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another in the difficult and the joyful times.

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See page 45*

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*✍️ Editor*

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# Village Diary March 2019



## 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: 07832 230774
- 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, Edlesborough 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 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 Pilates, 8pm, Northall Village Hall, Lisa: 07832 230774
- Wednesdays Northall & District Age Concern Wednesday Club, 10am - 3pm, Northall Village Hall, Contact Barbara 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
- 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
- Wed (term time) Art Courses, Whipnade Village Hall, 9.30am – 12.30pm. Lorna Moore 07896 619660
- 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
- Thursdays Intermediate Boxercise, 7.30-8.30pm, Dagnall Village Hall, Josh Thompson 07456 574405 or jtpinfo@gmail.com

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Thursdays	Eaton Bray Methodist Church Social Afternoons, 2 - 4pm, All Welcome
Thursdays	Retro Line Dance Class. 11.15am to 12.45pm. Eaton Bray Village Hall. Beginners welcome. <a href="http://www.jukeboxjunction.co.uk">www.jukeboxjunction.co.uk</a> info@jukeboxjunction.co.uk 07864212171
Fridays	Keep Fit class, Edlesborough Memorial Hall 10 - 11am
Fridays	Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 01582 620576
Fridays	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	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
Fri (term time)	Art Courses, Whipsnade Village Hall, 9.30am – 12.30pm. Lorna Moore 078 9661 9660
Saturdays	Jazzercise, 9.30-10.30am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Angela Veryard, 01525 715208
Saturdays	KFPA Musical Theatre classes 4+yrs <a href="http://www.kfpa.co.uk">www.kfpa.co.uk</a> , 10am, Edlesborough Memorial Hall
Saturdays	Bootcamp Fitness, 9-10am, Dagnall Recreation Ground, Josh Thompson 07456 574405 or <a href="mailto:jtptinfo@gmail.com">jtptinfo@gmail.com</a>
Sundays	Sunday Worship at 10:30am and 6pm Grace Baptist Church, Moor End, Edlesborough (across from the post office). Alister King 07572 395687
Sundays	Karate for kids & adults, 4-5:30pm, Eaton Bray Villaage Hall, Contact 07500 007779
<b>Monthly</b>	
1st Monday	Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, The Coffee Tavern (except Jan-2nd Monday)
1st Monday	Eaton Bray W.I. Meeting, 7.30pm. Eaton Bray Methodist Church Hall. Contact Margaret Jones on 01525 220991
1st & 3rd Mon (ex. Bank Hols)	Knit 'n Stitch at Edlesborough Village Hall, 1:45pm to 3:45pm. Contact Heather Westwood (01525 839083)
2nd Mon	Film Society, Sep to May, 2pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Graham Chappell 01525 220883
1st & 3rd Tues	Dunstable & District Orbit (social and charitable) Club meet at Dunstable Rugby Club at 8pm. For details contact 01525 222441 or 01582 755147
1st & 3rd Tues	TOTS, St Mary's, Eaton Bray, 1:30pm
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 Monday	SilverLink, 2.30-4.00pm, Grace Baptist Chapel Edlesborough – activities, talks, friendship & refreshments for the over 60s
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, Contact Sally Taylor on 01525 221576 Email: <a href="mailto:sally.taylor32@btinternet.com">sally.taylor32@btinternet.com</a>
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 Thursday	Sewing & Craft Bee, 7:30pm, Salvation Army, Booth Place, Eaton Bray
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

# Village Diary March 2019

## Other Regular Events

- 3rd Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club Meeting, 10.30am-3.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall
- 8th Leukaemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30am. All welcome.
- 19th Dagnall and Kensworth Friendship Club meeting of Bingo, followed by tea and a raffle, 2pm in Dagnall Village Hall

## One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

- 8th Wednesday Club Quiz Night, 7:30pm, Northall Village Hall, Beryl 01525 220868
- 16th Music at St Mary's present Peculi8, 7:30pm, St. Mary's church, Eaton Bray, Tickets £7.50  
Box Office: 01525 222283

## GORDON'S CHRISTMAS PUZZLE 2018 Another record breaking year

I received 343 entries for this year's Puzzle of which 80 scored full marks, among them a team comprising French and Swedish nationals, all with English as a foreign language. I am delighted that this year's chosen charities – Blesma, The Limbless Veterans, Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY), Dorothy House, Rushjudo, and St Mary's Church - will share £7,200 bringing the total raised by the Puzzle since 1991 to £91,400. On behalf of all the charities supported "Thank you for your generosity" especially to those of you with an 'LU6' postcode.

A draw was held at St Mary's Church, Eaton Bray, on 3 February 2019 and three Puzzlers who scored full marks were selected at random to receive a £50 prize. These were: Doreen Chambers, Tessa Fulwood and HS Williams. Four additional names were drawn from 341 entrants who had submitted entries by that time. Each of the following receive a prize of £10: Dave Bradbury (119.5), C Carter (118.5), Enid Jones (118) and Mrs A Vincent (120). Unfortunately none of the winners are local to this area.

## Dagnall Church Welcome Afternoons



**Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> 2pm to 4pm**  
Drop in for a chat, a cuppa and cake.  
Join us for a board game or to try a craft activity. Toys for children and babies provided. **All ages welcome.**

Dagnall Church, Ringshall Road HP4 1RL

# 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: 07975 797202

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

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

### Thames Valley Police (Edlesborough, Dagnall & Northall)

PCSO Jackie Dodson Mobile: 07800 703 524

Email: NHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

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**Dagnall:** Red Lion Public House

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## Services at St Mary's Church

**SUNDAYS :** 8.00am HOLY COMMUNION  
10.00am PARISH SUNG HOLY COMMUNION

**On Third Sunday of each month:**

**10.00am – WORSHIP FOR EVERYONE** a shorter, less formal service for families. (For anyone wishing to attend a service where Holy Communion is offered, there is a Family Communion at 10.30am at All Saints' Church, Dagnall, where visitors are assured of a warm welcome).

**WEEK-DAYS:**

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

**Wednesday: 10.00am** Holy Communion

*EVERYONE WELCOME AT THESE SERVICES*



# Get your EdleFest 2019 tickets early!



As I write this there is still snow on the ground, so it's hard to imagine standing up at the Church on the Hill with a cool glass of something refreshing, admiring a mid-summer sunset. We were so excited about this year's EdleFest line-up that we decided we couldn't wait until the summer to get tickets out there - and just as well as we've already sold quite a few!

Tickets will be available in the village from Janes Flooring from the start of April (cash or cheque only please), or you can get them on-line now via the website, or by calling 01525 221744. This year we've also introduced a discounted rate if you come for both nights – and when you look at the line-up, why wouldn't you!

On Friday 14th June we're hosting the iconic Chris Difford, co-founder of Squeeze – plus support acts. On Saturday 15th June we have a real treat with both the Sam Kelly Trio and Jaywalkers in a single evening. Jaywalkers recently headlined at The Stables in Milton Keynes in their own right and will be treating us to some virtuosic bluegrass. Radio 2's Mark Radcliffe recently said of Sam's band, "Amazing, thrilling music!" - and not to be outdone, some chap called Simon Cowell's opinion was, "Sam...you have an amazing voice". Now you can come and find out for yourself.

If you've been before, you know what to expect – if you haven't, then it's about time you gave it a try! Find out more about the whole event online by searching for Edlefest, or visiting [edlefest.site123.me](http://edlefest.site123.me), by calling 01525 221744, or by email to [EdleFest@gmail.com](mailto:EdleFest@gmail.com). See you there!

✉ Richard Brandon

## St Mary's 100 Club

The lucky prize-winners are:

**January 2019**

**1st prize – Victor Courtice**

**2nd prize – Chris Banks**

**3rd prize – Rachel McVeigh**



# Eaton Bray with Edlesborough Parish News

Vicar: Rev'd Joy Cousins

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

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

Reader: Gordon Gray (01525 220136)

Website: [www.stmaryseatonbray.org.uk](http://www.stmaryseatonbray.org.uk) Facebook: St Mary's Eaton Bray

From its very beginning, the history of the Christian church has involved taking the message of Jesus out to others and crossing geographic and cultural boundaries. We read in the book of Acts in the Bible of how the message about Jesus was spread by his followers on their missionary journeys through the Middle East, Asia, Cyprus, Crete and into Europe culminating in Rome, the centre of the Roman Empire. From its origins in the Middle East, Christianity spread quickly into North Africa. It had reached India by AD53 and China by AD 635. So it has always been a global religion and different cultures adopted different approaches to worship. Many artists have been influenced by the Bible and the depictions of Biblical scenes often reflect their own cultural norms.

What did Jesus look like? There are no descriptions of Jesus' physical appearance in the Bible. We know that he was Jewish, born into a poor family, but we have no idea whether he was tall or short, muscular or slim. The gospel writers were not interested in those details. This means that artists have had great freedom in producing images of Jesus, often portraying him to relate to their own cultural context.



This year in our Lent Groups the North Chilterns Group of Churches will be looking at Jesus as portrayed by artists from around the world. Called 'The Christ we share' it will be an opportunity to examine our own preconceptions about Jesus and to reexamine them in the light of other interpretations from around the world. There will be the opportunity to view the art works, to ponder them and to engage in discussions with one another. Meetings will be held at Totternhoe Church Hall on the first five

Tuesdays in Lent: Tuesday 12, 19, & 26 March and 2 & 9 April gathering at 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start.

Everyone is welcome to come along. If you have never been to church before and you would like to think more deeply about who Jesus is, then this is a good opportunity to do so. It will be a relaxed approach with no pressure to join the discussion unless you wish to do so- and it is free! The other thing worth noting is that although the sessions are linked, each one will stand alone. Viewing things through a different lens is often an enlightening experience. Other people see things that I miss. They take another viewpoint. I hope you will take this opportunity to explore and discuss 'The Christ we share.'



Wishing you a holy Lent,

✠ Joy (Vicar of Eaton Bray with Edlesborough)



# St Mary's Village Carnival 2019

*In aid of St Mary's Church Fabric Fund, Eaton Bray,*

*Wildlife Trust (supporting College Lake and Totternhoe Knolls) and other local charities & good causes*

This year the Carnival will be held on Saturday the 6th of July 2018 with the theme of 'VILLAGE LIFE'.

## **CARNIVAL QUEEN 2019**

If you are aged between 8 and 12 years and live in Dagnall, Eaton Bray, Edlesborough or Northall you could be leading the procession in the Carnival Queen carriage. This year's Queen and assistants will be chosen by draw on Sunday the 14th of April 2018 in Eaton Bray village hall.

For full entry details contact Cheryl Spratt on 01525 222139 or visit the Carnival website

## **INFORMATION FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES**

The Carnival is the perfect opportunity for businesses and organisations to be part of a local community event which is attracting an ever increasing amount of visitors and gaining a reputation as one of the best rural carnivals around.

In order to make sure you have a presence at the Carnival, the carnival committee are urging local businesses, schools, youth groups and organisations to make contact and be part of this brilliant event. With visitors attending from all over Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and beyond the Carnival offers the perfect platform for business' to come and meet their current and potential customers. The committee will work in partnership with a business or organisation to ensure that they get the best out of what the carnival can offer. Just a few ways the carnival can help are:

- Advertising in the carnival programme, delivered to over 2500 homes locally.
- Advertising in the carnival arena, offering prime exposure within the heart of the carnival.
- Having a stall at the carnival. Prices unchanged from last year.
- Donating a prize towards either the grand draw or the silent auction.

To book a stall, arrange advertising, offer prizes or for a chat about how the carnival can work for your business or organisation, visit the carnival website:

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP**

Many members of the Carnival Committee are highly experienced **but** we need new and enthusiastic people to help therefore ensuring that the tradition of Carnival can be continued for many years; so, we need fresh faces to help organise the event.

There are some specific roles where we need help urgently:

- Carnival Programme and Arena advertising
- Someone with room on their drive to receive and store cones, road closure equipment and tables during Carnival weekend
- Someone to store the St Mary's (Tea Tent) marquee throughout the year.

If you know someone who is itching to help on the Carnival Committee or have ideas you would like to see introduced then please contact us through the website or Facebook page.

[www.stmarysvillagecarnival.com](http://www.stmarysvillagecarnival.com)



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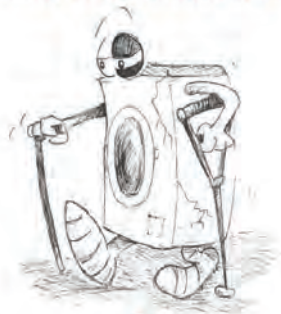
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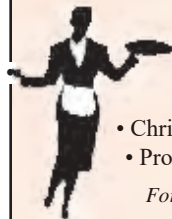
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## Dagnall Community Choir

The date of the Milton Keynes Music Festival edges ever nearer, and the choir has been working hard learning and rehearsing our two entry pieces. We will be singing a beautiful version of "Who Is Sylvia", words by William Shakespeare, music by George Shearing, and "Non Nobis Domine", a hymn known to many from their school days, with words by Rudyard Kipling and music by Roger Quilter. By March 15th, with the help of our superb musical team, we're sure we will all feel confident of the words, and will have perfected our harmonies, ready to enjoy an evening of music with other choirs from around the local area.

Our 2019 concert schedule will start soon after that with our first concert of the year taking place on Saturday 23rd March 7.30pm at Langdale Church in Dunstable. This is new venue for us, so we are looking forward to meeting and entertaining folk who may not have previously heard us sing – hopefully they will like what they hear! This concert will be a fundraiser for the Dunstable

Food Bank so if you'd like to come along and listen, your support will be appreciated by this worthy cause as well as by the choir. With future concerts in mind, we have started learning some new songs to add to our wide ranging repertoire. It's always a joy to be handed a new piece of sheet music at rehearsal on a Monday evening; a new song to learn can be a challenge, but there is much enjoyment to be had in getting to grips with complicated rhythms, tricky notes, varying dynamics - even more so when we finally get it right! We're told that there's yet more new sheet music on order too, which is very exciting...

As ever, we are keen to welcome any new members to our friendly choir. We meet on a Monday evening, 7.45pm at Dagnall Church, and would love to see anyone who wishes to join us – just come along, or get in touch via the website [www.dagnall-community-choir.co.uk](http://www.dagnall-community-choir.co.uk). There's no audition required, all we request is that you love music and love to sing. And if this describes you, then we look forward to seeing you soon!

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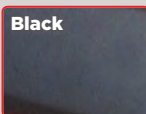
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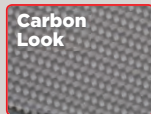
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### **Traffic Calming Proposals for Dagnall & Edlesborough**

Traffic Calming Consultation flyers have been delivered to all homes in Edlesborough and Dagnall outlining the Councils Traffic Calming proposals. The responses will now be collated and analysed. Thank you to all the residents who took the time to respond.

### **Outdoor Gym Equipment for Dagnall**

EPC is currently consulting residents of Dagnall about the installation of Outdoor Adult Gym Equipment on Dagnall Recreation ground. Should the project prove successful the Council will then consider the needs of Edlesborough and Northall.

### **The Anne Thompson Young Peoples Cup for Excellence**

The Anne Thompson Young Peoples Cup for Excellence is an award that is presented by EPC to a young person in the Parish who has come to the attention of the Council. The cup may be awarded for excellent achievement, raising awareness, contributing to the local community or for another reason that makes the young person stand out to the Council.

Nominations for the 2019 recipient should be submitted to the Parish Clerk by 30th April 2019.

Please ensure you include the nominee's full name, age, address and a detailed explanation as to why this young person should be considered for the award.

### **County Cllr Anne Wight**

Cllr Wight attended the January EPC meeting and reported on the following matters, her full report can be found on the EPC Website:

- Bucks County Council Christmas Present Appeal
- Dagnall Recreation Ground Play Area
- Brownlow Bridge Closure
- The Anglian Water Works at the junction of B488 & B489

Cllr Wight also agreed to support residents of Slicketts Lane with their request to Transport for Bucks to improve the condition of the Lane.

### **District Cllr Chris Poll**

Cllr Poll attended the January EPC meeting and reported that following the Unitary decision the Secretary of State has made the decision to move the 2019 elections back to 2020. Parish elections will now move to this timing. The election cycle after that will move to 2025 and then four year cycles thereafter.

Discussions are currently taking place regarding the formation of the new Unitary Council



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## Speedwatch

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## Salt Bins

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## EdleFest 2019

The EdleFest dates for 2019 have been confirmed as 14th and 15th June. More information and tickets are available via the EdleFest website <https://edlefest.site123.me/>



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When making a report please ensure you provide the Clerk with the information

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## EPC Meetings

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

- Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 21st March 2019
- Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 18th April 2019

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.

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glory. On the fourth Sunday It was a great pleasure to welcome Rev Seung-Wook Jung, minister of Trinity in Leighton Buzzard. This was his first visit to us and we very much hope he will come again; his sermon was a powerful one on the subject of prayer. He reminded us that when we take our problems to God in prayer we should wait for his answers. His solution is often different to (and better than) the one we have in mind and we need to be obedient in carrying out his will.

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## Eaton Bray Cricket Club

Hopefully all players and supporters have wintered well and are ready for the 2019 season.

Winter Nets have started at Dunstable Cricket Club with decent numbers attending and will continue until April.

If you fancy a hit then pop along on Wednesdays 8-9. All welcome.

Work on the opening of the ground will begin in March and as always the Club are calling on volunteers to help.

Beds Sunday League Fixtures are out and the Club is hopeful that it can again give an opportunity to some of the Colts to play senior cricket as so many did last season.

### **Beds Sunday League Division 6 Fixtures 2019**

May 5th Queens Park 4s Away

May 12th Leighton Buzzard Town Home

May 19th Luton Town & Indians 4s Home

May 26th Wolverton Town Away

June 2nd Luton Town & Indians 4s Away

June 16th Blunham 2s Home

June 23rd Caddington Away

June 30th Queens Park 4s Home

July 7th Leighton Buzzard Town Away

July 14th Amptill Town 3s Away

July 21st Wolverton Town Home

August 4th Bedford 2s Home

August 11th Amptill Town 3s Home

August 18th Blunham 2s Away

August 25th Bedford 2s Away

September 1st Caddington Home

As always Eaton Bray Cricket Club are on the search for new players of any age ability or gender.

We field 2 senior teams in the FCCL on Saturdays and a senior side in the Beds Sunday League.

We also run 5 Youth or Junior teams at U9 U11 2xU13 and U15 age groups.

For more information please contact and follow us on Facebook and Twitter @ Eaton Bray CC.

The Club would like to thank Meadow Marquees Houghton Insurance and the Focus for their continued support.

Enjoy the 2019 cricket season with Eaton Bray.



# Chocolate Custard, Chocolate Crumble, Salted Caramel Sauce

Having made this dish myself, you have my word that it's wonderful. It should come with a health warning though, as the dusty chocolate crumble is utterly addictive. I found myself eating it off the spoon, and that was before I'd made the set custard! This dish is the creation of chef Steve Barringer, a former Masterchef The Professionals runner up. He's just taken the leap and opened his own relaxed fine dining restaurant, Eileen's, in the beautiful market town of Amptill. This dessert enables you to serve food at home which looks like fine dining, but with a method which is very much open to all levels of cooking confidence.

## Set custard

375ml double cream

60ml egg yolk

113g sugar

190g milk chocolate

1.5 leaves gelatine (soaked in water)

## Caramel Sauce

200g sugar

200ml double cream

## Chocolate crumble:

100g sugar

125g ground almonds

75g plain flour

50g cocoa powder

3g salt

65g melted butter

Whole hazelnuts, coarsely chopped to serve

Serves 4

**Chocolate Custard:** Whisk the egg yolk and sugar, bring the cream to the boil. Pour this on to the egg and sugar mix, place it all back into the pan and cook on a low heat until the mixture coats the back of a spoon.

Whisk in the soaked gelatine.

Pop the chocolate into a bowl, pour the mixture on to the chocolate and mix until the chocolate has melted.

Place into container and leave to set for



around 2 hours, or until set. You can also just pour it into individual ramekins.

**Caramel sauce:** place the sugar into cold pan and put on the heat. Cook it until it has reached a light caramel stage, add the cream and then whisk until the sugar has disappeared. Add salt and place into container to cool.

**Chocolate crumble:** mix all the dry ingredients in a bowl, melt the butter, add it to the dry ingredients, stir with a wooden spoon and then place it on a tray.

Bake at 180C/ Gas Mark 4 for around 10 minutes, stirring a few times. It'll come out dusty and powdery.

Pipe the custard into your serving bowls, top with the caramel and finish with the crumble and hazelnuts.

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# Lessons from the Snow



I enjoyed seeing children and parents out in the snow recently. They were doing what you do when there's snow and your school is closed or you can't get to work: build a snowman, go tobogganing, etc. I thought too of the teachers having a welcome day at home, catching up with their work.

Of course for some it was not a happy time: work disrupted, hospital appointment missed or a nasty fall. The Bible tells us that God sends the snow and that one reason is to remind us of his work:

*He says to the snow, "Fall on the earth,"*

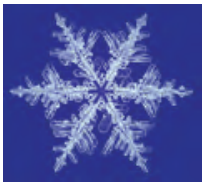
*and to the rain shower, "Be a mighty downpour."*

*So that everyone he has made may know his work,*

*he stops all people from their labour.*

(Job 37:6-7, NIV)

We tend to think we control our lives or that things happen by chance. The Bible tells us that God is in control and that there is purpose in all he does. So when the next snowfall stops you in your tracks, happily or unhappily, why not think about what God is doing and saying in it all? Think, for example, of a snowflake.



*A snowflake is a thing of beauty.* It speaks to us of the God who loves and makes beautiful things, because he is beautiful

in his own character. Mankind has marred the beauty of God's creation but it can still take your breath away. To make something beautiful is to emulate God.

*A snowflake is a thing of perfection.* When you magnify it, it gets sharper and clearer. So it is with all that God says and does. The

more you look into it the more you see its perfection. One psalmist says to God, *"To all perfection I see a limit, but your commands are boundless."* (Psalm 119:96)

*A snowflake is a thing of pattern.* Its six-sided pattern, with seemingly infinite variations, is a marvel. From the orbiting planets to the atoms that make up all matter, God has built pattern and order into his universe. He is the God of order not confusion. Without it science would be impossible.

Let the snowflake speak to you of God's beauty, perfection and order. Join us as we seek in our services to know him and worship him through the Lord Jesus Christ.

✍ Timothy Reynolds (pastor)

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### Weekly Activities

#### Sunday Services

10.30am Morning Worship

6.00pm Evening Worship

#### 2nd Monday

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#### Wednesday

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7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MINUTES

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

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

### Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council

Held on Monday 7th January 2019 from 7:30pm at The Coffee Tavern

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#### Litter Pick Day – Saturday 16th March 2019

It would be great to see as many of the community as able support the proposed Litter Pick Day on Saturday 16th March 2019 – lets help to make our village tidy.

#### Christmas Brass Band 2018:

The Parish Council were delighted with the number of villagers who turned out to support the Christmas Carols and Brass Ensemble Around The Village. A collection for the children's charity Kids Out was carried out during the event and the Parish Council would like to thank everyone who kindly donated to this worthy cause.

#### Rural Match Funding (RMF):

Match funding has been made available to Town & Parish Councils by CBC towards small scale highway improvements, the Parish Council has considered the options available and have put forward two recommendations. The Council will be notified of the outcome (successful or not) of their application by May 2019.

(Option 1) The Rye Junction: changing to a one-way system (*proposed design can be viewed by applying to the Parish Clerk*).

(Option 2) Corner/bend High Street/Church Lane, opposite The Coffee Tavern –raising the kerb to stop road users being able to easily mount the pavement/pedestrian safety.

#### School Lane Car Park

The Parish Council are currently going out to tender for improvement works to School Lane Car Park, to include a new surface to the parking area together with lined parking spaces. Once tenders have been received and the Council agreed to the works a notice of the proposed date/times when the car park is be closed will be displayed accordingly.

**SPEEDWATCH:**  
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Heidi Head, Parish Clerk & RFO

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# EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL



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Parish Council website: <https://eatonbray.com/news/tag/Neighbourhood-Plan>

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

\*Monday 4th March 2019 \*Monday 1st April 2019 \*Monday 13th May 2019

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**Edlesborough W.I.**

Welcome to a report on our February meeting. Our member and friend, Maureen, was thanked and congratulated for being a loyal member of our Institute for 50 years no less. Quite an achievement!

After the usual business Jeff Rozelaar gave us an enlightening chat about "the best three years of his life". This being a follow on from an earlier talk about his life as an East End boy.

The period of the current talk was the mid-sixties when he went to York University. Think "The Beatles" heyday and the "Swinging Sixties". He studied history and generally had a jolly good time. He told us lots of stories and anecdotes about his fellow students and his tutors. All very interesting in a period of time we all

remembered well.

**Other business**

Outings planned to date. Coffee morning, Spring lunch, Summer day trip to Brighton.

In March, Mary Simmons will give a talk entitled Head and Shoulders Above the Rest.

The April meeting will be our annual members night. The April evening is organised by the members for the committee, so I haven't a clue about what we will be doing.

Ladies, you already know what we do, so come and join us on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall. Just bowl along and see if you like us.

✍ Sue Parker





# Open Gardens 2019

Since 2006, one of the social highlights of the year in our villages has been our Open Gardens event. We have had some wonderful afternoons enjoying gardens that have been opened by willing gardeners; both gardeners and visitors seem to enjoy the experience in equal measure.

This year's event will on 28th July and will form part of the celebrations of the 800th anniversary of St Mary's Church Eaton Bray. This is a really special event in our villages' calendar and we would be delighted if you would be willing to open your garden for the day.

Your garden can be large or small – all gardens have something to offer visitors and past experience suggests that those who open their gardens are delighted by the positive feedback they receive. If you do open your garden you will still be able to see the other gardens as we traditionally hold a special viewing for those who have opened their gardens and helpers on the following Tuesday evening. Do please think about it, then get in touch with either Kay Griffiths (222849) or Gordon Gray (220136).

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# Red Velvet Cake

I find the science of baking fascinating. What makes the texture of one cake different to the texture of another one? How can seemingly similar ingredients create totally different effects? With this Red Velvet Cake, it is the addition of the buttermilk and the acids which contribute to a tighter, slightly denser crumb, somewhere between a Victoria Sponge and a brownie. It was made for my Weekend Kitchen show by a very talented young baker called Victoria Chidgey. Throughout her appearances on my show, I have watched her Little Tring Cake company grow through hard work and creativity. Seeing skilled young people take risks, open businesses and watching them grow is probably one of the biggest pleasures I get from being on the radio...

125g butter

325g caster sugar

40g cocoa powder

2 eggs

1 tsp red extra colour paste (you will need to buy the proper stuff, not the small bottles of red liquid)

1 tsp vanilla extract

250g buttermilk

325g self-raising flour

15g bicarbonate of soda

30g white wine vinegar

Beat the butter and sugar together until light and fluffy. Meanwhile add all the dry ingredients to a bowl and set aside.

Slowly beat the eggs into the butter and sugar mixture. Add the red colouring and the vanilla too, followed by half of the dry ingredients and half the buttermilk.

Repeat until everything has just come together.

Pour in the vinegar and beat until thoroughly mixed. Split between 3 x 6" cake tins or 2 x 8" cake tins. Bake in a pre-heated oven at 160C/ Gas Mark 3 for 27 minutes. The cakes are baked when a skewer comes out clean.



For the icing:

150g butter

150g cream cheese

450g icing sugar

1 tsp vanilla extract

Beat the butter, icing sugar and vanilla until it's very light in colour. Add the cream cheese one spoonful at a time, mixing well each time. Once all the cream cheese has been added beat on a high speed for 3 minutes.

Level off the cakes with a knife and put any off-cuts into a food processor to blitz into a fine powder.

Assemble the cake by putting a layer of cream cheese icing between each cake. Cover the rest of the cake with icing, smoothing the top and sides with a pallet knife.

Gently push the cake crumbs into the side of the cake to get an even layer.

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## Marathon Tips from St Judes

It's that time of year again, the London Marathon or maybe that 10k race, is just around the corner. Here are a few pre-marathon tips:

- Training Plans – trust the process and you will get there.
- When you schedule an easy run – make sure it is slow and easy.
- Build your mileage slowly – if you build up too quickly, you are more likely to develop an injury.
- Listen to your body – if you need an extra rest day or a shorter run, do it.
- Strength training – don't slump on it, it helps speed and endurance, as well as preventing injuries.
- Fuelling – getting the right fuel is as important as getting in the miles. If your run is longer than 1 hour, take in easily digestible carbs every 45 mins or so.
- Time management – don't worry if you miss the odd practise run, but don't try to make up miles.
- Race day – start slow and finish strong. Start slower than your goal pace and go

faster in the second half. Make a plan and do the training.

- Don't try anything new on race day, stick to your plan! This includes clothing, fluids and nutrition.
- Have faith in yourself, keep positive, know you are capable and most of all, have fun!

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## Pancakes. Lent & Easter

Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Tuesday is on 5th March this year and comes immediately before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, which leads up to Easter Day.

Pancakes were traditionally made to use up the spare fat and other ingredients before a leaner diet and some fasting during the 46 days of Lent. Sundays are not 'prescribed' days so that reduces the number of days to 40, reminding us of Jesus 40 days in the desert.

This year again, Churches Together will be holding a Prayer and Pancake evening, sharing worship and many scrummy pancakes.

Over 5 weeks during Lent, Northall Baptist Church will be sharing a Churches Together Lent study course entitled 'The Mystery of God'. I am looking forward to exploring this together.

The real focus for a Christian is the events we celebrate at Easter. The weekend starts with a Maundy Thursday Communion service. John 13 tells the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet and the Last Supper with his disciples. Jesus was very aware at this meal of Judas who was about to betray Him to the Roman soldiers, chief priests and Pharisees, all foretold in the Old Testament. Then why is the day that our Lord and Saviour died called 'Good Friday'? It started off as 'God Friday', meaning pious or holy.

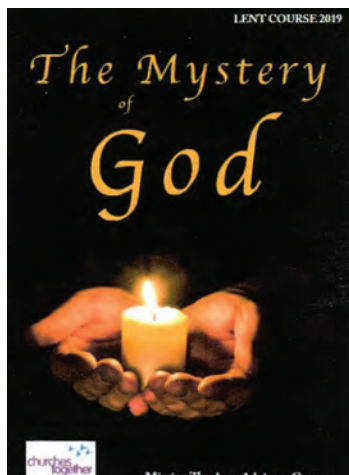
Easter Sunday is the most special day for Christians. If Jesus hadn't risen, as predicted in the Bible, there would be no Christian faith. The great joy of the fulfilled promise of a risen Jesus is still celebrated 2,000+ years after the event.

Many have chocolate Easter Eggs but don't give a thought about the reason for the celebration – new life and a risen Saviour. Enjoy your Easter eggs but remember the reason.

Our Sunday morning service is at 11am. Come and join us, you'll get a warm welcome.

Our arrangements for Lent and indeed services and events for most of the 2019 are posted on our new web site which you will find at <http://northallbaptistchurch.org/>. For those interested in the history of Northall Baptist Church, a free copy of the booklet, *Rebels in Green Pastures* and other material can be downloaded from the site or you can contact the writer below:

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having long Road Frontages, and divided as follows:—

NO. ON PLAN.	DESCRIPTION.	QUANTITY.		
		A.	R.	P.
204	Pasture ... ..	2	1	3
209	Ditto ... ..	8	1	18
210	Ditto ... ..	9	0	39
212	Ditto ... ..	2	1	30
213	Ditto ... ..	6	0	12
226	Ditto ... ..	1	1	20
260	Pasture and Orchard ... ..	3	3	36
261	House, Buildings, etc. ... ..	1	1	8
294	Pasture ... ..	10	0	27
326A	Arable ... ..	12	2	21
334	Ditto ... ..	0	2	17
337	Ditto ... ..	22	3	14
369	Ditto ... ..	47	3	10
380	Pasture ... ..	5	2	27
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*Yew Tree Farm*



## **Eaton Bray W.I.**

There was an excellent attendance at the February meeting of Eaton Bray WI. Our President reminded the meeting that WI subscriptions were due that month. She also welcomed one of our regular members back after a short time in hospital. We had a report from members who had attended the Thanksgiving Service at the Priory Church in Dunstable during January where the new Banner was on display. The meeting was reminded that International Women's Day is on Friday 8th March and will be celebrated at Flitwick Cricket Club. Women's World Day of Prayer will be held at the Salvation Army Hall, Booth Place on 1st March at 2 pm. Other WI events and visits were announced by our President. Our speakers for the evening were Jane Taylor and Jane Helliwell from Perfect Hat, Perfect Day in Bedford. They brought along a beautiful array of hats which they

demonstrated and gave us a short interesting talk of how they set up the business. There followed a fun and enjoyable time when members tried on the most amazing hats. It was a wonderful opportunity to try on a glamorous hat. This was followed with refreshments and social time.

The next meeting of Eaton Bray WI will be on Monday 4th March, when there will be a demonstration of Jewellery. Members will be encouraged to make a bracelet, and some volunteered to take part in this exercise.

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

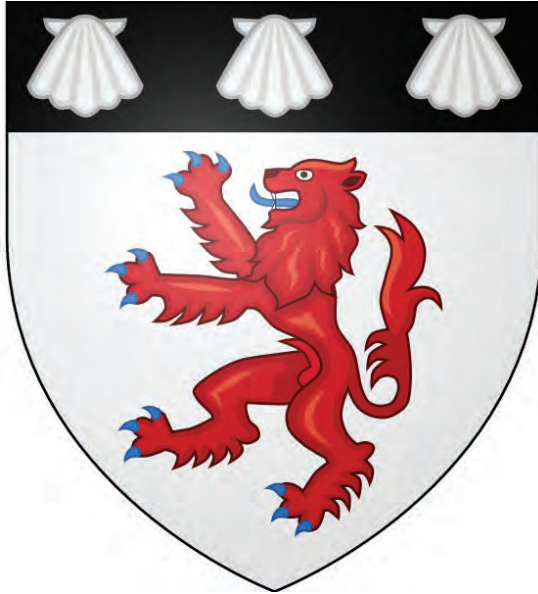
# LOCAL HERALDRY

## BY JOHN HOCKEY

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

### SCALLOP SHELLS

Scallop shells, known heraldically as *escallops*, are a very common addition to coats of arms. This *charge* was employed by the Dukes of Bedford and can be found on the Russell coat, placed on the upper horizontal band (the '*chief*') as seen here.



The full blazon is '*Argent a lion rampant Gules on a chief Sable three escallops of the first*'. Traditionally this was the symbol of a pilgrim, allegedly used to ask for alms or perhaps even to sip water from if no other vessel were to hand.

A common pilgrimage was to the Holy Land but also to Santiago de Compostela in northern Spain. The latter site was supposedly where some relics of St James were found and as his symbol was a scallop shell, this became the honour displayed by those who had made the journey. Additionally, St James is actually the patron saint of Spain.

Among the families married into by the Russells were the Spencers. John the fourth Duke of Bedford married Lady Diana Spencer who died in 1735. The Spencer arms also has three escallops but this time on a diagonal bar called a bend. John's son by his second wife was Francis, Marquess of Tavistock and he married Lady Elizabeth Keppel. The Keppel arms again have three escallops but this time arranged in the normal way to suit the shield shape, i.e. in what is called 'two and one'.

Incidentally, the botanical name for the Mediterranean scallop is *Pecten jacobaeus*, the second part of the name referring to James, in the same way that Jacobean refers to James I.

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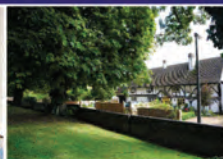
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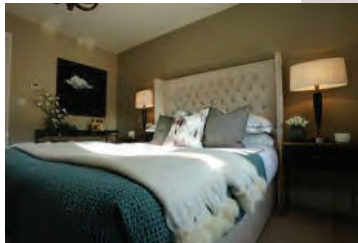


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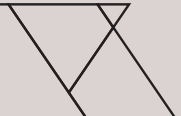


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#### **Bell Inn late 1890s**

*Licensee was Harry Gray. Photo shows his wife Hanna with children Jess, Beatrice, Florence and Linda. The men are, from left to right: George Cook, casual labourer who lived in Brook Street; Jack Nevill, the local tailor; (unknown); Jack Jaggard, well digger and soot sower; Ephrain Burrows, edge cutter and ditch digger.*

The 1830 Beer Act introduced a new lower tier of premises permitted to sell alcohol, the **BEER HOUSES**.

Any householder who paid rates could apply, with a one-off payment of two guineas (approx £160 today), to sell beer or cider in his home (usually the



### ***Bell Inn and The Greyhound about 1921***

*James Broyd held the licence of the Bell until he died in 1936; his widow then held the licence until she retired in 1938. The licence was then transferred to her son-in-law, Alfred Dyer, who remained landlord for nearly 20 years.*

front parlour) and even to brew his own on his premises. The permission did not extend to the sale of spirits and fortified wines, and any beer house discovered selling those items was closed down and the owner heavily fined. Beer houses were not permitted to open on Sundays.

Beer was viewed as harmless, nutritious and even healthy. Young children were often given what was described as small beer, which was brewed to have a low alcohol content, as the local water was often unsafe. The beer was usually served in jugs or dispensed directly from tapped wooden barrels on a table in the corner of the room.

The Wine and Beerhouse Act was introduced in 1869 and required a licence from the local magistrate for the sale of beers, wines or spirits. Further provisions regulated gaming, drunkenness, prostitution and undesirable conduct, enforceable by prosecution or more effectively by the landlord under threat of forfeiting his licence. It prevented new beer houses from being created, but those already in existence were allowed to continue; most applied for the new licences and became **PUBLIC HOUSES**.

There were 4(?) such beer houses in Edlesborough in the late 19th century.



### ***The Prince of Wales***

*Situated in Brook Street (opposite the allotments), it became a private residence in about 1970.*



### ***Rule and Square***

*The license was held by Mr Henry Gray. He was twice married and it is said he was father of 15 children. Two of his daughters were born here, Ruth and Mary. Ruth became a servant in London after leaving school, where she met and married James Broyd. In August 1900 they came to Edlesborough and took over the licence of the Bell Inn from Harry Gray, James' brother in law. Mary married Jack Jaggard and lived at The Good Intent for some years, later moving to two cottages near Sparrow Hall Farm.*



**The Good Intent Beer House**, now the two cottages at the end of the Good Intent Estate, was originally called the **Axe and Compass**. A Manchester Company, called Good Intent Insurance, rented a room there where they collected dues from people to pay out when unemployed or sick. When a man was asked where he was going he would often say “Just off to the Good Intent”. A new pub was built in 1888 next door to the original and it took the name the **Axe and Compass**. It provided a suitable location to view the cricket matches which became popular in the 1860s. The Rector of Little Gaddesden, C.G. Lane, played cricket for Surrey between 1856 and 1861 and then played for Edlesborough and Little Gaddesden in 1864/5. The local “gentry” sat on the balcony to watch many a cricket match played between the village team and a team led by farmers and gentlemen from Ashridge House. The Good Intent Insurance Company still had a room in the old building and so it became the **Good Intent Public House**.

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	10.30 am	Morning Service at Kensworth Methodist Church
Sun. 10th Mar.	10.30 pm	Morning Service
Sun. 17th Mar.	10.00 am	Holy Communion Service at St Mary's, Eaton Bray
Sun. 24th Mar.	10.30 am	Family Service
Fri. 31st Mar.	10.30 am	Morning Service with Baptism
Sun. 7th April	9.00 am	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Morning Service



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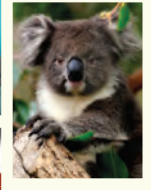
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I read a survey statistic recently which said that only 8% of us keep our New Year's resolutions till the end of January.

The arrival of Lent on 6th March gives us another excuse to stiffen our flagging resolve, because we can tell ourselves it's only for six weeks – by which time the habit of going without may have become ingrained . . .

Christians believe there is another help for our weak willpower. We can ask God for strength to help us stay focused, whether it's giving up smoking or adhering to a regular plan of exercise, meditation or trying to change an attitude for the better.

Some people actually take things up for Lent. Charities like Tearfund have Lent challenges, where you can spend a few moments each

day praying, or giving, or doing a random act of kindness in your community. Some volunteer for a charity (your local foodbank? Dog-walking for the nearest rescue centre?) Others take on a sponsored challenge.

There are carbon fasts, (walk or cycle to work/school for six weeks), Live below the Line (spend £20 – and no more – on your weekly food), or the Mean Bean challenge, where you live for a short period on the kind of diet that our neighbours in developing countries exist on all the time. Details of all these are on the Internet.

Whatever we do, or even if we do nothing, Lent is a time to think about our walk with God, to pray – and goodness knows, there's plenty to pray for at the moment – and to grow closer to the God who loves you more than anyone on earth, and only wants you to be near to him, every day.

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*Elisabeth Bibbings*

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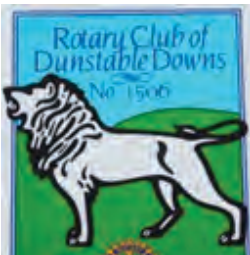
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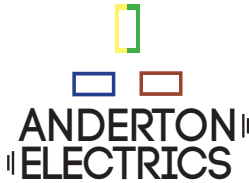
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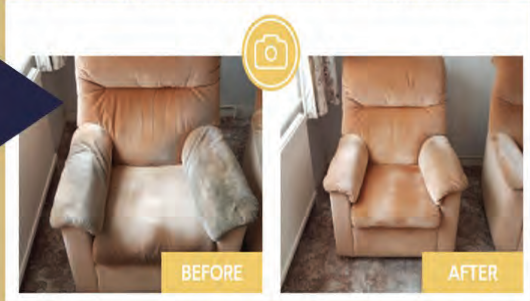


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## **Village Pubs Past & Present**

**Previously used in Focus in 2007. The list of pubs at the end has been updated with their current status.**

As a “Newcomer” to Edlesborough, (I only moved here in 1970) I recently got to thinking of how the history of Public Houses is so closely associated with the changing faces of our villages. I pinched the idea of a story written around Public Houses from an article that I read and have applied the idea to the Pubs past and present in the four villages served by Focus. I have also tried to identify their original sites, but I am sure that some of the real locals from the four villages will be able to point out my errors and find for me some more forgotten pubs. I am willing to bet that no one remembers The Victoria, an alehouse that stood on the site of 8 High Street Edlesborough. The original deeds once owned by me showed that it had been two cottages, then an alehouse, then a retail haberdashery, to be followed by Buckrods Hardware, which was demolished and rebuilt, eventually to become Janes Carpets.

I will be very pleased to hear from anybody who can cast any light on more Pubs, their locations, and possibly some of the stories connected to them. Many years ago in the reign of Reg & Marie Catchpole (publicans of the Bell, Edlesborough during the seventies) one regular at the Bell: living at the time in the Old Greyhound when it was a private residence, and others who visited his house, all swore that a man known to many elders of the village, whose name was known to them, (but which escapes me), was to be seen after his death regularly sitting in the lounge of the house in the position where he apparently always sat when alive, and would come and go on a regular basis. True or false? Would anyone who has any news or information regarding any of the items raised in this piece please contact me through the pages of “Focus” thus providing its readers with more information about our villages and their history.

Thank you.

✍️ Len Buckingham

### **The Travelling Woodcutter**

Once upon a time, many years ago there was a woodcutter from Edlesborough who decided to go and see the wider world. He took his Axe and Compass, jumped on his White Horse, and as The Bell in the church tower rang its Sunday call he rode off. Later as he tired of riding he stopped at a building where Travellers Rest, for his evening refreshment and room. There he got into conversation with a man he knew to be a carpenter by his Rule & Square, which he carried with him. They were very soon happy with each other’s company, and to pass the time were playing a game of Chequers. When asked by the carpenter why he, the woodsman, was on the road, the woodsman replied that he was looking for pastures new, to which the carpenter replied, “Upon my word God bless Victoria and the Prince of Wales, why on earth are you doing that, Don’t you know that what you need in this world is Hope: and Anchor yourself to the people you know, your friends and family?” After much thought the woodcutter decided that he had started his travels with Good Intent, and would therefore continue on his way for a little longer yet. Before very long he came to a splendid lake with a solitary Swan, and an impressive Fountain. On enquiring of a local damsel he was informed that the lake was the work of the local squire, but that it had proved to be a Labour In vain, as he died by drowning in the self-same lake, so always remember The Golden Rule, look before you leap she said. The woodsman carried on with his journey to Plough up hills only to drop down in to the valleys again. After some miles he met a man with an Old Greyhound who explained that he had come from the local fair where he had been watching the Wrestlers, and a

crack shot Rifleman. He was also carrying a soft toy in the form of a Red Lion, which he said he had won on the hoopla, stall, which he intended to give to his granddaughter. After this encounter the woodsman walked some 20 miles North, all in one day. Eventually the woodsman finished up on the Duke of Bedford's estate, where he was to find rewarding employment. Never the less he was always happy to hear the estate clock chiming Five Bells signifying the end of a long working day, thus enabling him to wend his way to his local pub The Bedford Arms, where he would enjoy a well earned pint and the company of his friends and other workers on the estate. He was in due course to settle down and get married, and raise a family making him realise how lucky he had been not to have taken the word of the carpenter, but to continue with his journey, eventually to find all the security hope and friendship that he had been seeking.

## **The Four Village Pubs Mentioned in The Story**

1. **The Axe & Compass** - Now a private house in High Street Edlesborough with a balcony overlooking the cricket square
2. **The White Horse** - Public House in Park Lane, Eaton Bray
3. **The Bell** - Now a private house overlooking Edlesborough Church
4. **The Travellers Rest** - Theme Public House & Restaurant Icknield Way, Edlesborough adjacent to double roundabout
5. **The Rule & Square** - Now a residential site at the end of Green Street, Edlesborough known as the Willows
6. **The Chequers** - Now a small housing estate opposite the Market Square, Moor End, Eaton Bray
7. **The Victoria** - 8 High Street, Edlesborough. This was an alehouse, now Janes Carpet Shop
8. **The Prince of Wales** - Now a private dwelling just past the corner of Brook Street, opposite the allotments. Also thought to be an alehouse
9. **The Hope & Anchor** - Now an Indian Restaurant in Bower Lane, Eaton Bray
10. **The Good Intent** - Now the name of a housing estate in Edlesborough, the pub was thought to be one of the original buildings at the entrance
11. **The Swan** - Public House in Leighton Road, Northall near South End Lane
12. **The Fountain** - Now private housing situated just past what was the Roebuck garage forecourt
13. **The Labour In Vain** - Thought to have been on the site of Hawkins Transport Tottenhoe Road, Eaton Bray
14. **The Golden Rule** - Now residential on the Leighton Road, Dagnall
15. **The Plough** - Changed to an Indian Restaurant, then a New York Diner, now vacant
16. **The Old Greyhound** - Now a private house next to The Bell Leighton Road, Edlesborough
17. **The Wrestlers** - Now a private house Leighton Road, Northall just past and opposite the Swan now called The Old Wrestlers
18. **The Rifleman** - Now the Coffee Tavern High Street, Eaton Bray
19. **The Five Bells** - Now a private dwelling
20. **The Red Lion** - Public House Leighton Road, Dagnall
21. **The Northall Inn** - Now site of private houses off the Leighton Road on outskirts of Northall
22. **The Bedford Arms** - Was on the site of the Roebuck garage shop, now private housing.

# Your Photos



*Giraffe by Sally Siddons*



*Edlesborough Sign in the Snow by John Hockey*

*Robin by Richard Woodhead*





*Duck by Sally Siddons*  
*Fungus on Ashridge Tree Stump by Shelagh Bagni*  
*Edlesborough Church by Phil Wood*



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## Weather Conditions for January 2019

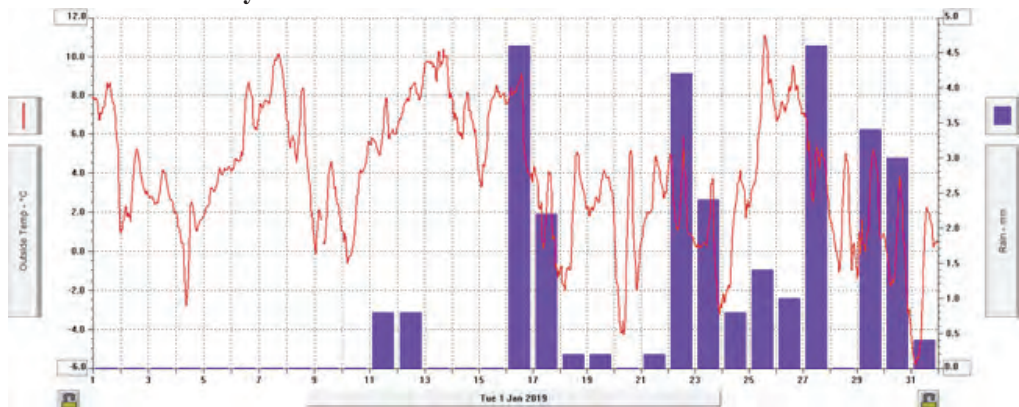
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**January 2019**

January was a month of two halves. We started with high pressure system over us which stayed for more than a week. It was mild and mostly cloudy but with some sunny spells, although on the 4th the temperatures dropped to  $-2.8^{\circ}\text{C}$ . There was no rain for the first ten days and then it all changed on the 15th with wettest day of the month, while the temperatures started to drop it continued cold and unsettled. On the evening of the 29th it started to snow, but the next day was a lovely sunny day. It was then cold overnight and, the following day, we had more snow. Clear skies helped the temperature plummet to  $-5.9^{\circ}\text{C}$  on the 31st.

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature:	11.2°C	25 Jan 13.30	- 5.9°C	31 Jan 04.30
Mean Temperature	3.8°C			
Dewpoint:	9.4°C	25 Jan 10.30	- 6.7°C	31 Jan 04.00
Humidity:	96%	25 Jan 09.00	56%	28 Jan 14.00
Barometer:	1042.6.9mb	2 Jan 13.30	983.0 mb	27 Jan 03.00
Wind Speed	37mph NW	27 Jan 16.00	Months avg.	5.1 mph
Wind Chill:	9.1°C	16 Jan 13.30	- 6.9°C	31 Jan 08.00
Dominant Wind:	NW			
<b>Rainfall</b> *T= total rain days and moisture. R= Actual rain				
*Rain Days: 16(T), 16(R)	Wettest Day 16 Jan		4.60 mm	0.181ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	January 2018	31.1 mm	1.224 ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	1 Month	31.1 mm	1.224 ins

### January 2019

Mild and dry the first half of the month - Wet and cold the second half



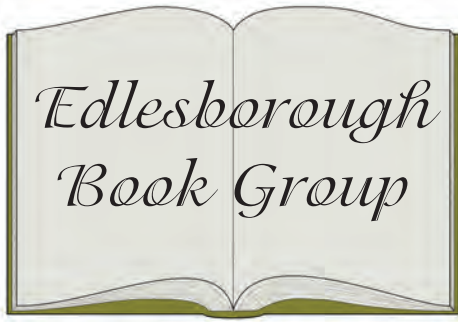
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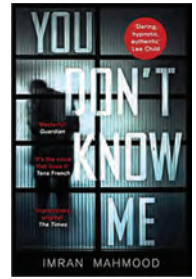
## You Don't Know Me by Imram Mahmood

As a criminal defence barrister with twenty years of experience at the Crown Court and Court of Appeal, Imram Mahmood is uniquely placed to write this, his debut novel. The story takes place in The Central Criminal Court where a young man is standing, accused of murder. So far, so predictable, but this is not a standard courtroom thriller.

In the first chapter we learn that, just before the closing speeches, the defendant has dismissed his lawyer and has decided to speak in his own defence. There are eight strong pieces of evidence stacked against him and he sets out to explain them, one by one. He believes that his barrister does not intend to deal with them thoroughly and believes that the judge and jury deserve to hear the whole story and its background. The defendant then addresses the court and we, the - readers, realise that we are the jury and must listen carefully and assimilate all the information that this man is giving us, whilst keeping open minds until the end of his story. The defendant is never identified and his narrative is written in the street slang of gangland London. As he takes us through the points of evidence that make up the prosecution's case, we learn about him and his life.

We gather that he is a young black man who deals in cars. He has a loyal friend, Curt and a girlfriend named Kira. He is close to his mother and Blessing, his sister.

Unfortunately, Kira's brother is a small-time crook and gang member, at present serving a term in prison and because of him, the defendant and Curt become involved in the darker side of London life.



This is an original and intriguing book. We are given a glimpse of gangland and how its hierarchy works. The voice of the narrator sounds authentic and adds colour to the story and the evidence provided us with lots to think about. The only criticism is that we are not privy to the prosecution speeches and so are not able to form a balanced opinion of the case, which a jury would have done.

The group enjoyed the book and all agreed that it was an excellent choice for a book group to read.

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	6.45-7.45pm

#### Thursday

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# March: An Ode by Algernon Charles Swinburne

Ere frost-flower and snow-blossom faded and fell, and the splendour of winter had passed out of sight,  
The ways of the woodlands were fairer and stranger than dreams that fulfil us in sleep with delight;  
The breath of the mouths of the winds had hardened on tree-tops and branches that glittered and swayed  
Such wonders and glories of blossomlike snow or of frost that outlightens all flowers till it fade  
That the sea was not lovelier than here was the land, nor the night than the day, nor the day than the night,  
Nor the winter sublimer with storm than the spring: such mirth had the madness and might in thee made,  
March, master of winds, bright minstrel and marshal of storms that enkindle the season they smite.

And now that the rage of thy rapture is satiate with revel and ravin and spoil of the snow,  
And the branches it brightened are broken, and shattered the tree-tops that only thy wrath could lay low,  
How should not thy lovers rejoice in thee, leader and lord of the year that exults to be born  
So strong in thy strength and so glad of thy gladness whose laughter puts winter and sorrow to scorn?  
Thou hast shaken the snows from thy wings, and the frost on thy forehead is molten: thy lips are aglow  
As a lover's that kindle with kissing, and earth, with her raiment and tresses yet wasted and torn,  
Takes breath as she smiles in the grasp of thy passion to feel through her spirit the sense of thee flow.

Fain, fain would we see but again for an hour what the wind and the sun have dispelled and consumed,  
Those full deep swan-soft feathers of snow with whose luminous burden the branches implumed  
Hung heavily, curved as a half-bent bow, and fledged not as birds are, but petalled as flowers,  
Each tree-top and branchlet a pinnacle jewelled and carved, or a fountain that shines as it showers,  
But fixed as a fountain is fixed not, and wrought not to last till by time or by tempest entombed,  
As a pinnacle carven and gilded of men: for the date of its doom is no more than an hour's,  
One hour of the sun's when the warm wind wakes him to wither the snow-flowers that froze as they bloomed.



As the sunshine quenches the snowshine; as April subdues thee, and yields up his kingdom to May;  
So time overcomes the regret that is born of delight as it passes in passion away,  
And leaves but a dream for desire to rejoice in or mourn for with tears or thanksgivings; but thou,  
Bright god that art gone from us, maddest and gladdest of months, to what goal hast thou gone from us now?  
For somewhere surely the storm of thy laughter that lightens, the beat of thy wings that play,  
Must flame as a fire through the world, and the heavens that we know not rejoice in thee: surely thy brow  
Hath lost not its radiance of empire, thy spirit the joy that impelled it on quest as for prey.

Are thy feet on the ways of the limitless waters, thy wings on the winds of the waste north sea?  
Are the fires of the false north dawn over heavens where summer is stormful and strong like thee  
Now bright in the sight of thine eyes? are the bastions of icebergs assailed by the blast of thy breath?  
Is it March with the wild north world when April is waning? the word that the changed year saith,  
Is it echoed to northward with rapture of passion reiterate from spirits triumphant as we  
Whose hearts were uplift at the blast of thy clarions as men's rearisen from a sleep that was death  
And kindled to life that was one with the world's and with thine? hast thou set not the whole world free?



For the breath of thy lips is freedom, and freedom's the sense of thy spirit, the sound of thy song,  
Glad god of the north-east wind, whose heart is as high as the hands of thy kingdom are strong,  
Thy kingdom whose empire is terror and joy, twin-featured and fruitful of births divine,  
Days lit with the flame of the lamps of the flowers, and nights that are drunken with dew for wine,  
And sleep not for joy of the stars that deepen and quicken, a denser and fierier throng,  
And the world that thy breath bade whiten and tremble rejoices at heart as they strengthen and shine,  
And earth gives thanks for the glory bequeathed her, and knows of thy reign that it wrought not wrong.

Thy spirit is quenched not, albeit we behold not thy face in the crown of the steep sky's arch,  
And the bold first buds of the whin wax golden, and witness arise of the thorn and the larch:  
Wild April, enkindled to laughter and storm by the kiss of the wildest of winds that blow,  
Calls loud on his brother for witness; his hands that were laden with blossom are sprinkled with snow,  
And his lips breathe winter, and laugh, and relent; and the live woods feel not the frost's flame parch;  
For the flame of the spring that consumes not but quickens is felt at the heart of the forest aglow,  
And the sparks that enkindled and fed it were strewn from the hands of the gods of the winds of March.



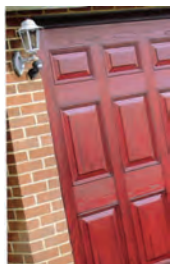


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