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∝Editor

Village Diary April 2019

Weekly

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

(term time)

Mondays

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

(term time) 358342

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

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

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

(term time) 01582 668841

Mondays Pilates, 10.45am, Totternhoe Memorial Hall, Lisa: 07832 230774 Mondays Dagnall Community Choir, All Saints Church 7.45 – 9.45pm

Movement and exercise classes with a dance flavour, Northall Village hall 2-3.30.Contact

(term time) Jan 01442 864271.

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

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

sdtwinkletoes@yahoo.co.uk

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

kfpa.co.uk

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

Street, Edlesborough. Contact Liz Coates 01442 842550

Tuesdays 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

jtptinfo@gmail.com

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

Fortnightly Place, Eaton Bray

Wednesdays 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,

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

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

naturalpilates.co.uk

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

Wed (term time) Art Courses, Whipsnade 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 jtptinfo@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. www.jukeboxjunction.co.uk info@jukeboxjunction.co.uk 07864212171

Fridays Keep Fit class, Edlesborough Mermorial 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@

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

(term time) 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 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

Sundays Karate for kids & adults, 4-5:30pm, Eaton Bray Villaage Hall, Contact 07500 007779

Monthly

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 Knit 'n Stitch at Edlesborough Village Hall, 1:45pm to 3:45pm. Contact Heather

(ex. Bank Hols) 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: sally.taylor32@btinternet.com

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 Tayern, Keira 07936

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

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

Last Saturday Coffee Morning, 10:30-12 noon, Edlesborough Methodist Church

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Other Regular Events

7th Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club Meeting, 10.30am-3.30pm, Eaton Bray

Village Hall

12th Leukaemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30am. All welcome.

16th Dagnall and Kensworth Friendship Club outing to the Cross Keys for lunch and then on to

Poplars Garden Centre. Times and details are in our membership card.

One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

8th - 18th Eaton Bray Lawn Tennis Club Easter Tennis Camps

10th Wed Club Age Concern Coffee Morning, 10 - 11:30am Northall Village Hall
 27th St. Mary's Eaton Bray Table Top Sale, 12-3pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall

27th Friends of Edlesborough School Comedy Night, 7pm, Edlesborough School, Tickets:

7pm via chairoffoes@gmail.com

27th Village Hall Quiz, 7pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Tickets: £9 Ross 01525 221411



The Annual General Meeting of the Dagnall Village Hall Management Committee will take place on Wednesday 22 MAY at 7.30pm in the CHURCH Hall.

All residents of Dagnall aged 18 and over are welcome to attend and eligible to vote. We look forward to seeing you there.





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Village Hall Bookings

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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)

PČSO Jackie Dodson Mobile: 07800 703 524 Email: NHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

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Edlesborough: Edlesborough Memorial Hall Northall: The Swan Public House





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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

When's the Next Eaton Bray Village Beer Festival?

Well, is that one of the questions at the next Village Hall Quiz to be held on Saturday 27th April? Probably not, but I will give you the answer if you keep reading.

First things first. Yes we really are holding our 27th Quiz Saturday 27th April, now that's a coincidence but we haven't a clue what we will do when we get to the 32nd? It's still only £9 a person and that includes free questions from Quizmaster extraordinaire, Keith Blackburn, with a superb superior ploughman's supper, which has now become famous throughout the county (well around Church Lane at least). We usually get about 20 teams and all have a good time trying to use those cells in the head and answer questions we didn't even know existed.

We have a few tables still available and if you can get a team of 6-8 then book a table. If you just want to come along as a single or a couple we can fit you in, no problem. Now the answer to the original question:

Friday 7th and Saturday 8th June 2019

We will be opening as usual at noon on Friday and doing hot food from 4pm (Cold snacks will be available from noon). In the evening we have the return of Jerome Chance, who always gets the crowd going.

Saturday will again start at noon and hot food will be available all day. Our wonderful Smartie Artie will be on hand at 2.30 for a great magic show for the children (both young and old!) he will also be making balloon animals at the end of his show.

We will be following that with the Dicemen at 5pm for some gentle drinking music and finally at 8pm we have the return of Corruption, who were a great success on their first visit last year.

Oh and that's not to mention all the great Beers, ciders, perries, plus wines and even the odd bottle of Prosecco which went down well with folk last year.

It's going to bigger and even better this year, all we need to finish the weekend off is some sun!

We will have adverts in Focus, plus advertising around the villages. We look forward to welcoming you all to the 16th Eaton Bray Village Hall Beer Festival.

For more information or to book tickets for the Quiz call Ross on 221411, 07974715222 or email: ross.bagni@btinternet.com

Eaton Bray with Edlesborous Parish News

Vicar: Rev'd Joy Cousans

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 Facebook: St Mary's Eaton Bray

A boy was watching his father, a pastor, write a sermon. 'How do you know what to say?' he asked. 'Why, God tells me,' replied his Dad. 'Then why do you keep crossing things out?' queried his son. Christianity can sometimes be seen as a negative religion. Some people think it's all about 'Thou shalt not'. And Lent can be seen as a gloomy season, a time of dwelling on our shortcomings and denying ourselves things we enjoy. In Lent, Christians do try to face up to their sins with greater honesty. There is an encouragement towards self-denial. But what lies behind these actions, and what is their aim?

If we read the Bible, we can see that it does have things to say about God's judgement for evil deliberately and consciously chosen. But it has far more to say about God's love and forgiveness. In my Biblical Concordance, which lists references to different words in the Bible, there is less than a page of references to judgement. In contrast, there are more than 5 pages of references to love.

'God is love' writes St John and that love is seen supremely in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. In Lent, we focus on our own failings in order to change and become better people. That is in response to the immeasurable love of Jesus. We respond with sadness to the ways we have caused hurt by being less than loving to God, our neighbours and ourselves. The motivating factor behind our self-examination is love.

So what is our aim? When someone is getting ready to run a marathon, they train beforehand so that they will be able to do their very best on the day. When someone is planning for a wedding, there is a huge amount of preparation before the big day to ensure that everything goes smoothly. The season of Lent is a season of preparation for the great day of celebration- Easter. We spend time getting ready beforehand so that we will be ready to celebrate the greatest day in the church's calendar, the day on which Jesus rose again. Not only is the church building transformed with flowers and fragrance, but its people are transformed after their Lenten journey. The glory of the resurrection brings new life, new hope, new possibilities and new ways of being.

Services at St Mary's reflect the journey of Jesus from his passion to his resurrection. On Wednesday in Holy Week, 17 April at 8.00pm we will mark the Stations of the Cross. The following day, Maundy Thursday there will be the Solemn Eucharist of The Lord's Supper at 8pm followed by

a vigil. On Good Friday from 11am - 1pm families are invited to Messy Church in Eaton Bray Village Hall. From 2pm -3pm there will be a Devotional Service in St Mary's and at 6pm a service of reflection at All Saints' Dagnall. For Easter Day there is a said service of Holy Communion at 8am and a Sung Eucharist and Easter egg hunt at 10am. We hope you will be able to join us to celebrate the wonder of Jesus' resurrection.

Wishing you a holy Lent and a happy Easter,

∠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 7 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 at 11.25am 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
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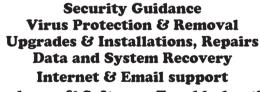
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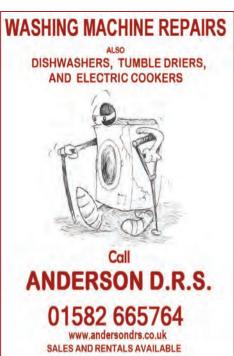
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The Great British Spring Clean. 22nd March - 23rd April Litter Picking in Northall, Edlesborough and Dagnall

Spring has arrived and the intrepid band of Village Litter Pickers is on the move. Keen to get going, we have already made a start at the end of February in Northall and Edlesborough and have collected enough bags to call out the cavalry from Streetscene.... As usual, I chose the only day in a fortnight when we had rain for our first foray! For a fee, I'll organise litter picks in the summer for any gardener who is desperate for rain!!

The "Great British Spring Clean" is on the horizon and will be with us when you read this article in Focus. This year it covers a month from 22nd March until 23rd April and I am hoping to organise at least two litter picks during that time, if not more if the support is there. We will be meeting at the Edlesborough sign on the Green on Saturday 13th April at 10.30am for our "main event and on Friday 5th April at 10.30am for those who prefer a weekday. If you are interested in coming along on either of those dates please let me know. It would help to have an email address so that I can contact you in case of changes due to weather conditions. I'll also keep in touch via the Village Facebook page. However, you don't have to be part of the litter picking team to do your bit. If everyone in the villages undertook to keep the path in front of their property free of litter – which only takes a few minutes a couple of times a week – and also made sure that they didn't drop any litter around the shops or on the Green, that would make a huge difference and would mean that the team could better spend their time concentrating on the more outlying verges in the Villages and along the Main Road. Spread the message!! I have heard on the Grapevine that a litter pick is organised once a month in Dagnall. Contact Debbie at the Red Lion to join in.

I don't know how many local young people have been taking part in the Marches against Climate Change which have been going on recently. I am conscious that nearly everyone who helps with local litter picking is over a certain age! Well adult.... It did occur to me that although it is great fun to bunk off school and march along making lots of noise (my Granddaughter proudly joined in too!) the marchers would better spend the time with a litter picker and black bag and improve the environment as they went along...... In an ideal world we shouldn't need to do it at all!!....(Since I wrote this bit, I hear that one young person in Northall is doing litter picking as part of her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Well done Isobel and thank you for helping to keep Northall tidy.)

However, the world is definitely not ideal and so we will carry on with our efforts to keep the Villages as tidy as possible. Do come and join us if you have time. We'll make you very welcome and provide black bags. You would need to provide a hi-vis jacket (so the fast cars can see you!!) strong shoes or boots (wellies are good for ditches) and rubber gloves. We have a few litter pickers but please bring yours if you can. Once you get going it's surprisingly addictive....

And a quick message to local car owners. You have read this article and you know we are going to be about. Please keep an eye out for us in our yellow jackets and drive past with care. Many thanks.

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Traffic Calming Proposals for Dagnall & Edlesborough

Thank you to all the Parishioners who have taken the time to respond to the Dagnall and Edlesborough Traffic Calming Proposal Consultations. At the time of writing this report Edlesborough Parish Council (EPC) is considering all the responses. Many Parishioners have made suggestions in their responses which have all been welcomed. EPC would like to inform Parishioners that the Traffic Calming Proposals are the result of a Traffic Calming Feasibility Study carried out by Bucks County Council. Despite many years of campaigning for a reduction in the speed limit on the B440 this has repeatedly been denied, this has led to EPC exploring other Traffic Calming Measures. Bucks CC have informed EPC that they will not fund Traffic Calming Measures at this time as they do not believe there is a high enough need for them. As a result of this EPC has looked to fund the proposed measures.

Outdoor Gym Equipment for Dagnall

The Consultation for Outdoor Gym Equipment has now ended. Once again the Council thanks all those parishioners who responded to this consultation. EPC are currently considering the responses.

EPC wishes to clarify that the Outdoor Gym Equipment is an EPC project and that the Dagnall Recreation Ground Replacement Children's Play Equipment is a Dagnall Village Hall Project. Therefore the funds come from two different entities and cannot be used solely for the Children's Play Equipment.

New Pavilion



At the February EPC Meeting Cllrs agreed that the Project Board appointed by the Pavilion Working Party has the authority to establish definitive costs for the proposed pavilion by appointing an independent Architectural Services Team tasked to provide working drawings, set tender documents and engage with contractors to obtain tender prices.

The Council further authorised an amount up to £25,000 + VAT for the above. It is anticipated that this amount will be funded from the AVDC New Homes Bonus Grant.

County Cllr Anne Wight

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

- Brownlow Bridge Closure
- The Anglian Water Works at the junction of B488 & B489
- Time to Change
- Live Well Stay Well

EPC thanks Cllr Wight for her support in encouraging Transport for Bucks to repair the potholes on Slicketts Lane.

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District Cllr Chris Poll

Cllr Poll attended the February EPC meeting and reported on the following matters:

- AVDC Budget and Precept for 2019/20
- Swallowfields Planning Application
- Unitary Situation.

More information can be found in the February EPC Meeting minutes which can be found on the EPC website.

Speedwatch

The EDaN Traffic Management team are looking for new members and volunteers to help with their new Sentinel device. If you have an interest in traffic management in the villages or are concerned about Road Safety, please contact Cllr Alan Williams at Alan.williams@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk or 07828 398371

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/

Allotments

Are you a keen gardener in the family? We currently have plots available at all our 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.

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.

EPC Meetings

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

- Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 18th April 2019
 This evening will include the Annual Parish Meeting where the council will review the achievements of the past year and set out the plans for the future. Parishioners are invited to raise issues and debate them with the council. The Ordinary Parish Council meeting will follow immediately after.
- Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 16th May 2019
 This evening will include the AGM and will be followed by the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting.

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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DON'T HANG AROUND - ORDER YOUR HANGING BASKETS NOW!

Right now, the volunteer team is busy preparing to pot up over 7,000 bedding plants in readiness for the much loved Markyate Plant Sale, which this year will celebrate the 40th Birthday of The Hospice of St Francis (Reg. Charity No. 280825). The sale will be held on *Saturday 18th May '19* as ever in the picturesque gardens of *64 High Street*.

The sale will feature dozens of popular annuals, as well as some beautiful new varieties, vegetables, hanging baskets and the larger than ever selection of perennial plants and shrubs. You can also enjoy home baked cakes, rolls and refreshments whilst being entertained by live music. There'll be fun for the children too and a host of great raffle prizes to be won. What's more *ENTRY IS FREE* – so save the date now!

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The Markyate Plant Sale has held a special place in the hospice's annual calendar for over 22 years and helped them to flourish be spreading awareness of their work and generating nearly £100,000. Because of volunteers coming together to put on wonderful community initiatives like ours, they were able to start supporting 20 people that has now grown to 2,000 people a year. In the next ten years however, the hospice estimate that more than 4,000 people every year will need to rely on them and in turn they will put their faith in communities such as ours to support them. By buying hanging baskets and plants you are fortifying the hospice for the future and helping them to sustain their care.

For further information or to order hanging baskets and planters, please contact: Ian Bradley 01582 943133/ ie.bradley@talktalk.net

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St Mary's Village Carnival 2019

Would you like to lead the Carnival Procession and help open the Carnival on Saturday 6th July?

Are you aged between 8 and 12 years?

If so you could be the Carnival Queen or Princess we are looking for.

To take part all you have to do is complete and return an entry form (details below) and come along to Eaton Bray Village Hall on **Sunday 14 April (time to be confirmed)** when the draw to select the Queen, Princess and two Attendants will take place.

How to Enter

Please telephone Cheryl Spratt on 01525 222139 for an entry form, or download a form from the Carnival website:

www.stmarysvillagecarnival.com

Entry forms should be returned to Cheryl by 11th April 2019

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

Please would you open your garden? Contact Kay - 222849 or Gordon - 220136 at 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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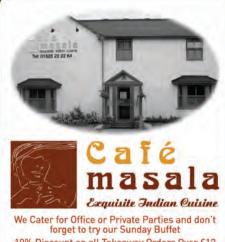
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Eaton Bray Methodist Church



Our first service in February was led by the Wednesday Bible Study Group. Focusing on the all-important word 'Love', the

most powerful tool there is, we explored the meanings of the word, as expressed in the Bible, which inspire us to find new ways to share God's love with those around us. In our café service on the second Sunday, Elisabeth Bibbings and Terry Ilott guided us through the ''Next Steps Review', an exciting project which the Circuit is running to help the individual churches to meet the challenges of the next few years, moving forward and reaching out in new directions. Geoff Best made a welcome return on the third Sunday. His sermon, based on Luke's forceful account of the Sermon on the Mount, emphasised that it was Christ's 'manifesto', promising radical

relief to the disadvantaged but pointing out that this brings huge consequences for mankind. We need to change the world and, though we are all individually inadequate, we can achieve great things when we pull together. Our Communion Service, on the fourth Sunday, was in the capable hands of Roger Owers. He explained how, for St Paul, the Resurrection is at the heart of a new way of thinking. Two thousand years later we need to identify what it is that makes our Christian faith so special and gives depth to our lives.

Dates for Your Diary

Café Community

Saturday April 13th 11am – 1pm We will be delighted to see you if you join us for a cup of tea / coffee and/or a light lunch.

Social Afternoons

Weekly on Thursdays 2pm – 4pm Chat, meeting friends, games, refreshments. All Welcome.



Dagnall Community Choir

What does it mean to be a community choir? Well our role can be summed up as follows: we exist to bring music to the community, and to

bring the community to music.

Our concerts bring music to the community. They also bring entertainment, the chance of a night out with friends, and often, the opportunity to raise funds for a good cause. Please take a look at our website www. dagnall-community-choir.co.uk for a list of our forthcoming performances.

We also bring the community to music. Anyone over the age of sixteen years can join our group and all are welcome, regardless of previous experience, musical knowledge or expertise. We don't ask you to audition, and we don't ask you to pay out a huge amount of money either. For an annual membership fee of just £15, and weekly contribution of £2, choir members have access to an experienced and knowledgeable musical team, who ably guide us through a variety of musical styles, with encouragement, enjoyment and plenty of good humour. You even get a cup of tea and a biscuit included in the price as well! Having a variety of different styles of music is also important to us as a community choir. It makes us more inclusive if there's something there for everyone, whether you're singing with us, or in the audience listening. Some of our members for example, are lovers of classical music. For others, it's show tunes that hit the right note... or folk music, jazz, rock, or pop. And it has been known for choir members to discover a love for a genre of music that they may never have discovered if they hadn't have been introduced to it on a

Monday night at choir.

Here is a selection of some of the music currently in our repertoire:

An American Trilogy – Mickey Newbury

And All That Jazz – John Lander and Fred Ebb

Bridge Over Troubled Water – Paul Simon

Danny Boy – Fred E Weatherby and Douglas E Wagner

Domine Fili Unigenite / Gloria – Antonio Vivaldi

Edelweiss / Climb Every Mountain – Rodgers and Hammerstein

Go The Distance – Alan Menken and David Zippel

Irish Blessing – Philip Stopford

Non Nobis Domine – Rudyard Kipling and Roger Quilter

The Rhythm of Life – Dorothy Fields and Cy Coleman

You Raise Me Up – Brendan Graham and Rolf Løvland

So if any of this strikes a chord with you, and you would like to find out more about Dagnall Community Choir, please do get in touch, via our website, or by coming along to one of our rehearsals on a Monday night, 7.45pm at Dagnall Church.

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Early in March, the choir was devastated to learn of the sudden and unexpected death of one of our valued members. Nigel Garrard was the much loved husband of Michelle our musical director, and a dear friend to us all. His powerful bass voice was an asset to the choir, as was his kindness and great sense of humour - those of you who attended our Christmas Concert will remember his rendition of "While Shepherds Watched" to the tune of "Ilkley Moor Baht 'At!"

We will all miss him greatly.



EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL





HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MI

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 4th February 2019 from 7:30pm at the Coffee Tavern **Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC)**

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School Lane Car Park

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School Lane Cark Park will be CLOSED

09/04/19 - 11/04/19 For required maintenance

Thank you for your understanding as we work to improve the parking facilities in this location.

Eaton Bray Parish Council

Changes to proposed work dates (i.e., adverse weather conditions) rill be communicated via Eaton Bray Website/Facebook/Noticeboards and at local

Plan

The Parish Council have now agreed/signed off improvement works to School Lane car park. This will involve re-surfacing the car park and line marking. The proposed date for works to be carried out is Tuesday 9th April to Thursday 11th April 2019. The car park will be closed to all users during

Residents - keep your eyes on the Parish Council

https://eatonbray.com/news/tag/Neighbourhood-

that period.



The registration of The White Horse as an Asset of Community Value is due to shortly expire, it was agreed to re-apply for this village asset; the relevant paperwork will be completed and forwarded to CBC for consideration.

Parish Burial Land

The Parish Council has approached land owner(s) regarding purchase of land for an extension to the current Cemetery. They are awaiting a response.

Speedwatch

If you would like to get involved in trying to slow down traffic in the village/concerned about road safety, please



contact the Parish Clerk..

Parish Defibrilator – The Coffee Tavern

The parish Defibrillator is located on the side wall of The Coffee Tavern, next to the car park. The Parish Council are also looking into the purchase of a second defibrillator for the parish – location to be finalised.

Parish Council Meeting Dates

Held in The Coffee Tavern / 1st floor, from 7:30pm

- Monday 1st April 2019
- Monday 13th May 2019
- Monday 3rd June 2019



Heidi Head, Parish Clerk & RFO

Email: clerk@ebpc.co.uk - Telephone/Fax: 01525 221464 - Website: www.ebpc.co.uk Office Hours: Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 09:30-13:30hrs [messages can be left on answerphone]

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27th Village Hall Quiz Yes Really 27!!

Saturday 27th April

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7.00pm for 7.30pm

Just £9 per person. Teams of up to 8 people Fabulous prizes!

This event is organised jointly by Eaton Bray Village Hall Fundraising Committee and Eaton Bray Tennis Club

Proposition For bookings contact Ross 221411 / 07974 715222 ross.bagni@btinternet.com

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Sunday 12th May

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St Mary's Eaton Bray



Saturday 27 April 2019 12·00 - 3·00pm Eaton Bray Village Hall

Come and have a rummage amongst the stalls on offer – some crafts and some pre-loved items! Also a raffle, plants, cakes, books, chocolate and sweets tombola, and delicious lunchtime refreshments, including our legendary bacon butties!

If you would like a stall for £10, contact Barbara Morton on 01525 852368 or email barbara·morton1@gmail·com FREE ADMISSION!

Harissa Spiced Lamb Fillet with Zesty Herby Couscous

All my chefs on the Weekend Kitchen have discerning customers to please. They'll all say it's what keeps them on their toes. Happy customers make for successful businesses. Paul Nicholls is one such top chef, and he runs the restaurant at Woburn Golf Club. Feeding hungry golfers who have just



shot 15 over par and whose swing has gone to pieces cannot be easy! Luckily Paul is one of life's chilled-out chefs and he just takes it in his stride. Here's a lovely, comforting and simple meal – perfect for forgetting about those golfing blues. If your butcher hasn't got lamb fillets, any cuts will do – you can even use chops, although you won't be thinning them out with a rolling pin!

8 lamb fillets, trimmed
2 tbsp harissa paste
250g cous cous
1 lemon, zested and juiced
1 lime, zested and juiced
3 tomatoes, finely diced
1/2 cucumber, finely diced
3 spring onions, chopped
1/2 bunch basil, finely chopped
1/2 bunch coriander, finely chopped
1/2 bunch mint, finely chopped
3 tbsp crème fraiche
Salt and pepper
Olive oil

Serves 4

Take your lamb fillets, pop them between two sheets of greaseproof paper and bash them with a rolling pin or hammer. Spoon over the harissa, mix well and leave to marinade in the fridge overnight. The couscous will benefit from being made the night before too. Take a bowl, pour in the couscous and mix in the lemon and lime zests. Add in a little drizzle of oil and some salt and pepper. Give it all a good mix.

Pour in enough boiling water just to cover the couscous and immediately tightly

cover the bowl with cling film.

Leave the couscous to steam for ten minutes, then gently fork it so it fluffs up. Let it cool a little, then mix through the remaining ingredients and pop it into the fridge to chill. When you are ready to serve, heat a non-stick pan and add in a little oil on a medium heat.

Chuck in the fillets and flash fry them for two minutes on either side.

Take the fillets out and leave them to rest for a few minutes. Because they are thin, they will be perfectly pink.

Slice up the lamb on the diagonal, top the couscous with it and finish with a dollop of crème fraiche.

You can finish with some micro herbs or edible flowers for decorative effect.

Hear wonderful recipes on Nick Coffer's Weekend Kitchen every Sunday morning on BBC Three Counties radio at 11am. You can also join Nick every weekday afternoon at midday for brilliant local guests with great stories to tell and all the music you want for your early afternoon.



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April at the Grove

Film

Green Book - 4 Apr
How To Train Your Dragon:The Hidden
World - 6 Apr
Lego Movie 2: The Second Part - 6 Apr
If Beale Street Could Talk - 6 Apr
The Kid who would be King - 8 Apr
Boy Erased - 15 Apr
On the basis of sex - 16 Apr
Captain Marvel - 19 Apr
Fisherman's Friends - 24 Apr

Comedy

Barnstormers Stand Up Comedy - 25 Apr Hormonal Housewives - 10 Apr Stewart Francis: Into The Punset - 17 Apr

Children's Theatre

In The Night Garden Live! - 2-3 Apr Milkshake Monkey's Musical - 9 Apr Jungle Book - 22 Apr

Dance

Coppélia - 14 Apr

Live Screening

Faust – Live Screening - 30 Apr

Encore Screening

La Forza Del Destino – Encore Screening - 7 Apr

As You Like It – Encore Screening - 20 Apr

Theatre

Britain's Got Magic 2019 - 13 Apr Alice in Wonderland - 25 Apr

Live Music

The Bee Gees Story - Nights On Broadway - 5 Apr
The Cavern Beatles - 11 Apr
That's Life - 18 Apr
Fastlove - A Tribute to George Michael - 27 Apr

Ticket prices vary; for more information or to book, call the Box Office on 01582 60 20 80 or visit the website at www.grovetheatre.co.uk.

Appledown's Rescue Dog of the Month



Stunning Brendan Cole is a lurcher who was born in 2017. He is a gentle, rather shy boy, but is making lots of friends with our volunteer dog walkers and is gaining in confidence. Brendan will need a calm and patient home with a secure garden. He has good manners on the lead and will make a lovely companion once settled. He would probably live with a female dog pending introductions, but not cats or other small furries. He cannot live in Luton.

If you can offer Brendan or any of our other dogs a loving and secure home, please phone or call in at the kennels any day between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. We have restrictions on rehoming dogs to families

with children under seven years of age. Full details of the rehoming process can be found on our website, or please contact the kennels. Join our Facebook group to see more photos and information.

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Contact us on 01442 842473 We also have spaces in Year 2 and Year 3 for September 2019.

We are a very small village school with small class sizes and with children's individual needs at the heart of all we do. We can currently take children up to Year 3 in 2019 and, in line with our proposed expansion process, plan to increase to Year 6. Watch this space!

We had great fun making, eating and tossing pancakes on Shrove

Tuesday. Delicious!







The longer days and the slightly warmer weather mean one thing in Edlesborough - the new cricket season is almost here, this time with the of prospect of a marvellous new pavilion on the horizon.

There is a full fixture list of games on Saturdays throughout the summer, with most Saturdays being the more serious games in Division 5 of the Four Counties (mostly Bucks) League.

New players are always welcome, and anybody interested in joining should contact **Ceri Davies** on **01525 221472** to book their debut.

This season we are again running the All Stars introductory programme for 5 to 8 year

olds on Sunday mornings. This is a national initiative devised by the England Cricket Board, but delivered through local clubs. The first two years of the programme have been very popular and great fun, and we are looking forward to more of the same this year. More details than you could possibly imagine are on the ECB website: just Google 'All Stars Cricket'. WARNING - willing parents may find themselves getting involved as well!



Young Farmers Set For Another Fantastic Rally Day!

Bedfordshire Young Farmers are readying themselves for one of the highlights of the Young Farmers calendar – Rally Day. This year the Beds YFC Country Show and Rally is taking place at Walducks Farm, Stewkley, near Leighton Buzzard, Beds, LU7 0DL on Saturday 18th May.

The day will be jam-packed with attractions, including animals, tractors and machinery, children's rides, craft stands, local food and drink producers, displays and of course Young Farmer competitions.

Visitors will enjoy a fantastic array of attractions and have the opportunity to view all the Young Farmers' entries in the handicrafts, flower and cookery barns. Visitors to the show will also have the opportunity to see prize winning livestock including

cattle, sheep and pigs, as well as horses and ponies. The day also hosts the hotly contested Young Farmers Tug of War finals and culminates with the spectacular floats that are this year based on childhood TV favourites.

Tickets are £8 on the gate, with under 10s FREE and the show opens from 10am – 4pm. Everyone welcome! A truly fun filled day for all the family.



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He had enemies in high places, though. The religious leaders were jealous of his popularity, afraid of losing their power and worried about a clamp down by the authorities. Most of all they hated the teacher's claim to be God. So they hounded him to death.

After many tries they had him arrested. All their charges against him failed but the anger and threats of a hastily gathered crowd persuaded the judge to sentence him to death anyway.

So Jesus of Nazareth was publicly crucified with two criminals. Because of a holiday the bodies had to be taken down the same day, so a Roman soldier pushed a spear into Jesus' side to make sure he was dead. An eye-witness said "blood and water" came out. Then two of Jesus' friends wrapped his body and laid it in a new tomb, covering it with 75 pounds of spices. Some women who followed Jesus watched and made plans to finish the job later.

Jesus' enemies persuaded the authorities to seal the tomb and post a guard on it. That was Friday evening. Early on Sunday morning the body was gone! The guards said an angel had rolled the stone away and they'd been petrified. The religious authorities paid them to say Jesus' disciples had stolen the body while they'd all been asleep (promising to protect them from punishment)!

The women found the tomb open and the burial cloths lying folded where the body had been. Two men in bright clothing told

them Jesus had risen from the dead. At first they and the other disciples

couldn't believe it. But gradually, as Jesus appeared to different groups of them, they realised it was true.

Those who had run away in fear when Jesus was arrested went out to tell the world: Jesus died and rose again to pay for our sins and everyone who believes in him is forgiven and has eternal life. Religious and secular authorities desperately tried to stop the message spreading—but they couldn't deny the evidence. No other explanation fitted the facts. Jesus really had risen from the dead.

Come and join us for our Easter services as we celebrate all that God sent Jesus to do for us.

Good Friday (19th April) 10.30am Easter Sunday (21st April) 10.30am All-Age Service, 6.00pm Evening Service ∠Timothy Reynolds (pastor)

Grace Baptist Church Edlesborough

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Weekly Activities

Sunday Services

10.30am Morning Worship6.00pm Evening Worship

2nd Monday

2.30pm SilverLink for over 60s

Wednesday

10.00am Caterpillars Toddler Group 7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

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Northall Baptist Church

200 years and still going A little Church with strong local links

Leaders – who are we

In January 2018 Northall Baptist Church elected 3 new leaders, John Hazell, Rob Kirkman and me, Ruth Cox.

I thought I'd tell you a little about myself. I became a Christian aged about 11 years old, brought up by Christian parents, leading a fairly normal life in the north of England. As children, we had a dog which joined the family as a puppy and was brought home in my brother's pocket. I used to walk to school and home for lunch. School dinners on occasion were therefore a treat for me! I left school with 5 good GCEs and started work for the National Coal Board helping to assess compensation when miners had had an accident and were unable to work for a time. Later I worked for the DHSS (Department of Health and Social Security), helping to sort out benefits for those in need.

After getting married, we moved down to Buckinghamshire, where we had 2 children. I continued working until retirement with the same Department, now called the Department for Work and Pensions. It was stressful at times managing staff and travelling. I currently work



part-time, visiting lonely or isolated people in their homes to try to get them involved in social activities which help to improve their well being. Many don't realise what things can improve their lives and help them stay independent in their own homes where possible. They are really grateful for all the help and information.

To try to keep as fit as possible, we cycle usually doing about 25 miles, occasionally further around the villages. This is a time when I can appreciate creation and the amazing countryside around us. It's a time to understand the changing seasons, springtime and harvest etc. This time of year brings the new born lambs and it's easier to watch their little antics at the pace of a bike.

At the end of last year, we celebrated our Golden Wedding

Anniversary. We shared a hot meal with our friends and family at Northall Baptist Church, cooked, for about 35, by our daughters. We were able to thank our God who has been with us

over so many years, through the ups and downs of health and problems, fears and worries. To be able to discuss my concerns over life's issues with God in prayer has helped to provide immense support and comfort for me.

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

Our services and events for most of the 2019 are posted on our <u>new</u> 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:

Ruth Cox Tel: 07791 425625



LOCAL HERALDRY

BY JOHN HOCKEY

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

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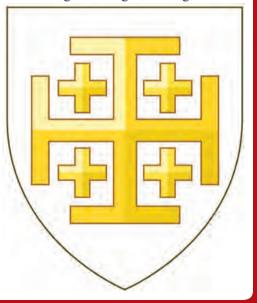
As we are nearing Easter, I thought it might be worth visiting a popular geometric shape or charge that appears on many shields, namely the cross. There are a great many different designs and a simple one occurs on the coat of arms of Grenville, owners at one time of Stowe in Buckinghamshire. Reflecting important heiresses married into, the family name at one time became Temple-Nugent-Brydges-Chandos-Grenville but what is interesting about this coat of arms is that it reflects the construction of early shields, that might have been used in the Crusades (which word means under the banner of the cross), probably made



of wood with cross-bracing and dowels or rivets holding the supports to the outer skin. In this case, both the supports and the methods of fixing on the back of the shield have been incorporated into the arms on the front and then coloured to make them stand out. The description or blazon is 'Vert on a cross Argent five torteaux'. A torteaux was a sort of jam tart - a good name for a red roundel! The Grenville coat of arms obeys the first rule of heraldry which is that for clarity there should be 'no metal on metal' nor 'colour on colour'. The contrast is all the better for it as the red torteaux really stand out against the white cross and equally the cross stands out against the green background.

The rule means that Or (gold) and Argent (silver) should not be placed one upon the other. One special exception to this rule is that of the coat of arms of Jerusalem shown here. The background is Argent, usually printed white and the crosses are Or, printed gold or yellow. The extended arms of the main cross are what is termed in heraldry 'potent'. Although these are not traditional Christian crosses, in this design I like to think of their tincture as being symbolic of the most-noble on a background of the more ordinary. Happy Easter.

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From the Methodist Lay Worker

Dear Friends.

My husband Nigel has recently returned from a visit to a Christian hospital in West Bengal, India. The Hospital (the Home of Christian Service) was started by the Wesleyan Missionary Society in 1914, and is now run by the Church of North India.

Outside the front of the hospital is a Banyan tree. The Banyan is the national tree of India, and is remarkable because it is a fig tree, growing branches down to the ground which become further trunks. In the end, the Banyan becomes a massive organism covering a large area.

The Banyan has many health-giving properties, and this particular tree was the subject of an old prophecy, that one day a place of healing would be situated under it. I don't know if the Wesleyan Missionary Society knew of this when they chose to build the Khristya Seva Niketan Hospital there,

but there it stands next to the Banyan tree, bringing healing and hope to this day.

At Easter we remember Jesus' death on the Cross and His Resurrection to life three days later. The Cross was often referred to in old hymns as a tree.

"Endless scenes of wonder rise from that mysterious tree, Crucified before our eyes Where we our Maker see" wrote Charles Wesley.

The Cross, originally a symbol of the most shameful and agonising execution that the Romans could invent, has become a symbol of healing – of God putting the world into a right relationship with him. Jesus' resurrection on Easter morning celebrates that because He was the Son of God, we can be sure that life goes on – not physically, obviously – but in a better and lovelier place where we shall be with Him.

Now isn't that something worth celebrating? May I wish you a very happy and meaningful celebration of Easter, and may you also know the healing power of the Cross.

Blessings from

ZElisabeth Bibbings

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March 2019

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Eaton Bray Cricket Club

Ground preparation begun for the 2019 season with work parties busy

on ground and pavilion improvements. Winter nets continue to be popular at Dunstable Town Cricket Club and will continue until April. The FCCL have released the fixture list for the season which will begin on the 27th April.

FCCL Div 1 1st X1 Fixtures 2019

April 27th Thurleigh Home May 4th Elstow Home

FCCL Div 6 2nd X1 Fixtures 2019

April 27th Cublington 1st Away May 4th MK Superkings 1st Away

Junior U9s Fixtures 2019

April 28th Leighton Buzzard Away May 5th Eversholt Home

U11s County

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U11 Dev

April 28th Aspley Guise Away May 5th Studham Home

U13 County

April 30th Leighton Buzzard Away

Eaton Bray Cricket Club 100 Club Winners February 2019

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March 2019

£100 George French No. 120 £25 Scott Mansfield No. 123 £10 Sarah Harris No. 5

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U13 Dev

April 30th Studham Home May 7th Flitwick Home

U15 Dev

May 2nd Lutonian Home May 9th Henlow Away

As always we are looking for new players of any age ability or gender. This season we will again be fielding two senior teams in the FCCL on a Saturday and a senior team in the Beds Sunday League. We also have five Junior teams at U9 U11 2XU13 and U15 age groups.

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Edlesborough School



The village school was opened in 1849 by the Countess of Bridgewater. It had one room with a gallery and benches for the children to sit on. The first school master to be appointed was William Waggon Allison, age 22, on a temporary basis with a salary of £40 per annum, paid by the Ashridge Estate. It was attended by about 80 children, though there were many absentees and part timers. At first 3 hours were devoted to plaiting each day at the parents request. The Education Bill was passed in 1870 and school attendance became compulsory for children between the ages of 5 and 10 years. Children were often absent through bad weather causing the roads to be deeply rutted by carts, and by ill health. Scarletina was the main infection and in October 1874 there were 70 children away with this illness.



Class of Edlesborough School about 1900



Edlesborough School, teachers and 93 children about 1923



The school boys, about 1919

About 1955.
From left to right:
back row - Pam
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Lunnon, Dawn
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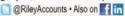
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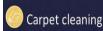


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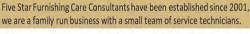
















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by Moira D'Arcy, Chartered Physiotherapist & Women's Health Physiotherapist at St Judes

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- Back size to the closest inch
- Cup size to the closest inch
- Subtract the back size from the cup size

- 0-1/2" = AA
- $\frac{1}{2}$ 1'' = A
- 2'' = B
- 3'' = C
- 4'' = D
- 5'' = DD/E
- 6'' = DDD/F etc.



However, many department stores offer a professional bra fitting service (as do local suppliers such as L-Collections in Berkhamsted). Working the muscles in your chest, shoulder and neck will also help you maintain breast support. Wearing the right bra will help you look great and maintain good postural health but if you are suffering from postural aches and pains, a Physiotherapist can assess and treat you, as well as give appropriate advice to help you gain a better posture and less pain.



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Dunstable & District Local History Society 9 April, 7.45pm King Henry's Cathedrals

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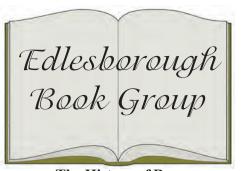
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All Saints Church, Dagnall Services in April 2019

Sun. 7th April	9.00 am	Eucharist			
	10.30 am	Morning Service			
Sun. 14th April	10.30 am	Morning Service with Holy Communion			
Fri. 19th April	6.00 pm	Good Friday Service			
Easter Day					
Sun. 21st April	9.00 am	Eucharist			
	10.30 am	Family Service			
Sun. 28th April	10.30 am	Family Service			
Sun. 5th May	9.00 am	Eucharist			

9.00 am Eucharist **10.45 am** Morning Service

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



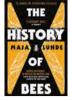
The History of Bees by Maja Lunde

Maja Lunde is a Norwegian author, best known for her books for children and young adults. This is her first novel for adults, which raises an intriguing question; what would happen to the world if its entire bee population was lost. Set in three different parts of the world and three separate timelines, Maja Lunde sets out to address this problem.

In England in 1851 we are introduced to William, a beekeeper and patriarch of a large family. He is a frustrated biologist, obsessed with making a prototype hive, which he hopes will make life easier for both the bees and their keeper. He is focussed on his research, to the detriment of the needs of his family.

Then, in 2007 there is George, a commercial beekeeper in Ohio. He is witnessing the start of what becomes known as Colony Collapse Disorder. He is struggling to maintain his bees in the traditional way, rejecting modern farming techniques, No one is able to explain why hives that appear healthy, lose bees virtually overnight, abandoning the queen. George also ignores the needs of his son, persisting in the belief that Tom will take over the business, when it is quite clear that his interests are more academic.

The character from the future is Tao, living in Sichuan in 2098. The bees vanished long ago and the survival of the world is hanging by a thread. Tao is part of a work force which pollinates orchards of pear blossom by hand. She is married to Kuan and has a three-yearold son named Wei-Wen. They are ruled by The Committee, an authoritarian regime, which



controls their every move, reducing their lives to bare existence.

On a rare family outing, Wei-Wen disappears without any explanation. Tao, desperate to find him, breaks many rules and regulations in her efforts to find him.

The novel moves backwards and forwardsacross the three timelines. - The characters' stories are easy to follow, but apart from Tao, they don't really come alive on the page. The story does eventually connect William, George and Tao, but not until the very end of the novel, which makes for a rather disjointed read. However, the main premise of the book made a very interesting discussion topic.

The Salvation Army, Booth Place - Weekly Activities



Sunday

Footprints (Sunday School) 9.45-10.45am Morning Worship 11am

Songs of Praise 4pm
(3rd Sunday of the month from May to Dec)

Tuesday Coffee Morning

(Alternate weeks) 10-11.30am

Music practices (all welcome) 7.30-9pm **Wednesday**

Home League 2.30-3.30pm

(Ladies meeting but all welcome)
Champions Challenge Club (term time)

(Ages 5+ years) 5.30-6.30pm 6.45-7.45pm

Thursday

Parent and Toddler Group

(*Term time*) 9.30-11.30am

Girls' Night Out

(1st Thursday of month) 7.45-9.45pm

Ladies Fellowship

(Last week of month) 7.30pm

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FROM THE ARCHIVES...

EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOCUS APRIL 1964

Annual Assembly

THE Annual Assembly of Parish Meeting was held on Friday, March 6th, in the Village School.

Twenty people were present. This is four times the number who came in 1963. Perhaps next year there will be four times as many again. An attendance of eighty would be encouraging. And next year is election year.

Among matters raised was the possibility of getting the County Council to take over Green Lane and Booth Place. Mr. Purcell, who raised this question, also asked if the Council could apply for an additional street light at the end of Green Lane.

The Salvation Army Youth Club wanted the use of an additional room in the Coffee Tavern and would be prepared to make alterations and improvements.

Mr. Punter asked whether the Council was taking seriously our entry into the Best Kept Village contest, and orged removal of junk littering the byways in the parish.

The Parish Council

Bus Shelter Plans Out

Planning permission for our bus shelters was refused. It was decided to make further investigations into the appearance of concrete bus shelters elsewhere.

Arising from the Assembly

It was decided to try once more to see if the County could be persuaded to take over Green Lane and Booth Place. The matter of the extra street light would be dealt with when the time came.

The Coffee Tavern changes proposed by the Salvation Army Youth Club were approved after an amendment seeking delay for one month had been defeated.

Tennis Club Hopes Dimmed

Heated Discussion

The facts ascertamed since the previous meeting were (1) that no assurance had been given that the Parish Council could obtain grant aid for laying hard tennis courts; (2) that the Council could lease the courts to the Tennis Club; (3) that a pair of recently-laid courts had cost £1700; (4) that the award of the land made it clear that the Recreation Ground was for the use of all the inhabitants of the area. It was not however laid down that every square foot of it must be always available for everyone.

Sunday Tennis

Cllrs. Gurney and Chanin voiced strong disapproval of Sunday Tennis on the Recreation Ground. The Vicar said he approved of it.

Finally it was decided to ask the Tennis Club to get a firm estimate of the cost of the proposed work before going any further with the matter.

It was suggested that if the cost were to be £1700 or even half of that, that would be the end of the matter, which was clearly what some Councillors hoped.

COMMENT

It was crystal clear that some Councillors were ill-disposed towards the Tennis Club. Why this should be so is beyond us.

We would like to see all forms of healthy recreation encouraged to the full. We support the project of improving and enlarging the pavilion. We support the new hall project. We support the hopes of the Tennis Club. And we abominate the notions of those who want Eaton Bray to be as scruffy and backward as possible.

We hope our readers will agree with this point of view and do all in their power to make our village the finest in the County.

Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

Weather Conditions for February 2019

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

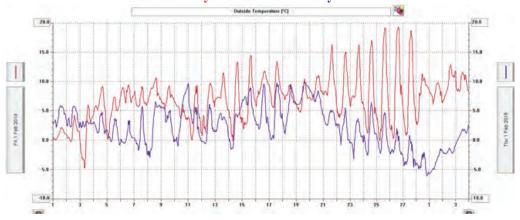
We started the month with low pressure from the east bringing cold winds, snow and a low temperature of -4.9°c. By the 4th, the wind had turned to the south west bringing a milder and unsettled period, although there were a few brighter patches. On the 12th, it became sunnier and dry with some foggy mornings, then on the 20th, the wind turned southerly to bring high pressure, warm air and sunny weather. The temperature continued to rise to reach record breaking levels of 19.4°c on the 26th. I was tempted to get the shorts out, but resisted! The month ended with temperatures dropping and rain on the 28th. Listed below are comparisons to February 2018 which shows a 9.4°c difference in the month's high and a monthly mean temperature difference of 4.2°c. That is massive in weather terms

	High	Date/Time		Low	Date/Time	
Temperature:	19.4°c	26 Feb 15.30		− 4.9 °c	3 Feb 08.00	
February 2018	10.0°c			— 6.1°с		
Mean Temperature	6.8°c					
February 2018	2.6°c					
Dewpoint:	10.4°c	21 Feb 16.30		− 5.8 °c	3 Feb 08.00	
February 2018	9.2°c			−7.2 °c		
Humidity:	100%	5 Feb 19.00		31%	25 Feb 15.00	
Barometer:	1036.5 mb	25 Feb 09.00		984.2 mb	1 Feb 04.00	
Wind Speed	40 mph W	9 Feb 11.00		Months avg.	6.2 mph	
Wind Chill:	19.2°c SSE	26 Feb 15.30		-6.1°c N	3 Feb 06.00	
February 2018	9.6°c			−11.3 °c		
Dominant Wind:	SSE					
Rain: there were 7 days when we measured only 0.2mm per day						

*Rain Days: 16(T), 16(R) **Wettest Day 8 Feb** 11.40 mm 0.449 1ns **Monthly Rain: Total** February 2019 50.2 mm 2.055 ins **Yearly Rain:** Total 2 Month 80.4 mm 3.135 ins

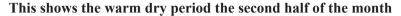
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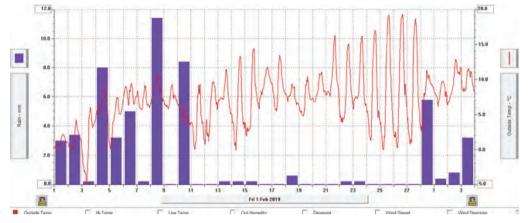
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Weather Conditions for February 2019





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