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*✍️ Editor*

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# Village Diary June 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, 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 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 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
- (term time) 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
- 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

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- Thursdays Eaton Bray Methodist Church Social Afternoons, 2 - 4pm, All Welcome
- 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
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- 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 (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 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 & 4th Tues Dagnall Church Welcome Club, 2-4pm, Dagnall Church. Contact Catherine Hayden 01525 220527
- 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, 10:00-12 noon, Edlesborough Methodist Church

## Other Regular Events

- 2nd Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club Meeting, 10.30am-3.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall

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## Other Regular Events

- 14th Leukaemia Research Coffee Morning including plant bring and buy, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30am. All welcome.
- 18th Dagnall and Kensworth Friendship Club - Garden party at 2pm in the garden of Rosemary and Brian 6 Dunstable Road Dagnall

## One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

- 7th & 8th Eaton Bray Village Hall Beer and Cider Festival, noon to 11pm, £4
- 14th & 15th EdleFest, St Marys Church Edlesborough
- 15th Edlesborough Tennis Club Open Day, 11am to 2pm
- 16th Marsworth Steam and Classic Vehicle Rally, 11am - 5pm, Startop Farm, Marsworth
- 18th Macmillan Curry Night, Cafe Masala, £20 per head, Book: 01525 222264
- 29th Danesborough Chorus Summer Concert, 7:30pm, St Mary's Church, Woburn Tickets: 01908 583460

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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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### Bedfordshire Police (Eaton Bray)

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Typetalk: 18001 01582 473418

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

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

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# 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

Walking pilgrimages are becoming more popular and recent TV programmes have highlighted different celebrities following ancient pilgrimage routes across Europe. On Saturday 22nd June, the Alban Pilgrimage takes place in St Alban's with a magnificent procession from St Peter's Church to the Cathedral. The publicity states: 'Our infamous 12ft carnival puppets take to the streets to re-enact the moving story of Alban and Amphibalus, making a wonderful gathering of pilgrims from around St Alban's Diocese and beyond. Supported by hundreds of costumed children and thousands of onlookers, this wonderful celebration of the Christian faith is not to be missed.' The procession starts at St Peter's church at 11am. Find out more at [pilgrimage@stalbanscathedral.org](mailto:pilgrimage@stalbanscathedral.org)

One of the reasons for the growing popularity of pilgrimage is that it enables people to focus on the here and now without being distracted. In her book 'An altar in the world- finding the sacred beneath our feet,' Barbara Brown Taylor explores ways in which we can become more aware of God in the everyday. One of these is by walking. 'Not everyone is able to walk,' writes Brown Taylor, 'but most people can, which makes walking one of the most easily available spiritual practices of all.'

Often our walking is a means to an end. We walk in order to get somewhere, and we do so as fast as possible to arrive at our destination as quickly as we can. The kind of walking Barbara Brown Taylor advocates is more like sauntering. It is about walking with awareness, paying attention to where we are, who we are with, and what is around us. The journey becomes more important than the destination.

This is the kind of walking which Jesus does in the gospels. He spent a lot of his ministry walking around. The gospel writers never give the impression that he was rushing. On his journeys, Jesus had time for people. He noticed those around him. Once, when Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, two blind men called out to him as he was passing by. Jesus stopped, sought them out and healed them.

On another occasion, Jesus walked with two of his followers on the road to Emmaus. They were discussing the recent events of Jesus's death on the cross and puzzling over them. The risen Jesus drew alongside them and walked with them. As he did so, he explained the Scriptures to them and helped them to understand why he had to suffer and die. The disciples finally understood as they encountered the risen Lord.

St Augustine of Hippo wrote 'solvitur ambulando' which means 'it is solved by walking'. The act of walking helps us to think things through, to ponder and reflect. And yes, sometimes we are able to reach solutions. Walking with the awareness of what is around us enables us to appreciate the beauty of creation. Walking with an awareness of the presence of God gives us space to be renewed and refreshed. It is a form of prayer.

May God be with you on your travels,

☞ Revd Joy Cousins, Vicar of Eaton Bray with Edlesborough





# His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester visits St Mary's Church, Eaton Bray



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Bright sunshine welcomed the visit of His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester to the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Eaton Bray with Edlesborough, on Wednesday 15 May as part of the church's 800th Anniversary celebrations. The visit to the church concluded HRH's three-part visit to Bedfordshire having been to Bedford School and Wardown House Museum and Gallery in the morning.

HM Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, Helen Nellis, accompanied His Royal Highness on his visit. Other dignitaries present included the High Sheriff of Bedfordshire Meryl Dolling, the Bishop of Bedford The Rt Revd Richard Atkinson OBE, the Chief Executive of Central Bedfordshire Council Richard Carr and the Chief Fire Officer Paul Fuller CBE QFSM MSJ DL.



*HRH, The Duke of Gloucester with Helen Nellis, Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire and Bishop Richard, Bishop of Bedford, at St Mary's, Eaton Bray, on 15 May 2019*

The visit was hosted by St Mary's Church Warden Catherine Hayden who introduced His Royal Highness to the Vicar of Eaton Bray with Edlesborough Rev Joy Cousins, the former retired Vicar of Eaton Bray with Edlesborough Revd Canon Malcolm Grant and the Reader of the Parish Gordon Gray.

The visit commenced with a Service of Dedication and Thanksgiving led by The Bishop of Bedford and Rev Joy Cousins during which a choir comprising pupils from the three schools in the parish (Dagnall Church of England School, Eaton Bray Academy and Edlesborough School) sang the anthem "Look at the world," by Rutter. After a blessing from the Bishop, His Royal Highness signed the Visitors' Book.

His Royal Highness has a background as an architect and Revd Canon Malcolm Grant, who has undertaken extensive research on St Mary's Church and has written a book on its history and architecture, provided a guided tour of St Mary's. He explained the marked difference in architectural style between the North and South arcades and highlighted several connections with the Royal Household, including the work of Reginald Bray, after whom the village was named and who was architect and builder of St George's Chapel, Windsor.

After His Royal Highness was presented with three books on the history of the church and village (Malcolm Grant's book plus two by the village



*HRH, The Duke of Gloucester with dignitaries at the tree planting ceremony at St Mary's, Eaton Bray, on 15 May 2019*

historian Peter Mayne), dignitaries moved outside the church to join members of St Mary's congregation and parents and pupils from the schools. His Royal Highness was introduced to tree specialist Brian McMahon who explained that the tree to be planted was a whitebeam that would grow to a medium height and prove a most attractive addition to the Churchyard. Having ceremonially planted the tree, His Royal Highness spoke with members of the congregation and the choir children before being bid farewell by Rev Joy Cousans and the Lord-Lieutenant.

Speaking after the visit, the Lord-Lieutenant said, "It was a great pleasure for me to welcome HRH The Duke of Gloucester to Eaton Bray in this three-part visit to Bedfordshire. His Royal Highness visited some very special places in the county which showed many different

and successful aspects of living in our vibrant community. We hope His Royal Highness enjoyed his visit".



*HRH, The Duke of Gloucester planting a whitebeam tree at St Mary's, Eaton Bray, on 15 May 2019*

*All Photos by Eileen Bennett*

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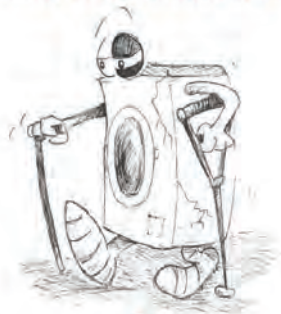
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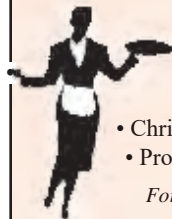
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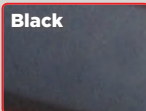
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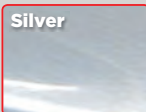
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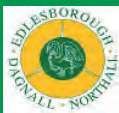
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# Edlesborough Parish Council News

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### Annual Parish Meeting

On 18th April the Annual Parish Meeting was held at Edlesborough Memorial Hall. Five parishioners attended. The meeting consisted of a report from the Council Chairman and a summary of the Council's financial position.

No questions were asked by Parishioners.

The draft minutes of the meeting, along with a copy of the Chairman's report can be viewed on the Council website.

### County Cllr Anne Wight

Cllr Wight attended the April EPC meeting, her full report can be found on the EPC Website. Cllr Wight reported on

- Brownlow Bridge Closure
- New Rights of Way reporting tool
- EU Settlement Scheme
- National Paralympic Heritage Trust – Ride London

### District Cllr Chris Poll

Cllr Poll attended the April EPC meeting he reported that as promised he had raised questions about the lack of a decision on the Swallowfields planning application. He will continue to press Council on this matter. Cllr Poll explained that issues with planning applications are not unique to Edlesborough, there are similar instances right across the Vale. Cllr Poll had been reluctant to ask for the prioritising of any particular application but now feels he must make as much noise as he can to achieve a decision on the Swallowfields planning application.

### Grass Verges

Three years ago Bucks CC devolved the cutting of the grass verges in the 30mph limit in the three villages to EPC. Last year EPC extended this grass cutting to include the verges in the 40mph limit ensuring greater consistency across the villages. EPC will be continuing with providing this service to the Parish. EPC requests that parishioners do not park their vehicles on the grass verges as this results in damage to the verges and prevents the contractor from cutting the grass.

Please do not  
park on  
grass verge

### Speedwatch & EDaN Traffic Management

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](mailto: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/>

### Fly Tipping & Road Issues

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Posting about it on Facebook can be useful to Parishioners this does not however lead to roads/pavements being repaired or fly tipped items being removed.

## Grass & Hedge Cutting in the Villages

Now that the spring time has arrived the cutting of the grass verges has resumed. EPC requests that parishioners do not park on the grass verges as this causes damage to them and inconveniences the contractors. EPC asks all parishioners whose hedges boarder the pavements to ensure that their hedges are kept well-trimmed ensuring that the maximum pavement width is available for pedestrians, pushchair and wheelchair users.



The hedge known as The Pastures hedge is scheduled to be cut by EPC's contractor in the last week of June/first week of July (this work is weather dependent).

## Best Kept Village Competition

Edlesborough has once again entered the Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition, judging will take place between 1st June and 7th July 2019.

Our volunteer litter picking teams have been out and about in the villages recently collecting over 17 sacks of rubbish during one pick. EPC thanks the volunteers for all their hard work. Anyone wishing to get involved with the EDaN Beautification Team or Litter Picking group should contact Mrs Lorna Cabbage on 01525 220361.



## Allotments

EPC currently has plots available at our Dagnall, Cow Lane and The Green 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 20th June 2019
- Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 18th July 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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## EdleFest 2019 gets a little Squeezed!



...and why is this such a good thing? Because we've tempted one of Britain's most iconic songwriters to come and perform for us this year – Chris Difford, co-founder of Squeeze! Difford has made a huge and lasting contribution to English popular music, writing hits such as 'Cool For Cats', 'Up The Junction', 'Labelled With Love', 'Goodbye Girl', 'Pulling Mussels', 'Tempted'... the list just goes on.

In *Up the Junction*, he famously '*never thought it would happen, with me and the girl from Clapham*'. I felt a bit the same way about attracting someone of this stature to our lovely little music festival. Well we can thank last year's headline act, Chris Wood, for that one. It turns out Difford is a big fan and after looking at Chris Wood's tour schedule last year, he asked us if he could come and play in the village this year. It seemed polite to give him a slot!

Over the course of his 14 album career with Squeeze, it was clear from the very beginning that Chris Difford has few peers when it comes to smart, pithy lyricism. His 'kitchen sink-drama' style has influenced the likes of Lily Allen and Mark Ronson. He has also written with Jools Holland, Paul Carrack and Elton John. His love of playing still drives him to carry on writing rather than sit back and admire his handiwork. Chris and Glenn (Tilbrook) have written two new Squeeze albums in the last four years - the first based on the life of Danny Baker, and the soundtrack to the BBC2 production 'Cradle To Grave' starring Peter Kay. The most recent Squeeze album 'The Knowledge' released to rave reviews in 2017.

Chris Difford will be just one of the great acts at EdleFest 2019, which takes place on June 14-15th in the special atmosphere of the Church on the Hill. Saturday sees the incredible Sam Kelly Trio – Sam leapt from the obscurity of singing to his family's dairy herd at the age of 19 to singing to millions as a finalist of Britain's Got Talent. Now making their name at the very top of the Britain's folk music scene, Mark Radcliffe, of BBC Radio 2 describes them as "Amazing, thrilling music." Alongside Sam are Jaywalkers. With powerhouse double bass, flame-fingered mandolin, blistering fiddle and three-part harmony pack expect a virtuosic Americana performance. Don't wait until it's too late before you get your tickets!

You can find out more about the whole event online by searching for *Edlefest*, or at [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

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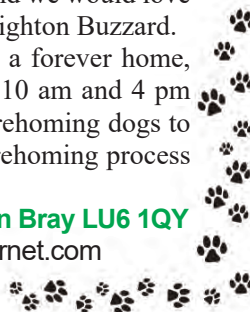
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led our Good Friday service which was shared with our friends from Edlesborough and The Salvation Army. Her moving sermon reflected the pain of this darkest of days in the Christian calendar but ended with the triumph of victory; the light returns, Christ has suffered for us and the way to God is now open to all. The Easter Sunday Service was, as always, a joyful occasion and was led with characteristic vitality by Joan Gregory, reminding us that the power of the Easter message means that evil is neutralised by forgiveness. We should rejoice and be thankful. ON the final April Sunday we had the pleasure of welcoming Colin Quine as our preacher again. Continuing the Easter theme he reminded us in a thoughtful sermon, that the heart of the Christian story is one of peace; after the horror of the Crucifixion, Jesus is resurrected and returns to the presence of his disciples, bearing scars but with no vengeance and giving a greeting of peace and love.

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## **Danesborough Chorus** **Monteverdi's Vespers of 1610 - an Italian feast**

The Danesborough Chorus performs 17th century Italian music, Claudio Monteverdi's *Vespers of 1610*, for its summer concert in St Mary's Parish Church, Woburn, on Saturday 29 June, 7.30 pm.

This sumptuous feast of Baroque vocal and instrumental styles was written as 13 separate pieces by 43-year-old Monteverdi showing off everything he knew to a prospective employer. His 'musical curriculum vitae' helped secure him the job as choirmaster at St Mark's Basilica in Venice.

The multi-part choir and its conductor, Ian Smith, join forces with the period orchestra Fiori Musicali and an all-star line-up of soloists for a truly authentic performance that will fill this resonant church setting.

The *Vespers of 1610* is not performed as often as it deserves, so don't miss this opportunity! And why not bring strawberries and wine to enjoy in the church grounds during the longer-than-usual interval?

**Tickets are £20 & £17 (centre, reserved); £10 (aisles, unreserved); under 18s £5 (all areas). Phone 01908 583460 or write**



**to Danesborough Tickets, 58 Church Road, Woburn Sands, Milton Keynes, MK17 8TA, giving your name, address and phone number, state number and price(s) of tickets required, and enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope and a cheque to 'Danesborough Chorus'.**

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*Interior of Palatine Chapel, Royal Palace, Palermo, Sicily*

# Dagnall Community Choir



Our diaries for the second half of 2019 are filling up quickly. We have booked Dagnall Village Hall for a summer concert, “Music for a Summer Evening”, on Saturday 13th July, and we’re sure this will be an enjoyable night of music and friendship, so do buy a ticket - £8.00 to include a drink – available from the Box Office on **01525 220189**.

Following this, our next performance will be at St George’s Church, Toddington, Sunday 15th September at 3.00pm. Watch this space for more details, or keep an eye on our website **[www.dagnall-community-choir.co.uk](http://www.dagnall-community-choir.co.uk)**.

In preparation for these performances, we have been learning quite a bit of new music. *Invierno Porteño*, by Astor Piazzolla, is a piece that we are all finding quite challenging at the moment, but that we **know** will be absolutely magnificent once we have mastered it... quite a treat for music lovers! *Flying Free*, by Don Besig, is another new song in our repertoire that we are looking forward to sharing with an audience,

along with some old favourites which span a variety of musical moods and styles.

Our Monday evening rehearsals continue to be thoroughly enjoyable. We work hard, but have plenty of fun too, and choir members really love this time of year, when we arrive at choir in daylight, take our drinks outside during tea break, and leave just as the sun is setting. Singing has been proven to enhance one’s well-being, and singing on a glorious summer’s evening, surrounded by our beautiful countryside... surely even more so!

So if you’re reading this and think that you’d like to join us and enhance your own well-being, then please do. We meet on Monday evenings, 7.45pm, at Dagnall Church, and always welcome new members - just come along and give it a go! There is no audition or requirement to read music - all that is needed is a love of music and a desire to sing with a group of like minded people. We look forward to meeting you!



## NOT JUST A BEER FESTIVAL

I don’t know about you but when I think of a beer festival I picture sitting on a sunny grass bank with friends and family, live music, the wafting smell of a barbecue, and racks upon racks of foaming ale. This may sound strange coming from someone on the organising committee of a beer festival, and I like a beer as much as the next woman (preferably something fizzy, fresh, and full of hops) - but it’s the beer that’s probably my least favourite part of a beer festival.

Fortunately, the Eaton Bray Village Hall Beer Festival isn’t just about the beer. It has those things I mentioned when I think of beer festivals – the live music, the barbecue food, beer, and hopefully the sun. But tucked away in the bar inside we also

have drinks that appeal more to my tastes. We’ve sold red and white wine, lager, and soft drinks for years and they’ve always been hugely popular. But last year we tried something different and added prosecco to our line-up as a bit of an experiment. We originally bought nine bottles and, needless to say, had to go out and get more on Saturday morning! I promise I didn’t drink all of it myself...

We’re doing the same again this year, so come along on 7th and 8th June and join us for a fantastic weekend, whatever your favourite drink. Keep an eye out for the flyers coming through your door, the posters around the villages, and check out our Facebook event for more information.

✍️ Jill Hewitt (I’ll be the one behind the hall bar, drinking Prosecco)

# 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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## 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 1st April 2019 from 7:30pm at The Coffee Tavern

#### Vacancy – Parish Councillor

**Eaton Bray is a great place to live and its residents have the opportunity to shape its development by contributing towards the ongoing activities overseen by the Parish Council. If you can contribute and have an interest in the parish, please have a chat with any of the existing Councillors or contact the Parish Clerk.**

#### Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC)

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#### Bedfordshire Police:

Eaton Bray Police contact: PC Edward Ruston  
Email: [Edward.Ruston@Bedfordshire.pnn.Police.uk](mailto:Edward.Ruston@Bedfordshire.pnn.Police.uk).  
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#### Litter Pick Day, Saturday 16th March 2019:

Despite the wind and the threat of rain it was a successful day, with forty-five bags of rubbish plus additional piles of household rubbish collected and

CBC kindly removing (for free) all bags/rubbish collected. The Parish Council (PC) would like to thank event organizer Roy Michel who worked with the PC/Cllr Brewer and a big well done to all who attended and helped with the litter pick. The PC are looking into organizing another Litter Pick Day later in the year.

#### Advertising in Parish:

Due to repeated flouting of parish rules from businesses/individuals displaying unauthorised advertising in the parish, the following amendments to the current advertising policy were agreed with immediate effect. *“Unauthorised parties will be asked to remove all their advertising within 5 days of request, after which time the Parish Council will have these items removed/stored and arrangements will need to be made with the Parish Clerk for collection and the council will seek recovery of the associated removal costs incurred (£30). Should items not be collected from the Parish Clerk within 5 days of removal the council will organise disposal of such and seek recovery of associated disposal costs (£10).”*

#### Charity: Kids Out



The Parish Council received a letter of thanks from the Kids Out Charity for the money raised at the Christmas Brass Band & Carols event last December 2018.

*“On behalf of us all at KidsOut, I want to say thank you for the £195.00 donation we recently received. We would like to thank the Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Residents Association for their kind donation of £145.00 and the Band for the*



*£50.00 from their concert. This is a wonderful gift to receive and I can assure you that every penny that you have donated will go directly into our services for the local children. Please can I ask you to pass our thanks on to the rest of the band and your supporters. KidsOut is the national charity which provides fun and happiness for children and young people living in difficult and challenging circumstances.*

*The children we help come from all manner of backgrounds. Some have learning difficulties or are physically disabled, while others are deprived or have suffered serious violence or abuse. Whatever their circumstances, the children we help deserve fun and laughter in their lives. Thank you once again – your support is making a real difference.”*

## Neighbourhood Plan

Several months have passed since I last wrote in Focus, I imagine those of you who follow the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) have been wondering what has happened. The answer is quite a lot, most activities have been administrative with very little to report, but I am now able to give an update.

Following our consultation and village meetings held in the Coffee Tavern last summer we submitted our NP to Central Bedfordshire (CBC) at the beginning of December. CBC were then able to commence their review of our NP by holding a “Regulation 16 Consultation” early in 2019, this is a second check on our NP making sure that we comply with Neighbourhood Planning Law as well as giving various statutory consultees an opportunity to consider our NP again. Which is lucky that we did, the Chilterns Conservation Board who look after Dunstable Downs (and lots of other very important ANOB’s) had a lot to say and gave us some important advice. The Reg. 16 Consultation completed at the

### Neighbourhood plan:

Residents - keep your eyes on the Parish Council website/Facebook/Focus for updates. Parish Council website: <https://eatonbray.com/news/tag/Neighbourhood-Plan>

### 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 Council Meeting Dates

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

- Monday 3rd June 2019
- Monday 1st July 2019
- Monday 2nd September 2019
- Monday 7th October 2019

end of March and in April CBC appointed an independent examiner in accordance with current NP regulations. The examiner wrote to the Parish Council on 30th April, a copy of this letter can be found on the Parish web site along with his 30 questions, plenty for me to do over the next week, roll on my family holiday....

If we answer the examiner’s questions to his satisfaction there will be a referendum (that dreaded word!) later in the year.

We hope that you found this update useful, I know planning stuff can be boring but the alternative may not be what we would like for the village.

This and other documents are posted on the Parish web site [www.ebpc.co.uk](http://www.ebpc.co.uk) follow the link to Neighbourhood Plan. Send your comments to the Parish Clerk at [clerk@ebpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@ebpc.co.uk)

Thank you.

✍ Glenn Wigley – Chairman EBPC NP



Heidi Head, Parish Clerk & RFO

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# St Mary's Flower Festival

## 20 – 22 September 2019

As part of our 800th Anniversary celebrations, we will be holding a Flower festival in September. We have already invited many local organisations to take part, but if your organisation has been missed out and you would like to contribute, please contact Barbara Morton as soon as possible.

In addition to this, we will be creating a number of individual arrangements which can be sponsored in memory of a loved one. For these we would ask for a donation of £20, and your loved one's name and your choice of hymn would be displayed below the arrangement. There are only 8 of these arrangements available. Again, please contact Barbara if you would like to sponsor one of these.

The weekend will begin on Friday evening with a special preview, with wine and canapes, accompanied by live music. This should be a really lovely occasion. Then the festival will run from 10am till 5pm on Saturday and from 12 noon till 5pm on Sunday, followed at 6pm by a special service of thanksgiving. The Sunday morning will be our Harvest Service, to which all are welcome.

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Fri noon - 11pm, Saturday noon - 11pm

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# What it's Like to be British



Worrying you've accidentally packed 3 kilos of cocaine and a dead goat as you stroll through 'Nothing to declare'

Being unable to stand and leave without first saying "right"

Not hearing someone for the third time, so just laughing and hoping for the best

Saying "anywhere here's fine" when the taxi's directly outside your front door

Being sure to start touching your bag 15 minutes before your station, so the person in the aisle seat is fully prepared for your exit

Repeatedly pressing the door button on the train before it's illuminated, to assure your fellow commuters you have the situation in hand

Having someone sit next to you on the train, meaning you'll have to eat your crisps at home

The huge sense of relief after your perfectly valid train ticket is accepted by the inspector

The horror of someone you only half know saying: "Oh I'm getting that train too"

"Sorry, is anyone sitting here?" Translation: "Unless this is a person who looks remarkably like a bag, I suggest you move it"

Loudly tapping your fingers at the cashpoint, to assure the queue that you've asked for money and the wait is out of your hands

Looking away so violently as someone nearby enters their PIN that you accidentally dislocate your neck

Waiting for permission to leave after paying for something with the exact change

Saying hello to a friend in the supermarket, then creeping around like a burglar to avoid seeing them again

Watching with quiet sorrow as you receive a different haircut to the one you requested

Being unable to pay for something with the exact change without saying "I think that's right"

Overtaking someone on foot and having to keep up the uncomfortably fast pace until safely over the horizon

Being unable to turn and walk in the opposite direction without first taking out your phone and frowning at it

Deeming it necessary to do a little jog over zebra crossings, while throwing in an apologetic mini wave

Punishing people who don't say thank you by saying "you're welcome" as quietly as possible

The overwhelming sorrow of finding a cup of tea you forgot about

Turning down a cup of tea for no reason and instantly knowing you've made a terrible, terrible mistake

Suddenly remembering your tea and necking it like a massive, lukewarm shot

Realising you've got about fifty grand's worth of plastic bags under your kitchen sink

"You'll have to excuse the mess" Translation: "I've spent seven hours tidying in preparation for your visit"

Indicating that you want the last roast potato by trying to force everyone else to take it

"I'm off to bed" Translation: "I'm off to stare at my phone in another part of the house"

Mishearing somebody's name on the second time of asking, meaning you must now avoid them forever

Leaving it too late to correct someone, meaning you must live with your new name forever

Running out of ways to say thanks when a succession of doors are held for you, having already deployed "cheers", "ta" and "nice one"

Changing from 'kind regards' to just 'regards', to indicate that you're rapidly reaching the end of your tether

Staring at your phone in silent horror until the unknown number stops ringing

Hearing a recording of your own voice and deciding it's perhaps best never to speak again

The relief when someone doesn't answer their phone within three rings and you can hang up

Filming an entire fireworks display on your phone, knowing full well you'll never, ever watch it again

Dig out your walking boots and strap on your Fitbit – the ever-popular Rennie Grove Chilterns 3 Peaks Challenge once again takes to the stunning Bucks countryside in September.

Now in its second decade, the annual event is a unique opportunity to clock up your steps, soak up miles of rolling landscape in the company of others and raise vital funds for Rennie Grove Hospice Care at the same time.

The local charity provides nursing and support services for people in Herts and Bucks with cancer or other life-limiting conditions, and supports their families too. Many hundreds of participants have taken part over the years in memory of loved ones, while many others simply relish the opportunity to take to the hills in a good cause.

Last year, more than 600 walkers in distinctive Rennie Grove T-shirts enjoyed a glorious sun-soaked day walking through woodland, along farm tracks and over the Chilterns’ breezy hilltops – stopping at the 3 Peaks of Whiteleaf Cross, Coombe Hill and the finishing post at Ivinghoe Beacon along the way.

Walkers of all abilities are welcome, including dogs (on leads). You can take on a 7, 11 or 20-mile challenge, with Arriva once again generously providing buses and volunteer drivers for free transport between drop-off points throughout the day.

“We are grateful for all the walkers who sign up each time for the Rennie Grove Chilterns 3 Peaks Challenge and put so much effort and energy into raising funds,” said Rennie Grove Director of Fundraising Tracey Hancock. “The

money they raise through donations and sponsorship enables us to continue to provide vital, dedicated nursing and support services for thousands of local patients and their families each year.

“Anyone who has ever taken part will know what a wonderful day it is. It’s a lovely route, with cheerful volunteers marshalling with words of encouragement and water supplies. Everyone is rewarded with a medal when they finish – even the four-legged participants.”

You can sign up now for this year’s Chilterns 3 Peaks Challenge, which takes place on Sunday 8 September. Visit the Rennie Grove website at [renniegrove.org/events](http://renniegrove.org/events) for more information and to register.



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# BBQ Buffalo Chicken Wings with a Blue Cheese Dip

It's amazing how many careers in food come about as a result of a big career change. People leave the rat race and set up a café, a cake making business, a food truck or a restaurant, making quality of life their key criteria. Although most say they've never worked harder than they now do in their new food career, they'll also say they've never had more fun. One such man is Harp Gill, who left a stressful career in recruitment in the City to set up a BBQ and smoking catering company in Milton Keynes called The Rub BBQ. He is passionate about smoking and cooking meats perfectly. These Buffalo wings are a true classic – tangy, sharp, spicy and devilishly moreish.

## You'll need:

1kg chicken wings (prepared how you like, in 3, 2 or 1 wing configuration).

### For the dry rub

2 tbsp paprika powder

2 tbsp garlic powder

2 tbsp sea salt<sup>[SEP]</sup>

2 tbsp ground pepper

### For the buffalo sauce

250ml apple cider vinegar

100ml distilled white vinegar

2 tbsp ground cayenne powder

3 tbsp cayenne pepper powder

1 tbsp garlic powder

1 tbsp salt

150g salted butter

### For the blue cheese dip

500g of your desired blue cheese crumbled as fine as possible

500g Greek yoghurt

A dash of lemon juice

1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil

1 tbsp milk salt and pepper to taste

Place the chicken wings in a bowl and add the dry rub ingredients. Mix everything together well to ensure all the pieces are equally covered.

Cover with cling film and place in a fridge

overnight (or for at least for 2 hours).

Place all of the sauce ingredients except the butter into a saucepan and bring to the boil over a medium heat.

Reduce to a simmer for between 20-25 minutes stirring occasionally.

Add the butter and simmer gently for a further 15 minutes. Place to the side once done.

To make the blue cheese dip, place all ingredients into a bowl and mix well. Pop it in the fridge until ready to serve.

Now it is time to grill the wings. Place them skin side down over a hot BBQ and cook until the skin starts bubbling (5-8 minutes) and then turn them over for a further 1-2 minutes or until done.

Pop the buffalo sauce in a bowl and roll the wings in it, giving it a good coating.

Return them to the grill for a further minute to crisp up the sauce and then give them one final coating of the sauce (without grilling them again). They are ready to serve now.

Serve with the blue cheese dip and a stick of celery. These give a real wow factor at any family BBQ and make a perfect starter or lunch snack.

NB: This recipe can also be done in the oven should you not have access to a BBQ. Cook the wings for an hour in the oven at 180C/ Gas Mark 4, covered with foil. The final glazing process can be done under a hot grill. *Hear wonderful recipes on Nick Coffey'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.*





# If You Could Ask God One Question



If you could ask God one question, what would it be? Many people who don't believe in God say they would like to but they have too many unanswered questions. Perhaps you've decided there is no God because of what you see as unanswerable questions. Maybe you do believe but are still troubled by questions that you've found no answer to.

## Questions for Jesus

The Bible records that during Jesus' life on earth people were constantly asking him questions - some to try to trip him up and some as a way of criticising him, but others asked genuine questions. Here are some of the questions people asked Jesus:

Why don't your disciples keep the religious traditions?

How often must I keep forgiving someone?

Who gave you the right to do what you're doing?

What is the most important thing God wants us to do?

## Jesus' Answers

Jesus didn't always answer in the way people expected. Often he asked a question back. He wanted people to think about the assumptions they were making. For example, a wealthy and important young man came to Jesus one day and asked, "Good teacher, what should I do to get eternal life?" Jesus answered, "Why do you call me good? Only God is truly good."

Jesus went on to give the man a direct answer to his question - which he didn't like! - but Jesus wanted him to think through what being good means and to question whether anyone can be truly good.

## Your Question

So, what would your question be? We are asking you, during the next few weeks and especially on Carnival Day, to tell us your

question. We want to find out what are your FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions). You can come and tell us on Carnival Day at the chapel or at our stall on The Green—or you can tell us at any time by sending it to [gbcecontact@gmail.com](mailto:gbcecontact@gmail.com) or texting it to **07572 395687**.

## God's Answers

We invite you to an **FAQs Open Evening** in Edlesborough Memorial Hall on Wednesday 4th September at 7.30pm. Steve Burton (an experienced open-air preacher and trainee pastor) will explain the answers the Bible gives to your Frequently Asked Questions. You'll be able to ask follow-up questions too.

The Bible assures us that, if studied carefully, it tells us all we need to know, but not all we want to know. Have you ever read it seriously? Why not make a start? *You are welcome to join us on Sundays when we meet to worship God and to listen to what he says to us, as his word, the Bible, is explained.*

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## A STUDY OF SOME COMMON BRICK PATTERNS IN EDLESBOROUGH

Have you looked at your walls recently? If your house or garden wall is of brick construction, it will be built using one of a number of different patterns, and much can be learnt by taking a closer look at these 'brick bonds'. A brick has two long sides (stretchers) and two ends (headers) one or other of which are usually visible, the large other faces where mortar is applied being concealed by the construction method.

The way the bricks are laid affects the strength of the building or wall and also the overall cost. Nowadays almost all buildings are laid in what is called stretcher bond, i.e. only the long sides are visible, alternating one row with another to avoid having joints in line which would be weak. This is not an inherently strong bond however, but as houses nowadays are tied to an inner breeze block cavity wall, that is not so relevant. It uses up space effectively though, so is quite cost effective.

From Tudor times, a pattern called 'English bond'



*English Bond - Tithe Barn*



*English Garden Wall Bond*

was used extensively and it is still a very elegant design, comprising a row of headers then a row of stretchers, the pattern repeated throughout the build. The tithe barn in Edlesborough is of this construction.

A variant of this style, called 'English garden wall bond' used a row of headers and then two or more rows of stretchers to save money. The wall by the moat on the High Street is so composed. If the number of stretcher rows is five or over, saving even more outlay, it is known as 'Scottish garden wall bond'!

A style that took over and was very popular in Victorian times when there was a massive amount of house building undertaken is called 'Flemish bond'. Here a header is placed next to a stretcher and this pattern is repeated on the next row with the header always centrally placed under the stretcher above. The Methodist Chapel in the High Street has this design. Sometimes the headers have burnt ends and this results in a very pleasing diamond pattern.

Where a tight radius is required, for example on gate piers or entrance drive walls, sometimes only headers are used. This avoids an inelegant polygonal result which would be the case if stretchers were used. The example here is at the entrance to a house on The Green. If a house front is



*Flemish Bond - Methodist Chapel  
- High Street*





Headers - Gate Pier, The Green

made entirely of headers, it is something very special as it is so expensive. Such designs may be found on the old buildings at the traffic lights in Hockliffe if you are turning towards Woburn.

There are other brick bonds occasionally found but the only instance of what is known as 'Rat Trap bond' (where the bricks are laid on edge) that I have found is, ironically, at Dunstable Police Station!

See if you can work out what bonds the houses and walls in your local villages are constructed of. It makes a pleasant distraction for adults and children alike!

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# LOCAL HERALDRY

BY JOHN HOCKEY

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

## TOTTERNHOE STONEMASONS

As there is little obvious heraldry in St Giles' church, Totternhoe, I thought I would take a look at the arms of the Worshipful Company of Stonemasons, whose tag line is 'Encouraging the Use of Natural Stone'. There can be little doubt that Totternhoe has played a significant part in English architecture through the widespread use of Totternhoe clunch, a hard chalk or soft limestone which is

easy to carve but sadly does not weather well when exposed to the elements. This dichotomy may be seen to great effect in nearby Eaton Bray church, which on the inside has, in the view of the great architectural historian Alec Clifton-Taylor 'beauty little short of a Wells in miniature'. In places however, particularly externally, such beauty is not so apparent and buildings such as Windsor Castle and Westminster Abbey, together with local examples like Woburn Abbey and Dunstable Priory Church have all had to be partially re-faced.

Nevertheless, stonemasons have worked Totternhoe clunch from mediaeval times and like most ancient trades they formed themselves into a Worshipful Company to regulate practice and avoid abuse by those not skilled in their particular art.

The Company's arms have a black background (*Sable*) which has scalloped edges known heraldically as *engrailed*. On the chevron are a

pair of compasses, which would be used by all skilled masons. The other *charges* on the shield are castles, usually a spectacular example of the stonemasons' art. Within Totternhoe church is an example of carved clunch, namely a rebus or pun on the name Ashwell. The carving clearly shows an ash tree on the left and a well on the right. The Ashwells were a 16th century benefactor family.

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# An Underwater World of Wonder

**ZSL Whipsnade Zoo opens the UK's first Aquarium this summer dedicated to conserving the world's most astonishing and endangered freshwater fish**

Fish that can jump out of the water to pluck fruit from trees, have evolved to no longer need eyes, or even live out of water for more than two months, are among the incredible species that will call ZSL Whipsnade Zoo's new Aquarium home. Opening this summer, the Aquarium at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo will be the first in the UK dedicated to conserving threatened and extinct-in-the-wild freshwater fish. Taking visitors on a round-the-world journey through ten of the planet's most extreme and fascinating aquatic habitats, from a vibrant flooded forest in Brazil, to an African puddle, the Aquarium will bring families face-to-face with some of the rarest and most unique fish species in existence.

Showcasing a secret world beneath the water, the Aquarium will be home to fish which have developed astonishing abilities in order to survive in a huge range of strikingly different environments, including the dusky narrow hatchetfish, which jumps out of the water in the flooded forests of Brazil to pluck low-hanging fruit and seeds from trees. Caribbean mangrove killifish can survive out of water for as long as 66 days, while Omani blind cave fish navigate through pitch black caves without eyes. Not only are some of the fish extinct-in-the-wild, but for some, ZSL Whipsnade Zoo is one of the only places in the world where they still exist. As well as making their way around the world, through Caribbean mangroves, Middle-Eastern caves and Vietnamese streams; visitors will be able to look into the 'engine room' of the breeding centre and see whole life cycles of threatened species.

As well as fish, visitors will encounter the wildlife that scuttle alongside the water's edge. Endangered Chinese crocodile lizards will roam around a Vietnamese-inspired stream habitat, while Mexican red-kneed tarantulas will most likely be spotted keeping cool around the Mexican desert spring. ZSL Whipsnade Zoo's new Aquarium opens this summer, and entry is included in the Zoo entry price.

## Sunset Safari at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo

**Saturday 22 June 2019, 6pm - 10pm**

Families, friends and Zoo-lovers are in for an adventure on Saturday 22 June, as ZSL Whipsnade Zoo opens its gates after hours for a wild night of fun at Sunset Safari. As well as the rare opportunity to spend an evening with some of the most spectacular species on the planet, guests will also be treated to an evening of lively entertainment and delicious food at the UK's largest Zoo.

At Safari Base Camp, acrobats will be getting the celebrations underway, alongside acoustic musicians serving up some summer sounds while carnival performers will transform themselves into colourful creatures. Visitors can also immerse themselves in the safari spirit by getting their faces painted as their favourite animal. The Food Market on the main lawn will be offering an array of hot and cold delicacies and the Watering Hole will be serving a range of delicious, cooling drinks.

Those interested in finding out more about the Zoo's amazing animals will enjoy a series of fascinating animal talks, demonstrations and feeds. There's even comedy with a conservation twist from the Ugly Animal Preservation Society. Families can hop on the Jumbo Express steam railway for a guided tour around the Zoo's Asian rhino, deer and sloth bears. Adventurers looking to get stuck in can head to the Conservation Station to try their hand at being a zoo vet, while elephant keepers will offer a limited number of special behind the scenes tours of the Centre for Elephant Care.

As the sun sets, visitors can settle down to enjoy the stunning views over the Chiltern hills as live jazz is performed at the River Cottage Kitchen and Deli, but don't miss the Safari Finale with a special performance taking centre stage to finish this unique evening on a high. For a summer evening like no other, book tickets now for Sunset Safari at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo and save 30% at [www.zsl.org](http://www.zsl.org)



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## Six-foot Bundle of Joy

### Baby giraffe makes debut at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo

Zookeepers are celebrating the birth of a giant after welcoming a baby giraffe to the herd at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo. The reticulated giraffe (*Giraffa camelopardalis reticulata*) was born to first time mum Luna and dad Bashu at midday on Friday 26 April and has been named Khari, which means 'King-like' in Swahili, because of his regal-looking ossicones - the tiny crown-like horns on a giraffe's head.

Born as part of the European Breeding Programme for the Endangered species, the adorable calf already stands head and shoulders above most of the residents at the UK's largest zoo – hovering at almost six-feet tall. ZSL team leader Mark Holden, explains: "First-time mum Luna is doing a sterling job of looking after Khari - positively doting on her new arrival, while feeding and cleaning him regularly. "However, the birth was definitely a family affair; Dad Bashu was rubbing Luna's neck encouragingly during her four-hour labour, while grandmother Ijuma helped to clean the youngster after the birth - and they've all since continued to be very involved in Khari's care."

Giraffe calves weigh more than the twenty times the average 7lbs human when they're born, weighing in at around 150lbs at birth. Giraffes also give birth standing up, meaning their calves make an epic entrance into the world: falling six feet, hooves first to the ground, before learning to walk within an hour.

Khari has even started to tentatively venture outside, so lucky visitors should be able to spot him stretching his legs.



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- When digging, avoid twisting and straining and don't forget to take regular breaks.
- Use kneeler seats or mats when planting

and don't overstretch by working too far in front of you.

- Mow a little at a time, keeping upright.
- Avoid overstretching when pruning by using long-handled shears and use secateurs with a cut and hold action.
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Leaders – who are we?

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I guess my story begins before I was born. My parents lived in London's Highgate during the Second World War. My mother and two brothers were evacuated to a beautiful eighteenth century stone cottage in a lovely country lane in Lancashire. While away their home was made uninhabitable by a German V1 flying bomb falling in their street. My father was in the house at the time and suffered head injuries from flying glass but survived. My mother and brothers were away and safe from the bombing of London. Later in life my brother said they were like refugees in their own land. Our family suffered the consequences of war for many years after the war had ended.

My father was in the Merchant Navy on convoys in the Atlantic and the Pacific and to North Africa. His ship sunk off the West Coast of Ireland when it broke in half but all the crew were rescued by two Corvettes. One of my interests is researching my family history and a couple of years ago I visited the Island of Inishark off the Atlantic Coast of Ireland where my father's ship was sunk.

From a boy I loved swimming and cycling. Some years ago I did the London to Brighton Bike Ride with the British Heart Foundation. My wife and I are members of the National Trust and I have always had an interest in history. I am a member of the Chiltern Vehicle Preservation Group and my wife and I appeared for picnics at Rallies in our old Morris.

I did not grow up in a Church family. My interest in God was awakened by a Christian teacher at my school and when I was away for a week's holiday as a teenager with my parents in Brighton. A youngish woman was speaking to a crowd on the promenade and said she was dying of cancer but she wanted to tell as many people as possible about the gift of eternal

life in God before she died. She spoke on a verse in the Bible "For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord". As a young teenager and having not come from a church family I still understood what she was saying. Some months later I went into a chapel in North London and hearing more about Jesus I decided to become a Christian. My wife's father was killed in the Second World War and he is buried in Berlin and she grew up with her mother and grandmother. My wife and I both grew up knowing we do not live forever nor do those around us. We are believers and we have our faith.

For some years now we have regularly attended Northall Baptist Church where we have found friendship and fellowship. I think of our Church as a hospital for sinners not a museum of saints. We are an imperfect people and in the words of the Rev. Kate Bottley on the Road to Santiago "we are not Jesus, we are his followers". Here at our Church is a smile for the joyful, friendship for the lonely and comfort for the sad.

When Jesus asked one of his twelve disciples called Peter if he wanted to leave or go away Peter answered Jesus "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." We are believers and trust in God the maker of the heavens and earth. When I read that an international team of astronomers have discovered a huge quasar 420 trillion times brighter than our sun around 12.8 billion light years away from earth I am never surprised at our God.

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 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 me as below:

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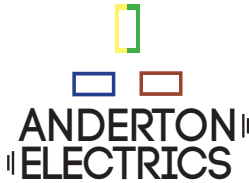
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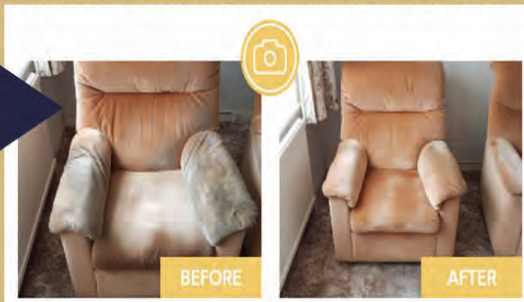


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## Nigel's Thoughts

### Methodist Minister

Dear Friends,

Many of you will know that I have recently returned from a three month sabbatical leave. Although there were elements of 'holiday' in some of the things I did whilst away, the main emphasis was upon a change of pace and the opportunity for new experiences and fresh learning.

I was most looking forward to the opportunity to visit a Christian hospital in West Bengal, India. I have never travelled that far from home before, having previously been on holiday to mainly European destinations on package holidays.

Little did I know that I was in for a very rich, overwhelming and somewhat unsettling experience. Although I thought that I'd prepared myself pretty well, I had a lot of adjusting to do. Nothing had prepared me for the length (much delayed) of the journey and the conditions we experienced at the hospital and in the local community. What impressed me most was the quality of the life and work of those who worked in the hospital.

Working with almost nothing, and with mainly obsolete equipment that was functional but which had seen better days, they were cheerfully and faithfully changing and saving lives. It was amazing what they were able to achieve with so little, and it made me wonder about all that we take so much for granted and enjoy.

Since my return I have been thinking about the need for us all to determine what is 'enough'. Now that's a word that we do not hear very often, intent as our rich western society is upon the pursuit of production, consumption and profits. We have not helped of course with our need for instant gratification. Just yesterday an email offered me "an iPhone 6S with no

upfront cost. Amazing". I was not tempted. The reality is that we cannot continue as we are.

I am no 'Extinction Rebellion' protestor. Though their actions attracted much publicity they proved very inconvenient for many, as they pointed out some inconvenient truths. Last week (on 3rd/4th May) Tropical Cyclone Fani made land near Pune in Odisha, having been winding up to a severe storm over the sea for quite some time. It made its way inland, thankfully gradually decreasing in strength as it travelled towards and through West Bengal. For a time I feared the possible consequences of it passing, in strength (as it seemed projected to do) right over the hospital in Sarenga that I visited just a few short months ago, where so much is being done for so many with so little in the way of resources.

The severity of weather events in vulnerable parts of the world continues to increase. Admittedly, the situation in the Bay of Bengal is complex. The air pollution in Kolkata (Calcutta) itself is chronic and getting worse as the sprawling city grows.

I am no scientist. However it is no longer possible for us to continue to ignore the science that points to the truth that the careless consumption of humankind comes at a cost, especially to many of the world's poorest peoples.

I will always remember my Indian trip and the wonderful, committed, generous, friendly and joyful people that I met - making so much out of so little and living so simply. I will therefore try to commit to living more simply and with less, to do what little I can to enable their flourishing.

God bless, ✍️Nigel

# Let's Create a Cezanne Apple

I think a lot of us may have heard of the French artist Paul Cezanne! (1839-1906). No worries if you haven't. Cezanne once said 'I will astonish Paris with an apple' so let's astonish ourselves using some of his techniques in drawing.

Get yourself an apple and place it on a dish or a table (or copy mine). Notice the shape of your apple. Now with a pencil (any B pencil will do) start drawing an oval apple shape first very lightly on your page. Don't worry too much about getting your apple perfect (we are re-interpreting it Cezanne style). Look at my image of the first initial sketch. See the straight lines cutting across each other on the curve of the apples?



I want you to do the same. Eventually these straight lines begin to create the round shape of the apple Cezanne style. Cezanne's apples almost look like a wooden sculpture created from a wooden plane. We see the mass and form of the apple more through this technique. Now begin to draw the curve of the apple more within these straight lines keeping your apple looking a bit angular. Rub out those straight lines now. You should end up with a slight geometric apple.

## Shading

Look at example 2 and notice the cross over pencil marks. Try this out scribbling across the marks in different directions. This gives the apple more geometry. Explore light/dark shading depending on the pressure of your pencil and close marks. Leave some highlights. Also notice that some of the edges around the apple are very exaggerated and dark. Do this like Cezanne did. He used a lot of dark outlines. Have fun experimenting with your apples Cezanne style. He tried to make his apples look geometric to emphasise the mass/form of objects.

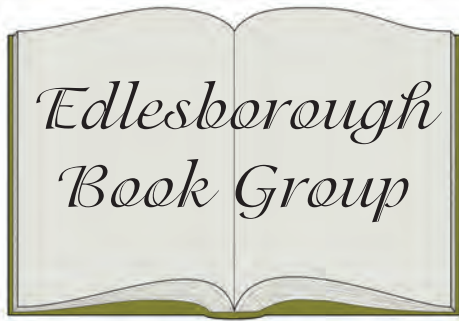


Some say he's a post-impressionist painter but he was a modernist artist of his day who did not fit into any category of painting. His style was a precursor for the cubist art movement. See the below website for more information on Cezanne. Also check out cubism and see his influence.

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## **A Month in the Country** by J. L. Carr

One of the many benefits that we experience when joining a book group is the introduction to authors that we would not otherwise read. This month we read "A Month in the Country" by J.L.Carr. We had only a synopsis on which to base our selection, as none of us were familiar with his work.

The book is very thin, with a plot covering just the month of its title, but the characterisation and the precise and beautiful writing makes it a reading experience that stays in one's memory. Written in 1980 it won the Man Booker prize and the Guardian Fiction award. Expertly crafted, it introduces many serious themes whilst telling quite a simple story.

Tom Birkin, looks back to the summer of 1920, when as a young man newly demobbed from service in the Great War, he accepts a commission to restore a medieval wall painting which has been whitewashed over. The painting is in a church in the small village of Oxgodby in Yorkshire. When he arrives, he is penniless, damaged by his war experiences and has also learned that his wife has left him. He is welcomed icily by the church rector, Rev. Keach who disapproves of the restoration. He tells Tom that his accommodation will be in the bell tower and that his fee of 2Sguineas will be paid in instalments.

As well as acclimatising himself with the local villagers, Tom meets Moon; another veteran of the Great War. Moon is an archaeologist, his task is to locate a grave which was placed outside the church boundaries, which



meant that the deceased had been guilty of either suicide or some other act disapproved of by the church. The two men bond because of their war experiences and become friends, although Tom seems to blend in more with village life than Moon.

August, the month of the story brings cloudless skies and a heat wave. J.L.Carr's descriptions of the lazy summer days and the English countryside are so evocative, that the reader feels part of it. The Rev Keach, his young wife Alice and the villagers who welcome Tom into their lives are beautifully drawn. The book is a country idyll, the storyline subtle and heartbreaking at times. The description of the mural's restoration was very informative, and several themes made for a good discussion.

Unusually, for our group, everyone showered praise on the book, and we all said that we would like to read more by this author.



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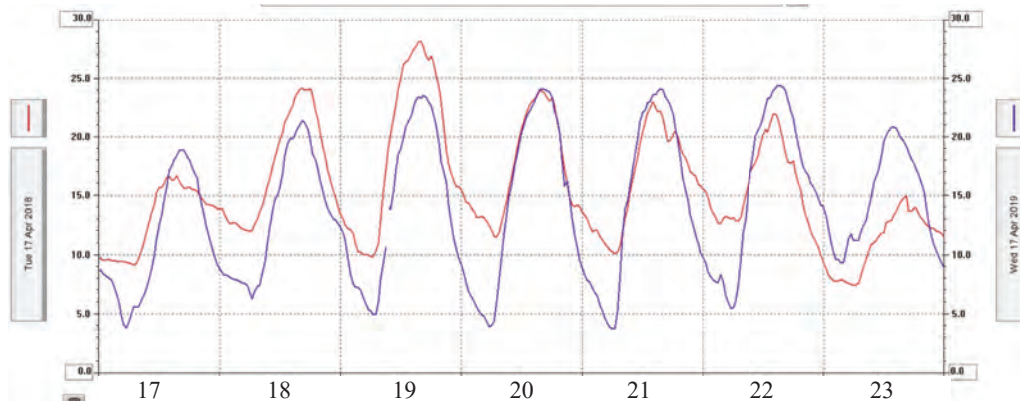
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On the 1st, April Fools' Day, it was dry and sunny and felt like spring. So, yes, we were fooled because, the following day, the temperature fell and it was the wettest day of the month. It turned colder on the 5th as winds turned to the east and the wind chill made it feel even colder. This stayed with us until the 14th and we recorded sub-zero temperatures four times during this period. On the 15th, as we moved into Easter week, the temperatures started to rise until we got to the weekend when winds from south lifted the temperature to 24.7°C. We then ended the month on a cooler and wetter note. April was a very dry month with only 25.4mm (1 inch) of rain which is only 55% of the ten-year average. As we saw in the press, we had record breaking temperatures at Easter and it did seem out of the ordinary – just like summer – but Easter was late this year. I looked back at the data to see if it was unusual for this time in April and I didn't have to go far: only to last year. See the comparisons in the chart below.

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
<b>Temperature:</b>	<b>24.7°C</b>	<b>22 April 15.00</b>	<b>1.2°C</b>	<b>11 April 04.30</b>
<b>Mean Temperature</b>	<b>9.2°C</b>			
<b>Dewpoint:</b>	<b>13.9°C</b>	<b>24 April 12.00</b>	<b>- 3.0°C</b>	<b>11 April 04.30</b>
<b>Humidity:</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>8 April 09.00</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>21 April 15.30</b>
<b>Barometer:</b>	<b>1030.8 mb</b>	<b>20 April 08.00</b>	<b>990.4 mb</b>	<b>24 April 13.30</b>
<b>Wind Speed</b>	<b>38mph SSE</b>	<b>4 April 11.00</b>	<b>Months avg.</b>	<b>4.6 mph</b>
<b>Wind Chill:</b>	<b>24.1°C</b>	<b>20 April 16.00</b>	<b>-2.6°C</b>	<b>4 April 07.30</b>
<b>Dominant Wind:</b>	<b>ESE</b>			
<b>*Rain Days: 13(T), 13(R)</b>				
		<b>Wettest Day 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>5.79mm</b>	<b>0.2279 ins</b>
<b>Monthly Rain:</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>April 2019</b>	<b>25.4mm</b>	<b>1.000 ins</b>
<b>Yearly Rain:</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>4 Month</b>	<b>167.4 mm</b>	<b>6.5905 ins</b>

**Temperature Comparisons 17th -23nd April 2018 -2019**



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# Eaton Bray Cricket Club

**27th April** - After the heatwave of the Easter Weekend friendly's even the brass monkeys were covered up as the 1st X1 took on Thurleigh to start their FCCL campaign. We never got going after being put in and were bowled out for 99. We bowled quite well but shelling catches never helps and we went down by 8 wickets.

A great fightback by the 2s on what was described as an early season dog at Cublington. Batting first we were dismissed for 100 but best figures of 5-11 by Chris Maynard and some very good fielding saw us take 9 Cublington wickets and made them sweat all the way. Worth mentioning that 5 Colts were in the side which showed there is more improvement to come.

**4th May** - The 1st X1 never got going against Elstow and were bowled out for 131 with a mixture of poor shots and poor luck our

downfall. We bowled very well in reply with Junaid taking 3-36 and effecting a run out but still went down by 3 wickets. Only 2 Elstow men reached double figures showing how handy another 20 or 30 runs would have been.

The 2s again showed improvement at MK Superkings dismissing the hosts for 179 with Colt Euan Palmer taking 4-15 including 3 wickets in an over.

We were always behind the rate in reply and being off for rain on several occasions didnt help and we lost by 38 runs.

**5th May** - At last some good news. The Sunday X1 amassed 229-3 at Queens Park Westfield with Joe Moss 74 and Marc Flack 52 N/O. The hosts were blown away for 49 by Junaid 3-11 and Jamie Osborne 3-12 who later told me that his inswinging yorkers were unplayable.

## June Fixtures

### FCCL Div 1 1st X1

- 1st Westcroft Home
- 8th Luton Caribbean A
- 15th New Bradwell H
- 22nd Olney Town H
- 29th Biddenham A

### FCCL Div 6 2nd X1

- 1st North Crawley A
- 8th Milton Bryan H
- 15th West Oxley Kings A
- 22nd Ivinghoe & Pitstone A
- 29th Newport Pagnell H

### Beds Sunday League

- 2nd Luton Town & Ind A
- 16th Blunham H
- 23rd Caddington A
- 30th Queens Park H

### U15 Dev

- 6th Lutonian A
- 13th Henlow H
- 20th Clifton H
- 27th Langford A

### Junior U9s

- 2nd Luton Town & Ind A
- 9th Flitwick H
- 16th Leighton Buzzard H
- 23rd Eversholt A
- 30th Studham A

### U11s County

- 2nd Luton Town & Ind H
- 9th Flitwick A
- 16th Leighton Buzzard A
- 23rd Eversholt H
- 30th Lutonian H

### U11 Dev

- 2nd Studham A
- 9th Caddington H
- 16th Aspley Guise H
- 23rd Studham A
- 30th Flitwick A

### U13 County

- 4th Eversholt A
- 11th Luton Town & Indians H
- 18th Leighton Buzzard H

### U13 Dev

- 4th Flitwick H
- 11th Studham A
- 18th Luton Carribbean A
- 25th Aspley Guise H

We are looking for sponsors who would like to be involved in a progressive family club whether for just a season or a long term commitment. Anyone interested please just get in touch. Eaton Bray are always on the search for new players of any age ability or gender. We run 2 senior teams in the FCCL on Saturdays and a senior side in the Beds Sunday League. We also run 6 junior teams at age U9 2XU11 2XU13 and U15. For more information please follow us on Facebook and Twitter @eatonbrayCC . The club would also like to thank Meadow Marquees Houghton Insurance and the Focus for their continued support. Enjoy your cricket with Eaton Bray in 2019.

# Salvation Sound



## Mothers Day & Easter Sunday Morning.

Lovely weather and every one able to express their love to mothers and Christ Jesus for his offer to us of Salvation.



The Salvation Army Hall in Booth Place

Dear Reader,

I trust that my first effort last month was of interest. We have had two Sundays in which the hall was really full of adults and children, they were Mothers Day and Easter Sunday morning. On Easter Sunday we started with a full breakfast and then children went on an adventure answering the questions about the village history. They returned to find a path laid out towards the Cross and were invited with their parents to stand on the path and draw round their feet indication their desire to follow Christ Jesus.



## WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE THE TRUE MEANING OF EASTER?

Did you enjoy it and did you realise there was hidden in the experience a sacrifice that was made for you and the World by the Son of God? Does this require a response from you? **Do you think this is important?**

The Salvation Army's work in 130 plus countries is co-ordinated by our International Headquarters in London.

### 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	
<i>(Alternate weeks)</i>	10-11.30am
Music practices (all welcome)	7.30-9pm

#### Wednesday

Home League	2.30-3.30pm
<i>(Ladies meeting but all welcome)</i>	
Champions Challenge Club <i>(term time)</i>	
<i>(Ages 5+ years)</i>	5.30-6.30pm
	6.45-7.45pm

#### Thursday

Parent and Toddler Group	
<i>(Term time)</i>	9.30-11.30am
Girls' Night Out	
<i>(1st Thursday of month)</i>	7.45-9.45pm
Ladies Fellowship	
<i>(Last week of month)</i>	7.30pm

For further details please call Envoy Hilary Chadwick. T:01525 222087 / 07932 057490  
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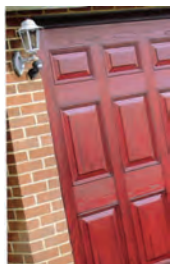


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