, 9.15am - 12.15pm, Mrs Ann Tobin 07816 358342
- Mon-Fri (term time) Edlesborough Pre-School, Edlesborough School, 01525 220431
manager@edlesborough.bucks.sch.uk
- Mon-Thu (term time) Totternhoe Pre-school, mornings, Totternhoe Lower School, Michelle Urbanowicz on 01582 668841
- Mondays Pilates, 10.45am, Totternhoe Memorial Hall, Lisa: 07799 893489
- Mondays Dagnall Community Choir, All Saints Church 7.45 – 9.45pm
- Mondays (term time) Movement and exercise classes with a dance flavour, Northall Village hall 2-3.30. Contact Jan 01442 864271.
- Mondays Curtain Call Youth Theatre 5-7.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Gavyn 01525 220525
- Mondays Curtain Call Theatre Group - 7:30-10:30pm Eaton Bray Village Hall, Sheila - sdtwinkletoes@yahoo.co.uk
- Mondays 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, Sarah Cox: 07765 158182
- 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 jtpinfo@gmail.com
- Tuesdays Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy, Table Top Sale, 10-12noon, Salvation Army Hall, Booth Place, Eaton Bray
- Fortnightly
- Wednesdays Pilates, 7.15pm, Northall Village Hall, Lisa: 07799 893489
- Wednesdays Egyptian Dance Class, 7.30-8.45pm at Eaton Bray Village Hall. Contact: Soraya on 07976 964316 for more details
- Wednesdays Northall & District Age Concern Wednesday Club, 10am - 3pm, Northall Village Hall, Contact Anna on 07854 230243
- Wednesdays Caterpillars Baby and Toddler Group 10am to 11:30am, Grace Baptist Church, Moor End, Edlesborough, £1 per family unit, Frances King 01582 475896
- (term time)
- 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
- Thursdays Jazzercise, 9.30-10.30am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Angela Veryard, 01525 715208
- Thursdays KFPA Street dance classes 4+yrs 4pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, www.kfpa.co.uk
- Thursdays Tae Kwon-do, Dagnall Village Hall, 5.45-7.30pm 07813 755785
- Thursdays Clubbercise 7.30 - 8.30pm. Eaton Bray Hall - Gina Flitton 07846421756
- Thursdays Beavers (6 to 8 years old), 6.15-7.30pm, 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Hut, High Street, Edlesborough. Contact: ebebeaverleader@ebescouts.co.uk
- Thursdays Explorers Scouts (14-18 years old), 8pm-9.30pm, 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Hut, High Street, Edlesborough. Contact Simon Betts, lionheartesu@hotmail.co.uk

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Thursdays	Intermediate Boxercise, 7.30-8.30pm, Dagnall Village Hall, Josh Thompson 07456 574405 or jtptinfo@gmail.com
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 Memorial 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@ebescouts.co.uk
Fridays (term time)	"Little Luvvies" baby ballet classes 10am-11.30am. Contact Emma Whittemore on 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 Memorial Hall
Saturdays	Bootcamp Fitness, 9-10am, Dagnall Recreation Ground, Josh Thompson 07456 574405 or jtptinfo@gmail.com
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 Monday (excl. Bank Hols)	Knit 'n Stitch at Edlesborough Village Hall, 1:45pm to 3:45pm. Contact Heather Westwood (01525 839803)
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 & 3rd Tuesday	TOTS, St Mary's, Eaton Bray, 2pm
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 Tuesday	Dunstable & District Local History Society meeting, 7.45pm, Methodist Church Hall, Dunstable (opposite Wilkinson)
2nd Tuesday	Edlesborough W.I. Meeting, 7.30 pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall
2nd Wednesday	St.Mary's Ladies Guild, 2pm, St.Mary's, Eaton Bray
2nd Wednesday	Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Lions Club, 7.30pm, The Coffee Tavern
2nd Thursday	CAMEO Coffee, tea & chat, 10am-12noon, Edlesborough Methodist Church
2nd Saturday	Workshops Dynamic Yoga 9.30-11am £10 Eaton Bray Coffee Tavern, Keira 07936 693696
3rd Thursday	Edlesborough Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
3rd Sunday	Lunch club 11.30 to 2.00pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Chris Hewitt 222288
Last Saturday	Coffee Morning, 10:30-12 noon, Edlesborough Methodist Church
Last Sunday	Messy Church, 3-5pm, Salvation Army, Booth Place, Eaton Bray, 07932 057490

Other Regular Events

5th	Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club Meeting, 11.30am-4.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall
10th	Leukaemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30am. All welcome.
21st	Dagnall and Kensworth Friendship Club with a talk by Hugh Grainger on Deception in WW2 with tea and raffle in the village hall at 2pm

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One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

11th	Poppy Prom, 7:30pm, St Mary's Eaton Bray, Tickets £12.50 01525 222283
18th	St Mary's Christmas Fair, 12-3pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Adults 50p admission
24-26th	Town Farm Art Show, 10am - 4pm, 6 Town Farm, Cheddington, LU7 0TT
25th	Steam in Beds Model Railway Show, 10am - 4:30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall and St Mary's Church, Adults £5
29th	Dagnall Christmas Bingo, 7:30pm, Dagnall Village Hall, Sheila 01442 842404

St Mary's Village Carnival

I am writing this on the final day for contributions to this month's Focus magazine; and I write with great sorrow because, this morning, I learned of the death of Richard Evans a fine, family man and great contributor to our community. Richard has entertained us with articles for Focus for the past seven years; he has been a stalwart of the Carnival Committee over that time and, as well as scribing countless articles, he has organised the St Mary's BBQ with great aplomb and, aided by many helpers, has made the BBQ a focal point on the Green on Carnival Day.

Richard will be sorely missed by his wife, Catherine, and by his children, Rachel, Jessica and Michael, as well as by members of his wider family within the community. We will miss his character, his personality and his encouraging and humorous words

Gordon Gray

Chairman, St Mary's Village Carnival

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Villager Referendum

As a villager who voted in the recent referendum on our neighbourhood plan I would like to say thank you to all my fellow villagers that turned out and voted. 45% of those eligible voted which is a great number, showing how important this was to many of us. Whether you voted yes or no, you took the time to vote. I hope you, like me, believe that living in a beautiful place is not just about the green fields it is also about respecting differing views, opinions and votes.

A democratic process was undertaken and we should respect what the majority decide. A big thank you to our parish councillors and those villagers who spent many months getting our plan to this stage of a vote by us. Being a volunteer I am sure can seem thankless at times but it is appreciated.

Village Info



EDaN Community Transport
Peter Williams: 01442 842506

Village Hall Bookings

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

Northall: Lorna Cabbage Tel: 07857 318696 Email: northallvhbookings@gmail.com

Eaton Bray: Norman Lee Tel: 01525 222831

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

Dagnall: Elizabeth Coates Tel: 01442 842550

Edlesborough Memorial Hall: Penny Pataky, Tel: 01525 229358

Email: manager@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk

Police Contact Numbers...

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Bedfordshire Police (Eaton Bray)

Leighton Buzzard Police Station/Kathryn Horgan: 01582 473411

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

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On Third Sunday of each month:

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WEEK-DAYS:

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

Wednesday: 10.00am Holy Communion

EVERYONE WELCOME AT THESE SERVICES

Memorial Service at St Mary's

There will be a Memorial Service at St Mary's on Sunday 5th November at 3pm. This is an opportunity to remember loved ones who have died. For more information, see the details on the church web site www.stmaryseatonbray.org.uk

Studham - Dunstable - Totternhoe - Eaton Bray - Leighton Buzzard

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South Beds Dial a Ride

	MF	Tue	Thu	Tue	MF		MF	MF	Tue	Thu	Tue	MF
Studham Common Road	08:28	-	-	-	11:21	Leighton Buzzard High Street	-	-	12:44	13:28	-	-
Studham Red Lion	08:30	-	-	-	11:23	Leighton Buzzard Tesco	-	-	12:47	13:31	-	-
Dunstable Downs	08:36	-	-	-	11:29	Billington Hill View Lane	-	-	12:54	13:38	-	-
Dunstable Square	08:45	-	-	-	11:38	Eaton Bray The Orchards	-	-	13:00	13:44	-	-
Dunstable Sainsburys	08:48	-	-	-	11:41	Eaton Bray Moor End	-	-	13:02	13:46	-	-
Dunstable Asda	08:50	-	-	-	11:43	Totternhoe Old Farm	-	-	13:06	13:50	-	-
Dunstable Salters Way	08:58	-	-	-	-	Totternhoe Cross Keys	-	-	13:09	13:53	-	-
Totternhoe Cross Keys	-	09:25	10:10	-	-	Dunstable Salters Way	08:59	-	-	-	-	-
Totternhoe Old Farm	-	09:27	10:12	-	-	Dunstable Sainsburys	09:07	11:01	-	-	-	14:46
Eaton Bray Moor End	-	09:32	10:17	-	-	Dunstable Asda	09:09	11:03	-	-	-	14:48
Eaton Bray The Orchards	-	09:34	10:19	-	-	Dunstable West Street	-	11:06	-	-	-	14:51
Billington Hill View Lane	-	09:42	10:27	-	-	Dunstable Downs	-	11:12	-	-	-	14:57
Leighton Buzzard High Street	-	09:48	10:33	-	-	Studham Red Lion	-	11:18	-	-	-	15:03
Leighton Buzzard Tesco's	-	09:51	10:36	-	-	Studham Common Road	-	11:20	-	-	-	15:05

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Notes:

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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

'Remember, remember the 5th of November: gunpowder, treason and plot' as the old rhyme goes. November is a month for remembering. It begins with All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day on 1st and 2nd of November when we recall all those who've died and give thanks for their lives. We will be holding a Memorial Service at St Mary's on Sunday 5th November at 3pm when we gather together to thank God for our departed loved ones, to light a candle and say a prayer. If you would like us to include a name please contact us via the church website. Everyone is welcome to attend the service.

November 5th is also Bonfire night when we recall the foiled plot by Guy Fawkes and his co-conspirators to blow up parliament. Gunpowder, which Fawkes and his companions planned to use for destruction, is used instead in fireworks to thrill those watching with spectacular displays. Remembrance Day, 11th November, falls on a Saturday this year and you are invited to buy tickets for the Poppy Prom which will be held in St Mary's on Saturday evening. It is a very popular event, so book early to avoid disappointment! On Remembrance Sunday, 12th November the focus is on those who've lost their lives in war, serving their country both in the two World Wars and in more recent conflicts. On each of these occasions, we reflect on the past.

We continue to remember the events of the First World War one hundred years ago. Called the 'war to end all wars' the conflict was global, sucking in countries from Africa to Australia, from Europe to Asia. And it was war on an epic scale, causing millions of casualties and affecting an entire generation. The world changed forever in the aftermath of the First World War. Sadly, it was not the end to all wars. Today we are painfully aware of conflict in the Middle East which has repercussions for us here in Britain. So what is the value of remembering?

Some people look back and only remember the good bits. This can be done even in relation to war. A book published by the British Ministry of Information just after the end of the Second World War has been reissued. As one commentator remarks, it focuses on the successes and omits the failures. Sometimes, as we look back, we are in danger of looking through rose tinted spectacles. The danger in remembrance is that we see only a selective picture and in comparison, the present seems a complex mix of good and bad. Some people find it easier to live in the past than in the present.

But there is also a danger of living entirely in the present, without ever reflecting on the past. Henry Ford, pioneer of the motor car, told the Chicago Tribune, 'History is more or less bunk. It's tradition. We don't want tradition. We want to live in the present.' The problem with never looking back is that we're apt to repeat the mistakes of the past. And looking back, reflecting on past errors as well as past successes can enable us to learn the lessons of history and improve things in the present.

Remembering is important, but only if we are prepared to learn from the past and use those lessons to help create a better future.



Every blessing,
☚ Joy, Vicar of Eaton Bray with Edlesborough

Jack Horne Awarded Medal



Not a lot of people know that Jack Horne, a long time resident of Edlesborough was awarded a medal by the President of the Republic of France making him the rank of Chevalier in the Ordre national de la Légion d'honneur for his involvement in the liberation of France during the Second World War. Jack is immensely proud of his medal and the fact that in France he is a Knight.



Left is a photo of Jack wearing the medal, above is a picture of the medal and below is a transcript of his letter. Heroes like this must never be forgotten, to know that he was ready to risk his life for freedom.

AMBASSADE DE FRANCE LONDRES

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19 October 2015

Dear Mr Horne,

I have the pleasure of informing you that the President of the Republic has appointed you to the rank of *Chevalier* in the *Ordre national de la Légion d'honneur*.

I offer you my warmest congratulations on this high honour in recognition of your acknowledged military engagement and your steadfast involvement in the Liberation of France during the Second World War.

As we contemplate this Europe of peace, we must never forget the heroes like you, who came from Britain and the Commonwealth to begin the liberation of Europe by liberating France. We owe our freedom and security to your dedication, because you were ready to risk your life.

I am happy to enclose your insignia of *Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur* and once again extend to you my heartfelt congratulations.

Since a large number of decorations has to be awarded between now and the end of this year, I shall be unable to present this honour personally to every single veteran. However, if you would like an award ceremony to be organized for you, I invite you to contact your region's French Honorary Consul, who has been informed and is at your disposal. The Honorary Consuls' contact details are enclosed with this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Sylvie Bermann



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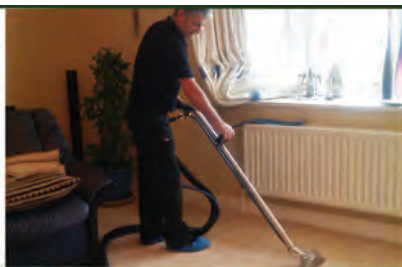
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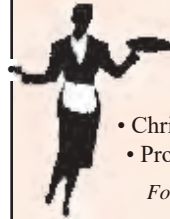
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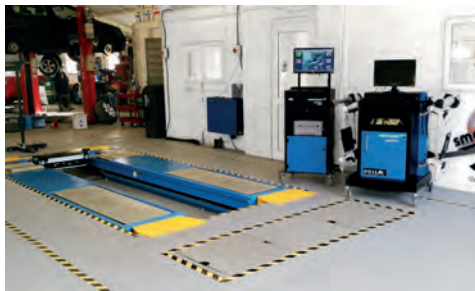
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Edlesborough Parish Neighbourhood Plan Gets a YES From Parishioners

'If I were you I wouldn't start from here!' This punchline of the joke about asking for directions could have been given to Edlesborough Parish Council's initiative to develop a Neighbourhood Plan.

Faced with a situation where there was no effective control on new housing developments, the opportunity to develop a plan that would introduce control seemed to be the right thing to do. The starting point however was a parish of residents that was largely opposed to any development. All the surveys conducted prior to the starting point of this initiative had clearly demonstrated that there was little or no desire for new housing.

The opportunity to have a stronger local say in local developments seemed to be the right way. It came with a clear statement from AVDC that whatever happened we had to have a minimum number of new houses most of which would need to be in Edlesborough Village under AVDC rules. So, we began with a situation where AVDC said 'this is the number' but you, Edlesborough, get to propose what is developed and where if you produce a Neighbourhood Plan that meets the rules laid down by the government.

Selling this was difficult and right to the end of the campaign it seemed that some residents still thought that saying NO to the plan was the same as saying NO to development ignoring the fact that we had a mandatory number to develop. Nothing could be further from the truth. Without a plan there would be no limit and it can be seen from current development applications that the number of houses that developers want to develop far exceeds the maximum number in our plan.

Fortunately, a significant number of people got the message and many volunteered to help develop and shape the plan. The Parish Council thanks those who gave up a considerable amount of time as part of a Steering Group that worked for 18 months to create the plan.

The Edlesborough Parish Neighbourhood Plan: -

- Limits the number of houses
- Puts constraint on the type of developments
- Includes design criteria
- Specifies locations

In addition, it applies a Settlement Boundary that further limits development outside the boundary of both Edlesborough and Northall. (A settlement boundary for Dagnall was unnecessary as it already benefits from Metropolitan Green Belt protection).

With a plan approved by both an independent examiner and AVDC, the final part of the process was to take it to all parishioners in a referendum on the 5th October.

Having spent over two years since the start of the process the Parish Council was prohibited, under the law, from campaigning for a YES vote. Fortunately, once again, parishioners stepped up to the challenge and a new group came together to form a YES Campaign group. These members had to pay all expenses relating to the campaign and had to commit to a considerable amount of time preparing and delivering flyers as well

as a devoted effort to knock on doors to explain the situation. Edlesborough Parish Council thanks all those in the YES campaign for their significant effort.

It didn't help that a leaflet containing inaccurate information, from those opposed to the plan, was delivered to households in Edlesborough village just days before the referendum.

The requirement was for a simple majority of those that voted and the result was a resoundingly positive response. **88% said YES!**

I speak for the Parish Council, The Steering Group and the YES Campaign group to give a big THANK YOU! to all those who voted for the plan.

AVDC will now build our requirements into their Local Plan.

✍ Alan Williams

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Nigel's Thoughts

Methodist Minister

Dear Friends,

As I write there is a lighted candle in front of me.

Candlelight has many facets.

There is vulnerability in a candle flame – it can easily be extinguished; but with care and attention the flame can be relit and fragile though it is, it illuminates an area far beyond itself.

There is warmth too and colour in the glow of a candle but there is also a changing pattern that reminds us that life is never static and that, as the flame points upwards, we need to remember to offer all that we are, all that we do and all that we hope for, to God.

Samuel Rayan wrote:

‘A candle-light is a protest at midnight,

It is non-conformist.

It says to the darkness,

“I beg to differ”.

During Advent this year the light of a candle kindled in Bethlehem will be shared at a service at All Saints Church on Shaftesbury Road in Bury Park, Luton. This light from that little town, the birthplace of Jesus, severed by an ugly wall of partition separating communities and dividing families, will then be carried out into the streets and homes of that diverse area so that all can share the light of love.

At the beginning of St John's gospel, in his dearly loved and resonant prologue, John reminds us that “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out” (John 1 verse 5)

As we begin, at this darkening time of year, to turn our thoughts to the coming of Jesus, may the light of God's inextinguishable love radiate in your heart. Though your own light be blown about and vulnerable at times, may it shine brightly for all to see and make a difference. May its vitality and warmth bring light, life and love to others.

God bless,

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Edlesborough Parish Neighbourhood Plan

On October 5th the Edlesborough Parish Neighbourhood Plan Referendum was held and Edlesborough Parish Council are pleased to share with all of you, the excellent result.

On a turnout of 45% of the electorate the result was 866 YES and 115 NO. A positive 88% in favour.

Thanks go to the entire council, the Core Team, the Steering Group and the Village Teams for putting the plan together and to the YES Campaign Team for their tireless efforts to get people to vote and vote YES. Particular thanks to Cllr John Wilkinson who was the principal architect of the plan. A full review of the implications appears as a separate article in Focus

Communicating with Edlesborough Parish Council

Edlesborough Parish Council are disappointed and saddened by recent indirect comments on Facebook about the Parish Council. EPC would like to remind all parishioners that they should they wish to comment on Council matters, ask questions, make complaints or share ideas we would prefer that they should do so directly in one of the following ways:

- Attend the monthly EPC meetings. These are held on the third Thursday of each month with the exception of August. Minutes and agendas are available on the EPC website.
- Write or email the Council via the Parish Clerk clerk@edleborough-pc.gov.uk
- Write to the Council via the messenger section of the Parish Council Facebook page.
- The Edlesborough Parish Clerk can also be contacted on 01525 229358

Christmas Wreaths In Edlesborough

Paulette Taylor has kindly agreed to organise the sponsorship and hanging of the Christmas Wreaths in Edlesborough this year. Last year's sponsors will be offered the opportunity to sponsor a wreath again. If after that there are any wreaths still available these will be advertised on Facebook.



Hedge Cutting

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. Hedges, trees and shrubs must not overhang a highway or any other road or footway to which the public has access to 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.



Remembrance Day Service

The Act of Remembrance will take place at **Edlesborough War Memorial** 10:30am – 11:30am on Sunday 12th November.

ECSC Ball

EPC would like to congratulate ECSC on the successful organisation of the Ball on Edlesborough Green, This event has raised over £8,000 for the New Pavilion.



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 Dagnall and Cow Lane sites. Anyone wishing to take on an allotment should contact the Clerk. Fees are £2 per pole and plots range in size from 5 – 10 poles.

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Vision Splays – Under Bucks CC Devolution EPC are responsible for cutting the grass verges within the 30mph limit. Any vision splays outside the 30mph limit are the responsibility of Transport for Bucks and should also be reported to the website above.

EPC Meetings

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

- Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 16th November 2017.
- Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 21st December 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 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 visit our Facebook page.

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Dagnall Community Choir

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The DCC Christmas Concert is always a lovely fun event, and a celebration that brings together the whole community, young and old, with mince pies and punch, and Father Christmas paying a visit during the course of the afternoon. It is also an opportunity to raise some money for a worthwhile cause - there is no cost for a ticket, but a collection bucket will be sent round with a request for donations towards our chosen charity. The choir looks forward to the occasion very much, and we invite you to come along and enjoy it too! Please see our poster for all of the details.

And if you can't make that, the good news is

that we will also be performing a selection of our Christmas repertoire at the Five Bells in Stanbridge on Saturday 9th December. Perhaps we will see you there!

November is of course also the month of the St Mary's Church Poppy Prom, and one of the joys of being a part of Dagnall Community Choir is our annual participation in this. Anyone who has been along to the Poppy Prom in the past will know that this is a fabulous evening of music, with contributions also from the South Beds Concert Band and St Mary's Church Choir, as well as soloists, and plenty of audience participation. This takes place on **Saturday 11th November** from 7.30pm.

As always, we welcome any new members to choir, and are particularly keen for more men to join our ranks, so if you want to give us a try, please come along to Dagnall Church on any Monday evening from 7.45pm. We are a friendly group, and singing with us is rewarding and fun. We won't ask you to audition - the only requirement for membership is that you love music and enjoy singing!

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Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council

Held on Monday 3rd September 2017 from 7:30pm at the Coffee Tavern

Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) – Councillor Ken Janes email kwjanes@hotmail.co.uk / 07767-496823. CBC Website: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk / CBC Email: customers@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk / CBC Customer Services: 0300 300 8302

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- Eaton Bray Police contact : PC Konopka - email Slav.Konopka2@Bedfordshire.pnn.Police.uk (all information is confidential and no names will be disclosed).
- For general Police contact/enquiries: **Non-emergency call 101 / All emergencies 999**

Eaton Bray – Neighbourhood Plan

The Council wanted to take the opportunity to thank the NP Steering group for all the work being done on the plan. Residents, keep your eyes on the Parish Council web site/facebook, read the Focus report - for updates. If you feel you can offer any support please come along to our meetings. However support doesn't need to be attending monthly meetings, perhaps you have the time to help with data collection/research. Contact the Parish Clerk.

Christmas Fayre

We are looking for market stall holders from Eaton Bray Parish to come forward if interested in having a stall on Market Square, Eaton Bray this Christmas. If interested please contact the Parish Clerk.



Watercourse Maintenance/River Ouzel

The Council have been contacted by the River Ouzel drainage board regarding some damage to a section of the river bank at Mill End Close. It has been agreed that the Council meet up with the drainage board to look at the issues and proposed works required.

Bus Route 43 Update

From the 1st May 2017, a number of supported services had to be brought in line within the guidelines of the CBC passenger transport consultation. Service 43 serves Studham to Dunstable and on Tuesdays operates through Totternhoe, Eaton Bray and Leighton Buzzard. CBC received a number of requests/comments from customers, local parish councils ... all of which were taken on board and reviewed to ensure CBC provide the best service to all residents, within the financial constraints of the contract. You can view the amended timetable (which has been submitted to the Traffic Commissioner and provisionally upon their acceptance, the new timetable will start on Monday 30th October) within Focus, on the Parish Council Website and Facebook.

Parish Council Meeting Dates: Held in The Coffee Tavern / 1st floor, from 7:30pm (unless otherwise notified)

Monday 6th November 2017 *Monday 4th December 2017



Heidi Head, Parish Clerk & RFO

Email: clerk@ebpc.co.uk - Telephone/Fax: 01525 221464 - Website: www.ebpc.co.uk

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Christmas 2017 in Dagnall

Friday 1st December

Father Christmas around the Village, 6.30pm

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Other Christmas Events in Dagnall

Christmas Bingo, Weds 29th November - 7.30pm

Christmas Fair, Saturday 2nd December - 1pm

**Christmas Concert by Dagnall Community Choir
Sunday 3rd December - 3pm**

**Christmas coffee morning at the church
Saturday 9th December - 10.30am**

Carol Service at the Church Saturday 9th December - 3pm

**Dagnall Children's Party
Sunday 10th December (Dagnall children only)**

**Best decorated house competition
Saturday 16th December - 6pm**

Santa Dash around the Village Sunday 17th December - 9.30am

Carol singing around the Village Sunday 17th December - 6pm

**Dagnall Over 60s Party (Members only)
Tuesday 19th December - 1.30pm**

Family Service at the Church Monday 25th December - 10.30am

Carol Praise at the Church Sunday 31st December - 10.30am

Music at St Mary's
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Saturday 18 November 2017, 12.00 - 3.00pm

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**Christmas Carols &
Brass Ensemble Around The Village**

Friday 22nd December 2017 From 7:30pm



To help us all get in the Christmas spirit, the Parish Council have again arranged for the brass ensemble to play Christmas Carols around Eaton Bray on the evening of the 22nd December.

The evening commences from 7:30pm at Three Corners moving to Market Square/White Horse at 8:15 pm.

All adults & children are urged to come outside and have a good old Christmas sing-a-long.
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Wednesday 29 November

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Dagnall Village Hall

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Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 9th
December

10.30am - 12.30pm

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Dagnall

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 To the Wednesday Club, where us "Old Uns" meet,
 Just next to your Pub, you gave us all such a wonderful treat



We understand that it was an uproarious sight,
 With your Auctioneer working, most of the night,
 What a wide selection of things were on auction,
 From vegetables, to chocolate, even part of a Lamb, a nice Leg proportion!

Not to be outdone, the Local \Butcher sent Pork,
 Someone even brought a Lawnmower, whoever would have thought!
 There were seventy five items to start the sale right,
 Then others brought more, the poor Auctioneer thought he would be there for the night!

When the auctioneer started about seven, there was certainly a crowd,
 All had to listen intently as the bids were shouted aloud,
 His speed of bid answering was also very fast,
 With such a noise around him, would his voice, the whole night last?

Finally, just everything given was found to be sold,
 Then the Swan Landlord displayed a heart full of gold,
 Free food for all was generously given,
 Thus finishing off an evening made in Heaven!



So Thank You to all who so generously came,
 To the Landlord and Staff of the Swan and again —
 To everyone who contributed to this great occasion,



And I am sure that next year, with such a good night, no one will need a lot of persuasion!

From all the Staff and Members of the Wednesday Club

Norman Davies, a Club Member
 28th Sept 2017



All Saints' Church, Dagnall

Services in November 2017

Sun. 5th Nov	9.00am	United Service for the Festival of all Saints
Sun. 12th Nov	10.30 am	Morning Service
Sun. 19th Nov.	10.30 am	Family Communion
Sun. 26th Nov.	10.30 am	Family Service
Sun. 3rd Dec.	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.

LOCAL HERALDRY

BY JOHN HOCKEY

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

TODDINGTON

Like many towns and villages, the most likely place to find good heraldry is in the church. Toddington is no exception, but the most interesting example to be found in this edifice dedicated to 'St George of England' is another of those funeral hatchments put up to the great and the good – in this case to William Dodge Cooper Cooper of Toddington Manor, who died in 1860. The hatchment is a little complicated so I will spare you the details, save to say that there is a small shield in the middle (an escutcheon of pretence) which means that any sons would bear the father's arms quartered with those of the heiress mother.



Toddington Church Hatchment

Outside in Toddington, my heraldic eye is drawn to a pub sign, namely the Oddfellows Arms, not far from the church. This sign is also a shield and is itself quartered, each of the four components having a meaning. Named after a Friendly Society established in 1810, the different quarters on the shield represent: time (hourglass); security (crossed keys); work (beehive); and sacrifice (lamb and flag). The red rose of England is in the centre and the motto means 'Friendship, Love and Truth'.



Toddington Oddfellows Arms

Quartering was a formalised way of incorporating the arms of new families that had been married into, often happily included as it showed the acquisition of wealth or status. Bizarrely, in heraldry not every coat of arms which is quartered has four components. Say your coat of arms already has four different quarters and you marry an heiress and have children. A son would then have to include your wife's arms and theoretically would then have five components to the shield. For evenness the shield is often balanced by repeating the main paternal arms again at the end, giving six 'quarters'. In heraldry this is known as 'quarterly of six'. If you think that is odd, spare a thought for the heraldic artist who had to draw the complex coat of arms of the Dukes of Buckingham and Chandos, which would be correctly described as 'quarterly of 719'!

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Eaton Bray Methodist Church

September opened with the inspiring visit of a new preacher, Geoff Best, who helped us to look again at the mystical moment when Moses encounters God at the Burning Bush. He made us think carefully about how we all experience the presence of God and reminded us that God is found in relationships with other people. Our September Cafe service was led by Peter Baker and under his thoughtful guidance we reflected on forgiveness and reconciliation. On the third Sunday John Enejo introduced a garden theme and encouraged us to explore whether our lives are fruitful and pleasing to God. Our Harvest Festival took place on the 4th Sunday under the leadership of Elizabeth Bibbings. It was a lovely service which made us consider the inter-dependence and fragility of nature and urged us to commit as a church to activities which will protect and care for the natural world around us. Our first service in October was a moving

Communion Service led by our Minister, Rev Nigel Bibbings. He reminded us of the need for us to look out for others as well as ourselves in these uncertain times. Focusing on the fallibility of humans, he pointed out that God understands when we change our minds or make mistakes. This does not excuse wrong behaviour but as Christians we always have the chance to start again.

Dates for your Diary:

Cafe Community

Saturday 11th November 11am – 1pm
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Your Neighbourhood Plan!!!

What a turn out! At the two recent drop in sessions that were held at the Coffee Tavern to enable YOU, the Parishioner's, to shape the future of the village we had around 225 people sharing their views and learning about what's been going on around planning in Central Bedfordshire. Even some of the residents who were "born and bred" took something away, even if it was a nostalgic view of the old village pictures around the walls of the Coffee Tavern.

We also had a return of around 340 public consultation questionnaires which is a resounding success, representing the views of around 30% plus response which is really great. We've analyzed the responses and summarized the various comments that you made and list below a flavour of the main results.

- People generally wanted the Village to retain its rural character, its public green spaces and its autonomy.
- In terms of development, the benefit of being surrounded by Green Belt was appreciated and that any new development would be effectively infilling.
- There is a preference for medium sized properties (no more large executive style houses) and a greater emphasis on smaller starter homes and properties that the elder generation can down size into, thereby releasing under used larger properties.
- Aspects that were not popular were the instances of flooding, poor road conditions, speeding in the village, parking, and poor mobile telephone signal.
- Improvements in public transport and traffic calming would be welcome.

Whilst this is a very high level summary of the results, we have posted the full analysis on the Eaton Bray Neighbourhood Plan web site which any one is welcome to review and comment. The web site address is www.ebpc.co.uk and follow the link to Neighbourhood Plan.

The next step is for the steering group to develop specific policies that reflect this consultation and prepare a series of documents, for the Parishioner's to review and comment upon, prior to a public referendum of acceptance or otherwise.

This is public consultation planned for the New Year.

Please review the documents and continue to participate in shaping the development of "Your Village".

Send your comments to the Parish Clerk at www.ebpc.co.uk

Neil Cartwright
Chairman of the Parish Council



Eaton Bray Lawn Tennis Club

Well I did try to warn them. ‘What’s going on at our club then?’ I implored the committee. ‘Let me have all the news, otherwise when I write for Focus...well you know what will happen...’. What did I get? Not a sausage. I can only guess that October must be a ‘low news’ month at EBLTC, and as such, and needing to fulfil my contractual obligations as Communications Officer, here we go. Brace yourselves. So, due to it being a bit of a quiet time, as a modern, entrepreneurial club, we’ve turned our attention to branching out into other activities. The appointment of a new ‘Business Expansion Tsar’ to our small and humble committee has already resulted in some exciting new opportunities to broaden our income base, increase our capital worth, strengthen our enterprise portfolio, and to obtain some quick cash so that we can spend a bit more time in the pub.

Airports: that’s our new target focal point. How many times have we heard the good people of our four villages bemoaning the fact that they’ve a flight to catch first thing in the morning, and the M25 is blocked solid, or the M1’s got roadworks for a change, or Luton’s improvements are once again resulting in a 3 hour traffic queue from the mid-term car park. Drop-off there has increased to £250 for 5 minutes and you need a small mortgage to hire a luggage trolley. And don’t get me started on the delays in Security.... (I should know)! Heathrow’s 3rd runway won’t be with us before Armageddon, Gatwick is the wrong side of London and thinks itself way above its station, and Stansted has Ryanair, enough said. So, our Tsar has come up with a proposal that will radically reduce the stress, anxiety and sheer panic that afflicts us every time we need to catch an aeroplane. It’s so simple that we just can’t believe anyone hasn’t thought of it before. We have submitted proposals to the CAA, DfT and LOL, to finance, improve and develop the

small airstrip that lies somewhere behind the White Horse (other pubs are available), into a medium sized commercial airport handling up to 10 million passengers a year. Now we know this won’t be easy, and could take up to 6 months to complete, but the logic is both compelling and convincing. We’ve done our homework, for example the runway will have to be rotated 90 degrees so that we don’t get 747s lining up with the High Street to land, and probably taking the pub roof off in the process. That wouldn’t be good for beer sales, and drivers may become distracted. Instead, the runway will head northwards, across the Rye (traffic lights will be installed to stop vehicles during the estimated 250 take offs and landings per day) and will continue to somewhere around Stanbridge, or even Eggington if we want to accommodate the new double decker Airbus A380. Clearly a few properties may have to be demolished to make way for this, but there’s plenty of other houses being built in the villages so we’re sure those affected will find somewhere else to live. We are after all a caring club.

The control tower will be built in the car park of the White Horse (o.p.a.a), as there’s plenty of spare space there, but their November 5th bonfires will be banned. We can’t have our new £20 million tower going up in flames just because the wind’s blowing in the wrong direction. Short term parking will be up The Comp, (taking care not to block any driveways) and Long term will be situated up School Lane, next to the recycling bins. A minibus will run 3 times a day to transfer passengers, driven by our fixtures secretary in-between his existing cat feeding duties. We’ve further cut down on costs by not including any shopping or eating facilities; after all why take business away from our established corporations? Passengers can simply wander down to the High Street, picking up some tasty fish and chips, and maybe a nice cup of tea in Edlesborough. They can even buy

a newspaper and get a haircut before they pop back to board their flight. Toilets? They can use the ones at the pub (we still have to clear this with the landlord). We have simply thought of everything. No stone has been left unturned in our highly detailed submission. A decision is due next month, and we'll let you know when building work starts so you can move your cars out of the way of the bulldozers, and if necessary drop into Giblin's for a chat (other estate agents are available).

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'm not being chased by a lynch mob, then me, Andy Cross, on 07783 667338.

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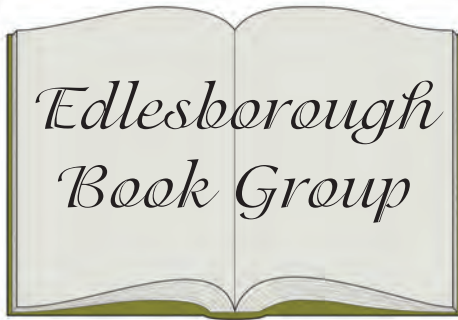
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✍️ Sheila Banks

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Three Men in a Boat by Jerome K. Jerome

Over the past few months our group has been reading books on fairly serious subjects and we decided that we would like to lighten the mood. The book we chose to read was *Three Men in a Boat*. It was published in 1889 and is an account of a boating holiday on the Thames, taken by three young men and a dog.. They set out to journey from Kingston to Oxford and intend to return the opposite way.

The men are based on Jerome himself (the narrator) and his two friends George Wingrave and Carl Henschel (Harris). The story describes their river journey on a hired boat and the misadventures that occur on the way, notably a "stuffed trout" that turns out to be plaster; one of many anecdotes which our group enjoyed. Also popular, was the tale of Uncle Podger creating mayhem whilst hanging a picture.

Jerome intersperses these anecdotes with descriptions of famous landmarks along the banks of the Thames, whilst at the same time he and his friends get into difficulties as they try to overcome their inexperience and ineptitude on the water. The overall verdict of our book group was that the book had stood the test of time, most of us, with a few exceptions, had enjoyed reading it. The writing is very good and easy to read, although some of the set pieces seem a little contrived and the humour somewhat schoolboyish. Apart from that, in spite of its age, *Three Men in a Boat* is still quite an amusing book. Which brings to mind the subject of humour, by its nature very diverse and very personal. So, what is it about this book in particular that has kept it in publication for so many years and had so many film, T.V. and radio adaptations made. Is its humour somehow universal ?

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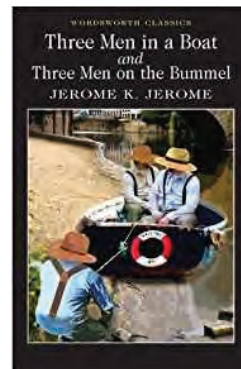
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I know that I'd love it more now than I did.

If I could be back there at my mother's knee,
And hear once again all the things she told me,
I'd listen as I never listened before,
For she knew so well just what life had in store.

And all the advice that my dad used to give
His voice I'll remember as long as I live:
But it didn't seem really important then:
What I'd give to live it all over again.

And what I would give for the chance I once had
To do so much more for my mother and dad,
To give them more joy and a little less pain,
A little more sunshine - a little less rain.

But the years roll on and we cannot go back,
Whether we were born in a mansion or shack,
But we can start right now - in the hour that's here.
To do something more for the ones we hold dear.

And since time in its flight is travelling so fast,
Let's not spend it regretting that which is past.
But let's make tomorrow a happier day
By doing our 'good unto others' - today.

Author Unknown
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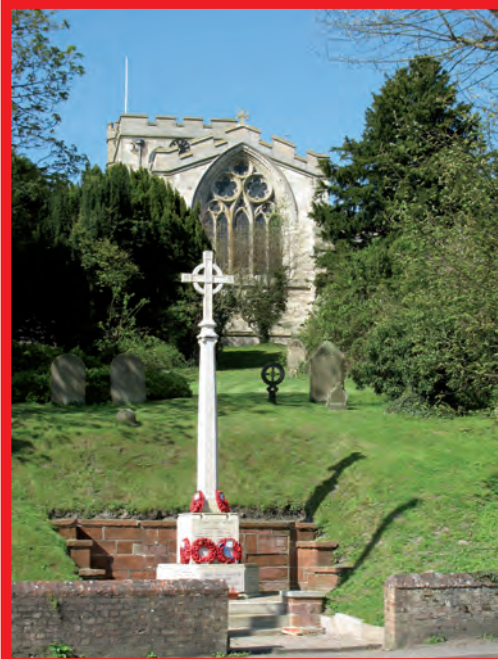
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*Right: Edlesborough War Memorial
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The guest speaker for the forthcoming meeting on 13th November is Hugh Garrod

who will be giving a talk on Dunstable in Bloom. The Club's Christmas dinner will be held on Wednesday 13th December to which wives, partners and guests are invited and at which the Christmas address will be given by a local minister of religion. In January the guest speaker will be Trevor Owens who will be giving a talk entitled 'Tokens or Money' and at the February 2018 meeting Graham Smith will be giving a talk on Fred England's buses.

Eaton Bray W.I.

At our October meeting we were delighted to have Anna Conti talk about her Stained Glass work.

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Apart from commissions, Anna Conti also runs workshops, teaching the craft on an individual basis or to groups of children and adults of all ages and abilities.

This was a most interesting, illustrated talk and members enjoyed being shown how the glass is cut ready for using in the patterns. Members had also been asked to bring their prettiest piece of glass, and took it in turns

to explain where their glass had come from. It was agreed that our Christmas Charity would be to provide suitable gifts for children under 16 for the Salvation Army in Dunstable to distribute to needy families.

A poppy wreath has been organised to place at the Memorial in Edlesborough for the Remembrance Day Service.

Next Month our speaker will be Hugh Granger on "I'm not really old, It's those tablets"

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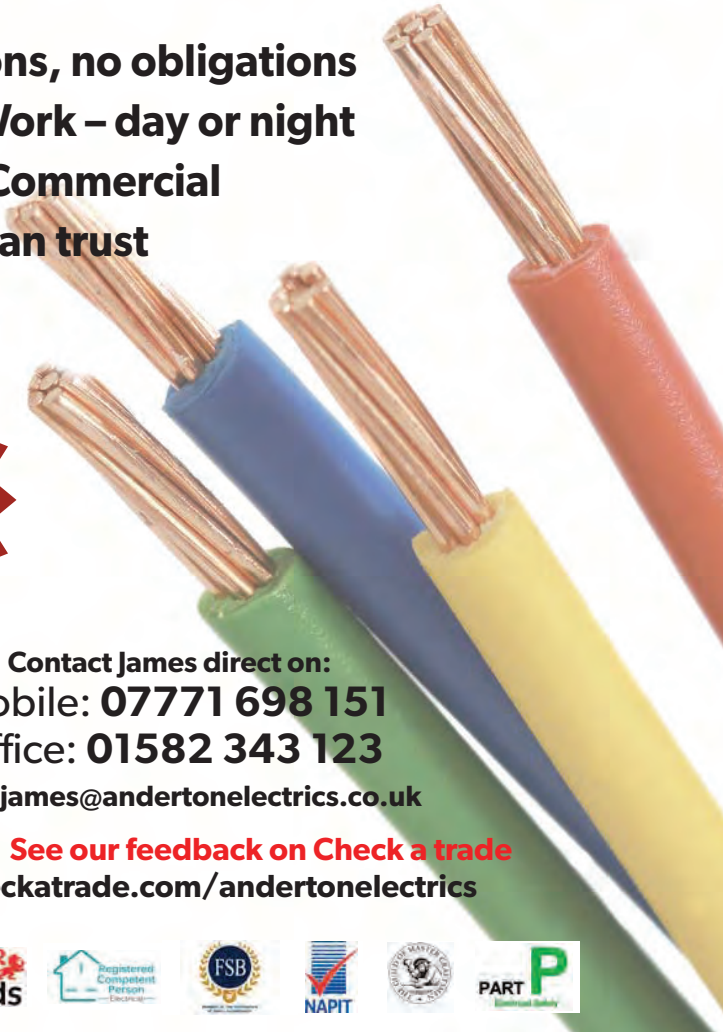


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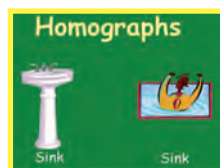
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3. The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
4. We must polish the Polish furniture..
5. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
6. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
7. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
8. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
9. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
10. I did not object to the object.
11. The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
12. There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
13. They were too close to the door to close it.
14. The buck does funny things when the does are present.
15. A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
16. To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
17. The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
18. Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
19. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
20. How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?



Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are animal organs. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell? How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out, and in which an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible. PS - Why doesn't 'Buick' rhyme with 'quick'?

You lovers of the English language might enjoy this.

Sports Injuries in Young Athletes



Young athletes and adolescents are often more susceptible to some injuries due to their growing bodies. They

respond differently to adults when training and often aches and pains are labelled as “growing pains”.

Here are some conditions that young athletes can be prone to developing:

OSGOOD SCHLATTERS DISEASE

- This is a common cause of knee pain particularly between the ages of 10 and 15. It presents with pain at the bony bit at the top of the shin – this area can also become swollen and more prominent. It is predominantly an overuse injury and occurs when there is a growth spurt and high level of sporting activity. Often, as the bones grow, the muscles and tendons take time to catch up, this causes a pulling force on the tendon insertion. Treatment involves activity modification as well as the PRICE principles (Protect the joint, Rest, Ice, Compression and Elevation). Other treatment can include using anti-inflammatories, taping and gentle stretching and massage.

SEVER'S DISEASE - This is a cause of heel pain affecting active children aged 8 – 15 years. It presents with pain at the back of the heel which is aggravated by physical activity. It can be tender to touch and there may be a lump over the area. Often the calf muscles are also very tight. Again, it is often caused by a rapid growth spurt and the muscles/ tendons can't keep up with the bone growth. Treatment is aimed at reducing pain. The PRICE principles need to be applied as well as activity modification and gentle stretching and massage. Also, any biomechanical issues need to be addressed.

PERTHES' DISEASE - This affects children between 4 and 8 years but can also occasionally occur in teenagers. It presents

with pain and tiredness in the groin and sometimes the knee. They may walk with a limp and have reduced hip range of motion. It is more common in boys than girls. It affects the hip joint and the blood supply to the head of the femur (the ball in the ball and socket joint) can be disrupted. An early diagnosis is important via X-rays and scans. Often this can be treated conservatively but sometimes surgery is needed.

If you suspect your child may be suffering from any of these conditions, consult your GP or get assessed by a Chartered Physiotherapist.

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Harissa Salmon Served with Apricot, Spinach and Olive New Potatoes



Here's an interesting way to jazz up your humble salmon fillet. I'll be honest, when Iraqi chef Firaz Khafadji first told me he was serving the fish with a potato, apricot, spinach and olive salad, I wasn't immediately convinced. But, as with all food, the proof is in the eating and this was a brilliant combination of texture, colour and flavour. The potato salad will accompany pretty well anything and it's actually lovely just on its own too, or in a lunchbox. Firaz, who is the head chef and owner at the Vine Leaves in Harpenden, is passionate about fusing the vibrant flavours of the Mediterranean and his native Middle East and this is a perfect example. Slathering the salmon with fiery harissa paste just increases the flavours on the plate. Pretty, and pretty delicious.

To serve 2:

- 2 x 170g salmon fillets
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 tbsp harissa paste
- Pinch of chopped parsley
- Drizzle of balsamic vinegar

Heat a frying pan until almost smoking, then pour in the oil. Spread the harissa on top of the salmon then pop it into the pan, skin side down.

Fry over medium high heat for 3-4 minutes until the skin is golden-brown and crisp.

Pop the fish into a hot oven (180C/ Gas Mark 4) for 5-7 minutes, depending on thickness, until cooked through. Try to leave it a little pink in the middle.

To serve, place the fish on top of the salad, and garnish with the parsley and balsamic.

For the potatoes:

- 200g new potatoes
- Handful of dried apricots, finely chopped
- Handful of olives, chopped
- Knob of butter
- Handful of baby spinach

Boil the potatoes until soft then gently crush them using the back of a fork. You are not looking for a fine mash at all here.

Stir through the butter. Season well, add in the apricots and olives and finish with the baby spinach, which will naturally wilt. Serve hot, with the salmon.

You can drizzle a little olive oil around the plate as you serve...

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Double Trouble



Two Endangered Grevy's zebra foals horse around at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo

Two endangered Grevy's zebra foals have been spotted playfully horsing around in their paddock after being born in September at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo.

Keepers say that female foal Katie, who was born to first-time mum Nafisa on 10 September, seemed delighted when she was joined by a playmate nine days later.

As soon as male foal, Kito, was born to mum Henna on 19 September, the two youngsters began tearing around their enclosure, much to the amusement of keepers and visitors.



Team Leader Mark Holden said: "Like all zebras, when Katie and Kito were born they just seemed to be all ears and legs.

"It wasn't long before they were bounding around together, running and jumping around at a huge pace, before eventually running out of steam and returning to their respective mums.

"It's all typical behaviour for young zebra foals, as they learn what their legs are for, then going back to mum for comfort. Katie and Kito are settling

in really well, interacting with the rest of the group of Grevy's zebras here at the Zoo and exploring their surroundings."

Grevy's Zebras are classified as Endangered by the IUCN Red List of Endangered Species, and there are thought to be only around 2600 Grevy's zebras left in the wild.

Mark Holden continued: "We're very privileged at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo to have successfully bred this beautiful but endangered species for 29 years. Kito is our 36th Grevy's zebra foal born here as part of the European Endangered Species Programme."

To see young Katie and Kito, as well as hundreds of other incredible animals at the UK's largest Zoo, book online now and save 10% on ticket price at www.zsl.org.



Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

Weather Conditions for September 2017

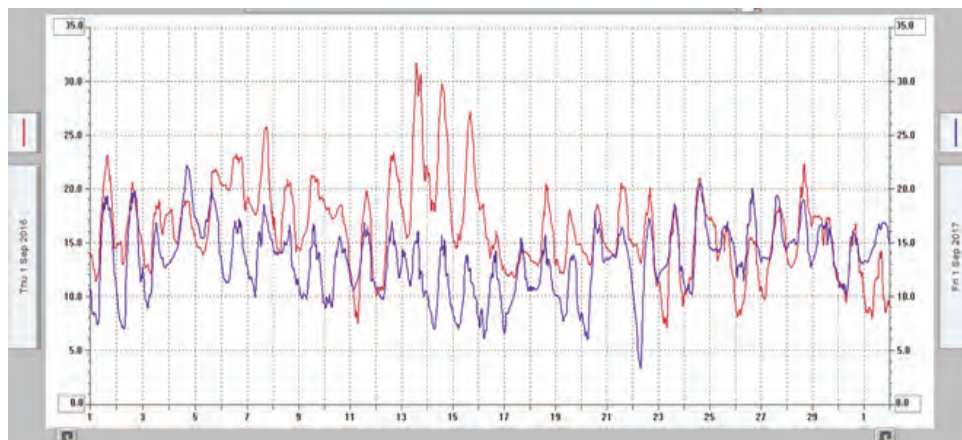


Elevation: 450 ft - Latitude: 51° 50' 13" North - Longitude: 0° 33' 34" West

September started with a weak ridge of high pressure over us giving us a few Sunny days. The rest of the month was unsettled, we had 150% of average rainfall with the station recording rain on 27 days. The temperatures were below average with the highest only reaching 21.6°C with a monthly mean temperature of 13.3°C. all this resulting in a cool wet month more like November. Comparing this with September last year 2016 when we had high temperature of 30.3°C mean temperature 16.2°C and only 12 rain days. To show this, see the plot below I have overlaid temperatures for 2016 with 2017 and you will see the vast difference.

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature:	21.6°C	4 Sept 16.30	3.3°C	22 Sept 07.30
Mean Temperature	13.3°C			
Dewpoint:	18.4°C	4 Sept 15.3	2.6°C	22 Sept 07.30
Humidity:	97%	4 - 22 Sept	54%	24 Sept 15.30
Barometer:	1022.7mb	2 Sept 00.00	988.8 mb	11 Sept 05.30
Wind Speed	40mph W	13 Sept 02.30	Months avg.	4.7 mph
Wind Chill:	21.4°C	4 Sept 16.30	3.3°C	22 Sept 07.30
Dominant Wind:	SSE			
*Rain Days: 27 (T), 27(R)				
	Wettest Day 8th Sept		10.80 mm	0.425 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	Sept 2017	73.9 mm	2.909 ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	9 Months	529.4 mm	20.842 ins

Temperature - **Red 2016** - **Purple 2017**



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Edlesborough Book Group

A History of Loneliness by John Boyne

Father Odran Yates is looking back over his life as a priest. He has spent his life dedicated to a faith and a church that he believes in wholeheartedly. He entered Cronliffe College aged seventeen, convinced by his mother that he had a vocation for the priesthood. Having been ordained, he spent twenty seven years at Terenure College, a boys school, where his priestly duties are routine and undemanding. He grows used to the way of life there, but change occurs when he is summoned to see the Archbishop, who tells him that he will be taking over a parish recently vacated by a friend from his days at the seminary. Tom Cardle and Odran were room mates and friends at that time, but since then Tom Cardle's career as a priest does not seem to have run altogether smoothly. He doesn't appear to have stayed in one place for very long before being moved on to another. Odran doesn't appear to question this and even when he takes over the parish and hears the altar boys referring to Tom as Satan, alarm bells don't ring. Perhaps having gone from school to seminary and then to a school, has left him completely without guile: or perhaps there are facts within the church that he so fervently believes in and trusts, that he refuses to face.

The book covers Odran's life between 1964 and 2013, moving backwards and forwards in time in what seems an haphazard way, but in so doing fleshes out Odran's troubled background, his family problems with his sister and her family and his mother, helping us to understand his feelings of repression, frustration and guilt.

John Boyne is an Irishman and one perceives him to be a lapsed Catholic. He draws a picture of the Catholic church and its difficulties from the innocent days when the priests could do no wrong, up to the present when so much evil has been uncovered. But he also sends the message that only a minority of priests were guilty, the vast majority were sincere men doing something in which they believed. The hierarchy let them down. The characters of Odran Yates and Tom Cardle are very black and white and while Father Yates seems to think that he has been a good man, we the readers must see him as weak and ostrich like, hiding from facts that must be staring him in the face.

Our group all enjoyed the book and would recommend it. However we found the central character and some of the situations a little hard to believe. The book is very well written and opens up lots of areas of discussion.



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The Sounder Pound & Change

We live in a world of constant change. The latest change being the withdrawal of the round one-pound coin from circulation because of its ease of forgery. It is estimated that there were 45 million forgeries in circulation.

The technology in the new coin mean that it is the hardest in the world to fake. A Treasury spokesman said, "After 30 years' loyal service the time is right to retire the current £1 coin and replace it with the most secure coin in the world. With advances in technology making high value coins like the £1 ever more vulnerable to counterfeiters it's vital that we keep several paces ahead of the criminals to maintain the integrity of our currency."

We live in a world of constant change, mostly for the better, but at times the change can be so fast moving that it almost becomes frightening. It feels like we are walking on shifting sands and we long for solid ground. Politicians are constantly making promises, only to do U turns a few months later, and so we wonder if there is anything, or anyone we can rely on.

The Bible reminds us that there is one person who can be relied upon; someone who has not changed since He created time itself. Isaiah 46 encourages us to: 'Remember your history, your long and rich history. I am GOD, the only God you've had or ever will have - incomparable, irreplaceable - From the very beginning telling you what the ending will be. All along letting you in on what is going to happen, assuring you, 'I'm in this for the long haul, I'll do exactly what I set out to do,' (The Message).

God was wise enough to understand that change should be part of the human condition, yet he also gave us some constants. The seasons change but follow a predictable pattern which enables crops to grow and keeps nature in balance; and night follows day so that we can rest.

The fact that the Universe follows a reliable pattern is reassuring as it tells us of God's love and care for His creation. It reminds us that God is constant and does not change. Malachi 3:6 says: 'For I am the Lord, I do not change.' God's love, power and protection are never-changing and never-ending, no matter what happens. God's presence is with us at all times, and in all circumstances and conditions. Therefore, we do not need to be afraid or discouraged. As Deuteronomy 31 tells us. 'GOD is striding ahead of you. He's right there with you. He won't let you down; he won't leave you. Don't be intimidated. Don't worry.' While change is a reality of our life, we can rely on Jesus because He is eternal and he never changes. 'He is the same yesterday, today and forever.' (Hebrews 13)

The Salvation Army, Booth Place - Weekly Activities



Sunday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Parent and Toddler Group	
<i>(Term time)</i>	
	9.30-11.30am
Girls' Night Out	
<i>(1st Thursday of month)</i>	
	7.45pm
Sewing & Craft Bees	
<i>(2nd Thursday of month)</i>	
	7.45 pm
Ladies Fellowship	
<i>(Last week of month)</i>	
	7.45pm

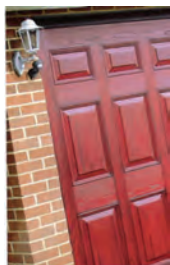
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