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

*If the event you wish to advertise falls in the first
week of the month, it is advisable to get the details
into Focus a month earlier. The magazines are
not delivered from the printers until the first of the
month, therefore it takes a few days for them all to
be circulated throughout the village.*

✍Editor

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Village Diary November 2019



Weekly

- Mon-Fri (term time) Eaton Bray Pre-school, Eaton Bray Lower School, 01525 220468
- Mon-Fri (term time) Dagnall Under 5's, Dagnall Village Hall, 9.15am - 12.15pm, Mrs Ann Tobin 07816 358342
- Mon-Fri (term time) Edlesborough Pre-School, Edlesborough School, 01525 220431
manager@edlesborough.bucks.sch.uk
- Mon-Thu (term time) Totternhoe Pre-school, mornings, Totternhoe Lower School, Michelle Urbanowicz on 01582 668841
- Mondays Pilates, 10.45am, Totternhoe Memorial Hall, Lisa: 07832 230774
- Mondays Dagnall Community Choir, All Saints Church 7.45 – 9.45pm
- Mondays (term time) Movement and exercise classes with a dance flavour, Northall Village hall 2-3.30. Contact Jan 01442 864271.
- Mondays Curtain Call Youth Theatre 5-7.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Gavyn 01525 220525
- Mondays Curtain Call Theatre Group - 7:30-10:30pm Eaton Bray Village Hall, Sheila - sdtwinkletoes@yahoo.co.uk
- Mondays KFPA ISTD Classical Ballet classes, 3+yrs, 4.15pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, www.kfpa.co.uk
- Mondays Cubs (8-10 ½ years old), 6.30pm - 8pm, 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Hut, High Street, Edlesborough. Contact Liz Coates 01442 842550
- Mondays Yoga, 6:45pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, contact 07837 727302
- Mondays Barre, 8pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, contact 07837 727302
- 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 jtpinfo@gmail.com
- Tuesdays Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy, Table Top Sale, 10-12noon, Salvation Army Hall, Booth Place, Eaton Bray
- Fortnightly Pilates, 8pm, Northall Village Hall, Lisa: 07832 230774
- Wednesdays Northall & District Age Concern Wednesday Club, 10am - 3pm, Northall Village Hall, Contact Barbara on 07854 230243
- Wednesdays (term time) Caterpillars Baby and Toddler Group 10am to 11:30am, Grace Baptist Church, Moor End, Edlesborough, £1 per family unit, Frances King 01582 475896
- Wednesdays Pilates 6.45 & 7.45pm, Dagnall Village Hall, Andrea on 07855 138005 or andrea@naturalpilates.co.uk
- Wednesdays Art of Ju Jitsu martial arts class, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 7 -7.45pm ages 6-15yrs
- Wed (term time) Art Courses, Whipsnade Village Hall, 9.30am – 12.30pm. Lorna Moore 07896 619660
- Thursdays Yoga, Northall Village Hall, 11.30am-1pm 01525 377542
- Thursdays Jazzercise, 9.30-10.30am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Angela Veryard, 01525 715208
- Thursdays KFPA Street dance classes 4+yrs 4pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, www.kfpa.co.uk
- Thursdays Tae Kwon-do, Dagnall Village Hall, 5.45-7.30pm 07813 755785
- Thursdays Clubbercise 7.30 - 8.30pm. Eaton Bray Hall - Gina Flitton 07846421756
- Thursdays Beavers (6 to 8 years old), 6.15-7.30pm, 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Hut, High Street, Edlesborough. Contact: ebebeaverleader@ebescouts.co.uk
- Thursdays Explorers Scouts (14-18 years old), 8pm-9.30pm, 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Hut, High Street, Edlesborough. Contact Simon Betts, lionheartesu@hotmail.co.uk
- Thursdays Intermediate Boxercise, 7.30-8.30pm, Dagnall Village Hall, Josh Thompson 07456 574405 or jtpinfo@gmail.com
- Thursdays Eaton Bray Methodist Church Social Afternoons, 2 - 4pm, All Welcome

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- 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
- Thursdays Mixed Ability Yoga Class, 11.30am to 1.p.m. Northall Village Hall, Contact Dee Lock on 01525 377542
- Fridays Keep Fit class, Edlesborough Memorial Hall 10 - 11am
- Fridays Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 01582 620576
- Fridays Stay & Play toddler group, 'Musical Monkeys' at the Eaton Bray Village Hall, 10-11.30am, £4.50 for one adult and child, £1 for extra children/adults, 0-6 months free
- Fridays Scouts, 10 ½ to 14 years old), 7.00-8.30pm, 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Hut, High Street, Edlesborough. Contact Mark Owen, 07899 892344, ebescoutleader@ebescouts.co.uk
- Fridays (term time) "Little Luvvies" baby ballet classes 10am-11.30am. Contact Emma Whittemore on 01525 376124
- Fri (term time) Art Courses, Whipsnade Village Hall, 9.30am – 12.30pm. Lorna Moore 078 9661 9660
- Saturdays Jazzercise, 9.30-10.30am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Angela Veryard, 01525 715208
- Saturdays KFPA Musical Theatre classes 4+yrs 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 Village 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 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

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Other Regular Events

- 3rd Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club Meeting, 10.30am-3.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall
- 8th Leukaemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30am. All welcome.
- 9th Cafe Community, 11am-1pm, Eaton Bray Methodist Church
- 19th Dagnall and Kensworth Friendship Club, 2pm, Dagnall Village Hall, 1:30pm, The speaker is Chris Ward who will talk about Garden Birds with slides to illustrate his talk

One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

- 9th Friends of Edlesborough School Firework Extravaganza, 6pm, £7.50 Email: foesfireworks@gmail.com
- 9th Poppy Prom, 7:30pm, StMary's church Eaton Bray, £12.50, Box Office 01525 222283
- 10th British Legion Remembrance Service, 10:45am, Edlesborough War Memorial
- 16th Village Hall Quiz, 7pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, £9 per person, 07974 715222
- 21st-24th Front Row presents "The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of A Christmas Carol" 7:30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, £7.50, 01525 222283.
- 22-24th Town Farm Art Show, 10am-4pm, 6 Town Farm, Cheddington, LU7 0TT
- 24th Eaton Bray Market
- 28th This Is My Theatre production of The Snow Queen, 7:30pm, Edlesborough's Church on the Hill, £5-£12.50, 07732 253311
- 30th Steam in Beds Model Railway Show, 10am-4pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall and St.Mary's Church Eaton Bray. Adults £5
- 30th Christmas Coffee Morning, 10:30am-12:30pm, All Saints' Church Dagnall



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Consultation events will be held across the region – please see futureluton.llal.org.uk for further information and updates. Consultation event dates and venues will be published before the consultation begins.

Village Info



EDaN Community Transport
Peter Williams: 01442 842506

Village Hall Bookings

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

Northall: Lorna Cabbage Tel: 07857 318696 www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk/nvh

Email: northallvhbookings@gmail.com

Eaton Bray: Norman Lee Tel: 07975 797202

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

Dagnall: Izzy Lee on 07851 088815 Email DVH_Bookings@outlook.com

Edlesborough Memorial Hall: Penny Pataky, Tel: 01525 229358

Email: manager@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk

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Thames Valley Police (Edlesborough, Dagnall & Northall)

PCSO Jackie Dodson Mobile: 07800 703 524

Email: NHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

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WEEK-DAYS:

Wednesday: 10.00am Holy Communion
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Dagnall Church Welcome Club



Tuesday 12th November 2pm to 4pm
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The World's Biggest Coffee Morning held in St Mary's Church on Friday September 27th was once more an amazing success and I would like to thank everyone who supported in any way. I am especially grateful to the magnificent team of helpers who make it happen every year, and everyone who contributed to the success of this event by joining us on the day.

Also, many thanks for all the donations of cakes, books, raffle prizes etc. The total raised was **£1,420**, a truly brilliant result and this demonstrates real charitable support in our villages.

Edna Moore would like to say a special thank you to all the people who baked for her. The cake stall raised well over £500 as usual.

We are very grateful, and this will be put to very good use to try to ensure that no-one should face Cancer alone.

Thank you to everyone.

Sheila Banks

Macmillan Cancer Support Fundraising

Eaton Bray with Edlesborough Parish News

Vicar: Rev'd Joy Cousins

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

Reader: Gordon Gray (01525 220136)

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One of the happy memories I have of my time in West Yorkshire is going to hear the Huddersfield Choral Society sing the 'Messiah' in Huddersfield Town Hall. It was unexpected as a church member couldn't attend at the last minute and I had her ticket. I went with her cousin who I'd never met before, so we arranged a rendezvous in a pub near the Town Hall 'wearing something bright' so we would spot each other. In the event we had a wonderful evening, and hearing Handel's Messiah in that fabulous building was a great experience.

Handel was 60 when he composed 'Messiah'. Four years earlier he had suffered a stroke which had paralysed his right side, making it impossible for him to walk or write. But he managed to recuperate and returned to composing and playing the organ. He was born in Germany and moved to London in 1710. Within just two weeks, Handel had composed Rinaldo. This opera was Handel's breakthrough. It gained him the widespread recognition that he would maintain throughout the rest of his musical career.

As times and musical tastes changed, Handel moved from writing opera to composing oratorios. He wrote the music and Charles Jennens provided the words. Jennens was also a wealthy man and patron of the arts. By 1741, after their collaboration on 'Saul', a warm friendship had developed between the two, and Handel was a frequent visitor to the Jennens family estate at Gopsall. Handel was a prolific writer. In 1735, during Lent alone, he produced more than 14 concerts made up primarily of oratorios. In 1741 Dublin's Lord Lieutenant commissioned Handel to write a new oratorio based on a biblical libretto assembled by Charles Jennens. Handel's most famous oratorio, Messiah, made its debut at the New Music Hall in Dublin in April 1742.

Jennens was a devout Anglican and believer in scriptural authority, and the text of Messiah consists of a series of Biblical quotations. The genius of the work is the way those scripture quotes come together to tell the story of Jesus from the Old Testament prophecies of a forthcoming Messiah through his birth, life, death and resurrection. There is no evidence that Handel played any active role in the selection or preparation of the text; it seems that he saw no need to make any significant amendment to Jennens's work.

The music was written with tremendous speed. Handel worked almost non-stop for twenty four days, taking little rest and even less food. When 'The Messiah' lay finished on his desk, he collapsed on his bed and slept for seventeen hours. This tremendous masterpiece is one of the greatest ever composed. It remains as popular as ever and is a traditional part of both Christmas and Easter. In Part I, the Messiah's coming and the virgin birth are predicted by the Old Testament prophets. The annunciation to the shepherds of the birth of Christ is represented in the words of Luke's gospel.

There will be a performance of Part 1 of Messiah with the Halleluia Chorus at St Mary's on Advent Sunday, 1st December at 6pm. Further details are available on the website and advance tickets can be ordered from the box office on 01525 222283. I hope you will be able to join us to enjoy this wonderful work.

Every blessing,

✠ Joy, Vicar of Eaton Bray with Edlesborough



British Legion Remembrance Service

Sunday 10th November 2019

Edlesborough War Memorial 10.45am



CLOSURE OF B440 FROM NORTHALL TO COCK'S CLOSE (PEBBLEMOOR) JUNCTION and HIGH STREET, EDLESBOROUGH, FROM PEBBLEMOOR TO JUNCTION WITH MAIN ROAD

This year's annual Service of Remembrance will take place at Edlesborough War Memorial at the top of the hill by Edlesborough church on the Main Road on Sunday 10th November starting at approximately 10.45am. Please come and join us in our Act of Remembrance. The service will last for approximately 30 minutes.

In the past, War Memorials were built close to the roadside so that all who passed by would be reminded of the sacrifices made by the local people whose names appear on them. Unfortunately this does not sit well with the levels of traffic which we experience on our roads today and so to enable the people taking part in the service to stand safely around the War Memorial, and to hear clearly, **the Main Road (B440) will be closed for the service from approximately 10.30am until 11.30am** with a diversion in place from the Main Road junction at Cock's Close towards Pebblemoor, along Pebblemoor and Edlesborough High Street, along Eaton Bray High Street, and up Northall Road to join the Main Road in Northall. **Edlesborough High Street will also be closed** from the junction with Pebblemoor by the Memorial Hall to the junction with the Main Road. There will be barriers in place closing the road at the junctions and diversion signs in place.

Residents living on Edlesborough High Street above the Memorial Hall and along the closed part of the Main Road should be aware that it will **NOT be possible to access the Main Road by car** at the junction by the church during this time as there will be people standing in the road, and so if it is really necessary to use your car at this time please **drive away from the junction** towards the nearest point on the diversion route and be aware that you will have to pass through the barrier closing the road and will need to stop to be allowed through. There will be at least two official marshals manning the barriers at each of the closure points. These people are volunteers who have given up their time to help protect those who are taking part in the service at the church. Please treat them with respect and courtesy if you need to pass through a barrier.

Notices advising residents living locally about the road closure will be placed near the closure points for three weeks prior to the closure to make sure that everyone knows about it and can plan to avoid using their car during the hour of the closure.

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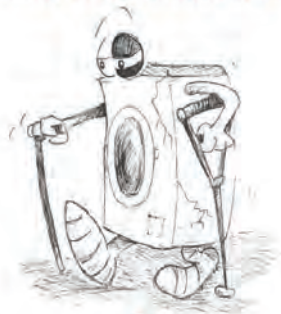
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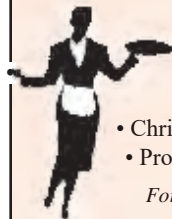
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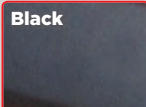
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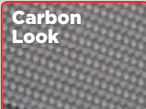
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Edlesborough's New Parish Pavilion

At the time of writing this report the contract for the new pavilion is signed and the old pavilion has been handed over to the contractor for demolition.

As part of the Council's continued support of the local sports clubs two portable toilets will be sited on Edlesborough Green. These are purely for the use of the Sports Clubs. Should any parishioner notice any issues with these toilets please notify the Clerk as a matter of urgency.

Christmas Wreaths in Edlesborough

Paulette Taylor has kindly agreed to organise the hanging of the Christmas Wreaths in Edlesborough this year. Last year's sponsors will be offered the opportunity to sponsor a wreath again. Any parishioner or company wishing to sponsor a wreath should contact the Clerk.

Allotments

EPC currently has plots available at our Dagnall and The Green sites, with short waiting lists at the Northall and Cow Lane sites. Anyone wishing to take on an allotment should contact the Clerk. Fees are £2 per pole and plots range in size from 5 – 10 poles.

Remembrance Day Service

The Act of Remembrance will take place at The Church of St Mary the Virgin in **Edlesborough** on 10:30am – 11:30am on Sunday 10th November.

Streetlights

Following the installation of the additional streetlights on the High Street, Edlesborough EPC are currently considering possible locations, along the High Street and Peblemoor, for the four decommissioned lights. 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 white sign on the lamp post.

Speedwatch & EDaN Traffic Management

The EDaN Traffic Management team needs more

new members and volunteers to help with their new Sentinel device. Training is being scheduled along with additional monitoring sites in the parish. 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

Fly-tipping, Potholes, Pavement & Road Issues

Should you notice or witness **fly-tipping** in Edlesborough, Dagnall or Northall please report this to AVDC using the following link www.aylesburyvalecd.gov.uk/section/fly-tipping-and-other-street-care-issues

Issues with **roads & pavements** should be reported to Bucks CC using the following link www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk

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

Future EPC Meetings

The next two Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings will take place at Edlesborough Memorial Hall commencing at 7:30pm on the following dates:

Thursday 21st November 2019

Thursday 19th December 2019

All Parishioners are welcome to attend all Ordinary Parish Council meetings and may ask questions, raise issues and give suggestions during the Open Forum before the formal start of the meeting. The full minutes of the Parish Council meetings are available to view on the website or from the Parish Clerk.

To keep up to date with the latest information in the Parish please visit the Edlesborough Parish website and our Facebook page.



Edlesborough Parish Council Contact Information:

Clerk: Miss Penny Pataky Office hours Mon – Fri 11am – 3pm (Excl. Wed)

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MEETING OF EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL

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NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR:

The Parish Council were pleased to co-opt and welcome Cllr Adam Richardson onto Eaton Bray Parish Council.



ALLOTMENT RENEWALS:

Eaton Bray Allotment Holders – your annual allotment renewals are now due, please forward your payment (cheque/cash) by post (parish office) or pay direct to the Parish Clerk on Monday 2nd December 2019, 7:00pm in The Coffee Tavern. Should you have any queries please contact the Parish Clerk.

PROBLEM PARKING IN PARISH:

Eaton Bray Parish Council are concerned about the dangerous parking of vehicles in the parish and that it contravenes Highways Code rule 217:

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- * near a school entrance
- * anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- * at or near a bus stop or taxi rank
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- * near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
- * opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
- * where you would force other traffic to enter a tram lane
- * where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users
- * in front of an entrance to a property
- * on a bend

The Parish Council respectfully ask that vehicle owners find a suitable place to park that does not contravene the Highway Code or endanger other road users.



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

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*Monday 4th November 2019 *Monday 2nd December 2019

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EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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Eaton Bray Neighbourhood Planning Referendum

I Brian Dunleavy, being the Deputy Counting Officer at the above referendum held on Thursday 3 October 2019, do hereby give notice that the results of the votes cast is as follows:

| Question | | |
|---|----------------|------------|
| Do you want Central Bedfordshire Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Eaton Bray Parish to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area? | | |
| | Votes Recorded | Percentage |
| Number cast in favour of a Yes | 409 | 91.24% |
| Number cast in favour of a No | 44 | 8.56% |

| The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows: | Number of ballot papers |
|--|-------------------------|
| A want of an official mark | |
| B voting for more answers than required | |
| C writing or mark by which voter could be identified | |
| D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty | 1 |
| E rejected in part | |
| Total | 514 |

Electorate: 2099

Ballot Papers Issued: 514

Turnout: 24.49%

And I do hereby declare that more than half of those voting have voted in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Dated Thursday 3 October 2019

Brian Dunleavy
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| | 10.30 am | Morning Service |

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The Ultimate Pirate Panto

It's that time of the year again 'Oh, yes it is'! And the Curtain Call Theatre Group & Youth Theatre are ready to delight you with their next extravaganza 'The Ultimate Pirate Panto'.

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Last years show (Wizard of Oz) has already won us 2 awards, including best young performer (Hannah Garnham as Dorothy) and best original script (Regional Novation awards Sept 19).

The show based at the Eaton Bray Village Hall runs from Friday 24th to Sunday 26th January over 5 performances.

Tickets are on sale now via the website www.curtaincalltheatregroup.co.uk or by calling the box office on 07412 640936.

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Tarte fine aux pommes (traditional French apple tart)

Just in case you've been thinking, throughout the course of all these recipes in this magazine from the Weekend Kitchen, that all I do is sit and eat what is cooked for me, I've made this recipe myself this month**! As with so many of the recipes from my show, it's simplicity personified. Puff pastry, a lovely apple puree, topped with sliced apples and a sweet glaze. Perfection, in a traditional sense. The recipe was originally made on my show by a lovely, erudite and passionate Frenchman called Jean-Claude Blanc. A talented chef, he has now made the French Horn in Steppingley his home, serving the kind of French brasserie dishes which would take you back to when life was a lot simpler...

**in fairness, much of the show is indeed spent with me eating lovely food!

Pre-heat the oven to 200C/Gas Mark 5

A pack of puff pastry

4 Granny smith apples (or similarly tart apple)

2 cooking apples

Unsalted butter

4 tbsp apricot jam

3 tbsp caster sugar

Begin by peeling and coring the apples.

Chop up the cooking apples and gently cook them with a little butter in a saucepan until they go very soft.

Cut the Granny Smiths in half and slice them very finely into equal sized segments. Roll out the pastry. You can either do one large tart or several small round ones, cut out using a bowl as a template.

Prick the base and spread a thin layer of the apple puree.

Arrange the apples on top in a pretty circle (for small round tarts), or in long lines if



you're making a large version.

Dot a few bits of butter, sprinkle some sugar and place in the oven. Cook for around 15-20 minutes. Watch the tarts carefully and remove them as soon as you feel the base has crisped up and the apples have taken on some colour.

Remove from the oven and cool.

Meanwhile place the apricot jam in a saucepan, adding four tablespoons of water. Mix well.

Bring to the boil and sieve the liquid jam to remove any lumpy bits.

Put the jam back on the heat and reduce gently until it coats the back of a spoon.

Using a pastry brush, "paint" the glaze onto the pastries. This will create a lush professional finish.

Serve with dollops of vanilla ice cream, or double cream.

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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5.30-6.30pm (Ages 5 to Year 5)
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2nd Monday

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Do you enjoy singing? Do you enjoy Christmas music?

If the answer is 'yes', why not join our Community Choir which will perform two songs at our Community Christmas Celebration on Sunday the 15 of December, at 4pm?

Rehearsals will be at the Baptist Church on Sunday evenings at 7:15 from November 17th

Let us know you're coming by emailing gbcepastor@gmail.com or ringing 07572395687. See you there!



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Saturday 23rd November 2019

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Dagnall Community Choir

Have you ever thought about joining a choir? Dagnall Community Choir always welcomes new members, so if singing in a choir is something you'd love to do, please come and join us on a Monday night.

Sometimes people think about coming along but worry that they won't be "good enough" or that they don't have enough musical experience to sing with us. Well, at Dagnall Community Choir this won't be an issue - we welcome musical beginners every bit as warmly as we welcome choristers that have been singing for years, and we don't ask you to audition to join us. It's remarkable how many new members tell us that they haven't really sung since they were at school, however many years ago... other than in the shower of course, or singing along to the radio in the car!

Like any other activity, the more you practice, the better you get. And that's especially true when you have the benefit of excellent mentors, like Michelle Garrard our Musical Director and James Banville our accompanist. Under their guidance, even the most hesitant singer can gain confidence and develop their musical potential. Soon you will be experiencing the utter joy of choral singing along with the rest of us!

For many, the thought of singing a solo at one of our concerts is pretty terrifying, and that can

be the case for established choir members as well as "newbies". But over the past few years, several choir members have felt ready to take the plunge, and agreed to sing on their own, be it a whole song, a verse, or just an individual line in a song. Quite an accomplishment for those who joined us with no previous singing experience at all.

Our Christmas Concert is always a good opportunity for those budding soloists to perform. It's a relaxed family event with a varied programme, communal carol singing, refreshments, and a visit from Father Christmas for the children. This year it takes place on Sunday 8th December, 3.00pm at Dagnall Village Hall, free entrance with a charity collection. Please do come along and enjoy an afternoon of festive music with us.

Before that, we will be performing at the Poppy Prom, which takes place on Saturday 9th November at St Mary's Church, Eaton Bray. This is always a wonderful evening of music, remembrance and celebration, with the South Beds Concert Band and guest soloists. Tickets for this are £12.50 available from the Church Box Office on 01525 222283.

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all we possess is from God. We are the stewards of the harvest and need to make sure it is shared fairly. The service was followed by a delicious harvest lunch and the proceeds have been sent to 'All We Can' to fund a self-sufficiency project for families in Ethiopia.

On the final Sunday in September, as is usual when there are 5 Sundays in the month, we had a joint service with other churches in the two villages. We were made very welcome at Edlesborough Methodist Church where Elisabeth Bibbings preached on the theme of Lazarus and the rich man, reminding us that God cares about lost people and so should we.

Café Community

Saturday 9th November 11am – 1pm

We will be delighted to see you if you come for a cup of tea/coffee and/or a light lunch. There will be a craft stall full of goodies in preparation for Christmas.

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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.

BELTON HOUSE

OK, Belton House is in Lincolnshire but there is a strong connection with Ashridge as Belton was the main residence of the Brownlow family who sold Ashridge to cope with death duties in the 1920s.

In the church at Belton there is a magnificent window with many coats of arms pertaining to the family, whose given name was Cust, Brownlow being the moniker taken for the earldom.

If you look at the picture shown you can quickly see that John Cust who died in 1853 and whose shield this is, was an earl as the earl's coronet with its silver balls above strawberry leaves is correctly painted on the glass above the shield.

You can also see that in the top left corner of the coat of arms there is a red hand. This is the mark allowed if you are a baronet and both honours can be held at the same time.

What is of particular interest in this lovely piece of art work though is that the left hand or dexter side has the quartered coats of Cust and Brownlow but the right hand or sinister side appears to have a quartered coat of lions and martlets (a sort of swallow) in the top part above an un-quartered coat of a cross and shells below. This lower coat has a cross patonce between four escallops, each charged with another cross patonce.

This unusual arrangement is because the two coats on the right hand side are for two wives!



The upper is for Sophia Hume and the lower is for Caroline Fludyer, both of whom died in the early 1800s. John Cust outlived them both and went on to marry again, so clearly he was not put off by his sad misfortune.

Of further interest on the lower right design is the small crescent on the top arm of the cross, which signifies that her father was the second son in his family. These small shapes are called cadency marks and may be a label, crescent, molet (star), martlet etc. and are a way of distinguishing between sons who otherwise would have the same arms.

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Remember, Remember the 5th of November! Celebrating Guy Fawkes foiled plot on Parliament in 1605 is a yearly high point. He, along with his fellow conspirators was sentenced to be hung drawn and quartered for High Treason. However, immediately before his execution Guy Fawkes fell from the scaffold and broke his neck, thus avoiding being hung although he was still quartered! What an end!



On 11th November we will rightly be remembering those who gave their lives for their country in recent wars, helping to maintain our freedoms. You will probably hear the words ‘Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends’. It was Jesus who said this anticipating his own sacrifice for us - John 15 verse 13.

Our special service on Remembrance Sunday 10th November is entitled ‘God With Us’. He is the unseen member of the family, supporting us whatever the sacrifice needed.



*Olive trees in the
Gethsemane site today*

In a recent visit to the Holy Land, we have been remembering the life of Jesus and the area that he lived, taught and died at only age 33. Several times in the gospels it refers to hills and mountains and also the desert. Seeing the actual land that Jesus was talking about has made a particular impression. High places in the Bible are related to Worship. A pivotal moment was when Jesus took 3 of his disciples – it says Jesus led them up to a high mountain – and he became transfigured. There was a great shining, Moses and Elijah appeared and God spoke ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!’

Just before Jesus was arrested he went to pray on the Mount of Olives – Luke 22 verse 39 – in Matthew 26 it refers to Gethsemane when Jesus took his disciples and withdrew a little to pray ‘if it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me’. The disciples had fallen asleep. However they were soon wide awake when Judas arrived with a crowd – John calls them a ‘detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and Pharisees’.

Just after Jesus was baptised in the River Jordan, he was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted. The desert in the Holy land is not acres of sand but barren rocky ground. It’s very hot and empty.

Jesus whose life was in a small area of the known world at that time and his sufferings and death for us are now remembered all around the world. What an impact one man’s death for others has made.

Our Sunday service is 11 am. If you come and join in the worship, music and song, you’ll get a very warm welcome.

For those interested in the history of Northall Baptist Church, a free copy of the booklet, *Rebels in Green Pastures* can be supplied or downloaded from our website: <http://northallbaptistchurch.org/>

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Poems

TRUSTLAND

by John Hockey

The coast where gannets spear the silvery darts
As crashing foam around the island swirls
A castle stands included but apart
And downs recede inland as wood smoke curls
From old farm chimneys blacked by years of soot
The pristine country house is winter sheathed
While parkland bids us all to walk on foot
To woods from which the acorn slipped and leaved
Protects our peaks both white and dark by turns
The lakes are jewels that light our shining face
And mountains on to which the sun still burns
Entreat the moors 'do not sink without trace'
The nation trusts your grasp but guides your hand
Each part a thread that's woven into land

A Few of My Favourite Things

by Julie Andres when turning 79!

Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,
These are a few of my favourite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses,
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,
These are a few of my favourite things.

When the pipes leak, When the bones creak,
When the knees go bad,
I simply remember my favourite things,
And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favourite things.

Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinnin',
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,
When we remember our favourite things.

When the joints ache, When the hips break,
When the eyes grow dim,
Then I remember the great life I've had,
And then I don't feel so bad.

Leisure

by Terry Carter

I am indebted to William Henry Davies
(celebrated Welsh poet 1911) for these two
introductory lines (from his poem entitled
Leisure) as well as the two closing lines.

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.
To gaze at Mother Nature's gifts
Her birds such as the doves and swifts
With starlings, so dark, so bold,
And greenfinches with wings of gold.
Her butterflies in summer's light
Red admirals, so proud, so bright.
Large whites that dance throughout the day,
The painted lady and peacock, gay.
And then to while away the hours,
In grasslands rich with varied flowers.
Wild carrot, poppies, rare orchids too
Teasels, daisies and chicory, blue.
Pause to catch the bright sunbeam
Reflected in the crystal stream.
The kingfisher there in dazzling plume
Another jewel from Nature's womb.
Ignore Big Ben's resounding gong
Much sweeter is the robin's song.
Ignore the planes in powerful flight,
Enjoy instead the soaring kite.
Yes, a poor life indeed, if full of care
We find no time to stand and stare.

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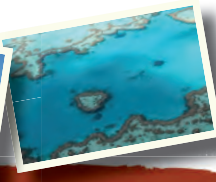
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From the Methodist Lay Worker

Dear Friends,

It seems that now every year brings some solemn commemoration of events from either of the World Wars of the last century. Last year was the centenary of the end of the First World War, then this year there has been the 75th anniversary of D-Day, the 80th year since the start of WWII, and so the list goes on.

Can we remember too much? At the anniversary of the Somme ceremonies, Charles Dance read Siegfried Sassoon's poem, "Aftermath", with its frequently-repeated line "Do you remember ..."

The final stanza says,

"Have you forgotten yet?

*Look up, and swear by the green of the spring
that you'll never forget."*

At this time of national uncertainty, (this letter was written in early October) we are told of fears and ancient prejudices rising. However, in our playgrounds, cafes and community spaces, people of all races, faiths and nationalities freely and happily mix together, learning from each other, sharing culture and enjoying each other's way of life. I recently amazed a small girl from a Muslim family, as I wished her "Salaam aleikum!" Christians follow a God

who exhorts us again and again, to love one another, to love our neighbours (in our street? our community? the nations over the border or over the Channel?) as we love ourselves.

Without love like that, love that Christ demonstrated by his death on the cross for those who did not love him and did not care, there would be much less chance for peace.

Let's leave the final word of the joy when peace broke out to Sassoon in another of his poems:

Everyone suddenly burst out singing;

And I was filled with such delight

As prisoned birds must find in freedom,

Winging wildly across the white

Orchards and dark-green fields; on - on - and

out of sight.

Everyone's voice was suddenly lifted;

And beauty came like the setting sun:

My heart was shaken with tears; and horror

Drifted away ... O, but Everyone

Was a bird; and the song was wordless; the

singing will never be done.

Salaam aleikum – Peace be with you.

Elizabeth Bibbings

(The inspiring performance of Charles Dance reading "Aftermath" is on YouTube)

St. Mary's Ladies Guild

The ladies were welcomed to the October meeting, along with Peter and Eileen Bennett, Sally Taylor and Chris Driscoll, who had joined us for the afternoon.

Sue Crick received a birthday card and Deirdrea led the devotions.

Eileen was introduced as the speaker and her subject was Flowers in Barbados.

Barbados is famed for its stunning beaches and clear crystal sea but it is also home to an array of beautiful Caribbean tropical flowers, spectacular shrubs and rich, lush vegetation, plus the birds and the geckos.

Eileen's photography showed this to perfection,

she showed plants in Andromeda Botanical Gardens, situated on the east coast, one of the most special gardens in the world. Barbados hosts amazing flower festivals, where the churches are festooned with exotic plants and greenery, slides over many years were shown. Eileen and Peter were thanked for a most enjoyable presentation.

Tea followed prepared by Jenny, Deirdrea and June.

The next meeting's speaker is Peter Tasker on 'Pakistan and areas' on Wednesday 13th November at 2pm at St Mary's Church. Visitors are always welcome.

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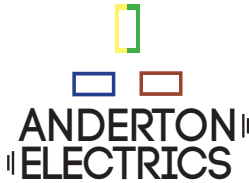
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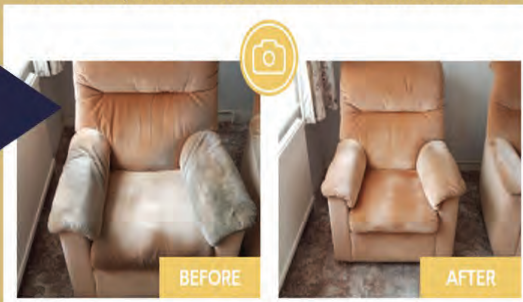


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Deirdrea welcomed 22 members, the meeting was held in the church, as the hall was occupied, there was a lovely warm atmosphere there. Helen was given a birthday card and best wishes.

Our speaker had to travel back to Derbyshire, so she spoke first. Sue Underwood from The Mission Mozambique Trust (MiMo) spoke of the mission which was formed in 2015, to support a project for vulnerable and orphaned children in Mozambique. Sue gave a delightful talk and showed slides of the orphanage, which consists of 5 houses and 55 children. Every effort is made to give the children a caring environment to grow up in and although much emphasis is given to their education, they also enjoy lots of fun events throughout the year. They are entirely self funding and Sue works hard to raise the £90,000 it takes to keep the orphanage running each year.

The members had collected new underclothes for the children and we were assured that they would be delighted to receive something new. Sue also spoke about the terrible way that women are treated in Mozambique and some of the details were heartbreaking. Margaret thanked Sue and gave her a cheque for the

orphanage.

It was agreed that the Group meeting was really enjoyed, the fish and chip supper went well and the quizzes that followed, challenged the brains.

Helen, Margaret, Pat and Edlesborough Flowers were thanked for the lovely display they produced for St Mary's Flower Festival, depicting a verse from 'Jerusalem'.

Details of a Group Outing to Rochester in December .and various other correspondence was given.

It was agreed by all,that we would support the Salvation Army again this year, by collecting gifts for children up to age 18, the Salvation Army liaises with Social Services in Dunstable and the presents are distributed according to the needs.

The Community Coffee Morning was a great success and very well supported.

It was good to see each table filled with those chatting and enjoying the lovely refreshments, there were well stocked stalls to entice them.

A team of committee and members worked solidly to ensure its success.

Our next meeting is Monday 4th November at 7.30pm in Eaton Bray Methodist Hall. Visitors are always welcome.

Flower Festival

A very big Thank you to everyone who was involved in making the flower festival held at St Mary's Church, Eaton Bray in September a special occasion.

From the flower arrangers to the tea makers and everyone who attended, your hard work and support contributed to a wonderful celebration of the 800 years anniversary of the church building. The church looked beautiful and it was a great opportunity for the people of our four villages community to meet and socialise with others from further afield.

Once again – Thank you to all.



Animal Adventures

Santa in residence at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo 30 November - 24 December

Santa in residence at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo from 30 November - 24 December 2019

Nothing signals the start of the festive season like a visit to meet Father Christmas himself, and the man in red will be setting up residence in a magical grotto at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo this December.

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Butterfly Boom at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo

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The chrysalis shaped Butterfly House, which is one of the largest butterfly biomes in the UK and features colourful butterflies from around the world, is currently alive with hundreds of the delicate, fluttering creatures, thanks in part to temperate weather conditions.

Team leader Alex Cliffe said: "Although we keep conditions within the Butterfly House warm and humid all year round, the butterflies love this time of year when the



outside temperature isn't too hot or too cold. All our species, from the

shimmering blue morpho butterfly to the Atlas moth, which is one of the largest in the world, seem to be thriving. "It's lovely to watch visitors, especially children, have up close encounters with these incredible, colourful

creatures, and see families discovering every stage of their life-cycle at the Metamorphosis Zone."

Butterflies aren't the only creatures increasing their numbers at the Zoo this autumn. Within the same building, the Zoo's new Aquarium is welcoming a whole raft of new fish into its Brazilian Flooded Forest exhibit, including the aptly Halloween-theme-named Black ghost knifefish.

Families can enjoy extra value-for-money from a visit to ZSL Whipsnade Zoo this half-term with Boo at the Zoo, its annual celebration of all things spooky, which is free with normal entry charges. For 10% off, book tickets at zsl.org

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Golf is great for your health - 18 holes of golf amount to 6-8km of walking and burns around 1,500 calories! However, it requires strength, endurance, power, flexibility and repetitive action. It can generate large forces in the body and so we see injuries; commonly affecting the wrists, elbows, shoulders and back.

Back pain accounts for roughly 30% of all golfing injuries.* Poor technique and inflexibility in the spine and hips can be contributing factors, as is the repetitive nature of the golf swing, making technique very important. Core stability exercises, specific to golf, can help improve strength and posture. Massaging affected muscles and electrotherapy may also be beneficial as well as expert advice and guidance from a Physiotherapist.

Sometimes we see clients who may not be in pain but are aware of a stiff back and poor mobility affecting their swing. It's good to take action at this time before there is a problem as prevention is better than cure. Here are a few tips to help prevent injuries:

1. Do a proper warm up - include stretching the muscles of your shoulder, neck and back.
2. Perform regular core conditioning exercises - to improve your core strength in your back and shoulders.
3. Ensure you are using the correct equipment including the right club grip - to help prevent development of wrist and elbow injuries.
4. Watch your swing technique - poor swing mechanics and over-swinging can all lead to injury. (These can be addressed by a golf Professional.)
5. Listen to your body - decrease your play time at the first sign of aches and pains.

By improving your technique, warming up and carrying out specific exercises, you



can improve your golf performance and significantly reduce the risk of injuries. Our experienced Physiotherapists at St Judes can help you reach your true potential and provide effective treatment should you require it. *(Chartered Society of Physiotherapists).



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12th November 7.45pm

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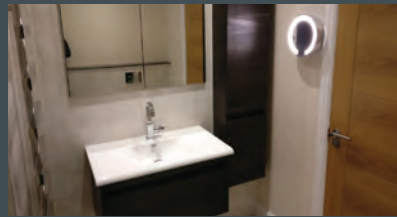
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Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

Weather Conditions for September 2019

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

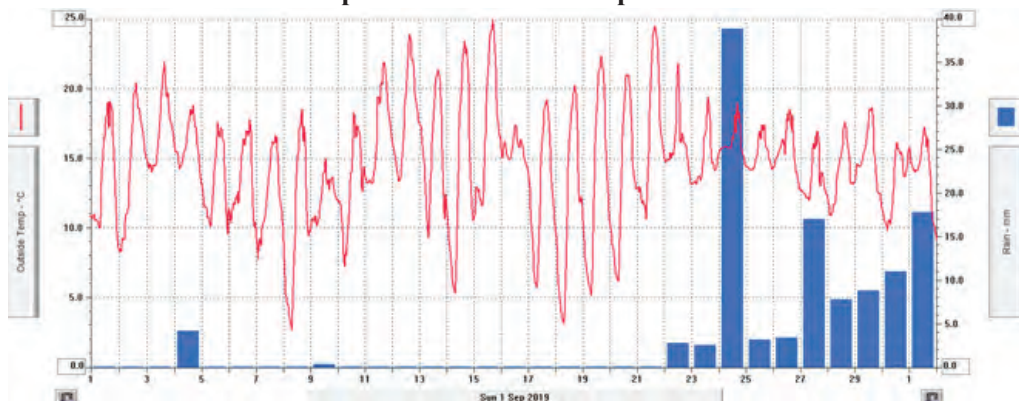


September started off sunny with reasonable temperatures for the time of year. Early on the 4th, we had a few showers totalling 4.2mm of rain. On the 7th, the temperature dropped to 2.6°C which was the lowest recorded this month. From the 11th, we had sunny warm days, reaching 24.9°C on the 15th, while it was often chilly at night. This dry weather lasted right up until the 21st. Then, all change, as we had eight days of rain. On the 24th, we had 38.81mm, which is more than 1½ inches, and flooded roads in and around Dagnall. When I read the data at 17.00, I discovered it was raining 213.4mm per hour (more than 4½ inches)! So, once again, September was a month of two halves.

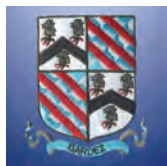
Apologies to all of you who follow Dagnall Weather Station online. Due to a software problem, we were off-line for more than a week. We lost all the database records but, fortunately, we were able to rebuild the system and recover 99% of the data.

| | High | Date/Time | Low | Date/Time |
|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Temperature: | 24.9°C | 15 Sept 16.30 | 2.6 °C | 8 Sept 07.00 |
| Mean Temperature | 14.5°C | | | |
| Dewpoint: | 17.5°C | 8 - 18 Sept | 1.7 °C | 29 Sept 01.30 |
| Humidity: | 95% | 7 days in Sept | 34% | 13 - 14 Sept |
| Barometer: | 1035.7 mb | 13 Sept 09.00 | 991.3mb | 29 Sept 15.00 |
| Wind Speed | 31mph W | 27 -28- 29 Sept | Months avg. | 5.3 mph |
| Wind Chill: | 24.9°C | 15 Sept 16.30 | 2.7°C | 8 Sept 07.00 |
| Dominant Wind: | W | | | |
| *Rain Days: 11(T), 11(R) | | Wettest Day 24 Sept | 38.81mm | 1.527 ins |
| Monthly Rain: | Total | Sept 2019 | * 100.0mm | 3.937 ins |
| Yearly Rain: | Total | 9 Month | 492.4 mm | 19.385 ins |

September Rain and Temperature



For weather data 24 hours a day, updated every 15 mins, visit: www.dagnallweather.co.uk and http://bit.ly/weather_dagnall including this site forecast and much more. If anyone has a question, comment or wishes to contact me please email: david@dagnallweather.co.uk or telephone: 01442 843883. Dagnall weather now has an app for your ipad & iphone! go to the apple store, search for Weather Underground and follow the instructions to Dagnall Weather Station. Now updated every minute.



Eaton Bray Cricket Club

62 members and their guests braved the weather to attend the annual Cricket Club Dinner and Presentation evening at the Rye Gardens. A good night was had by all and for some a very late morning.

Awards

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Ernest Gray Cup | 1st X1 Players Player | Andy Norris |
| George French Trophy | 1st X1 Batting | Andy Norris |
| Ken Bearton Trophy | 1st X1 Bowling | James Flecknell |
| Nick Pearson Trophy | 2nd X1 Players Player | Lee Gauntlett |
| Martin Quinn Trophy | 2nd X1 Batting | Lee Gauntlett |
| Dave Wheeler Trophy | 2nd X1 Bowling | Euen Palmer |
| Edna Quinn Trophy | Clubman | Tina McKay & Jamie Osborne |
| John Cole Trophy | Most Improved Player | Jamie Osborne |
| Dave Whittaker Trophy | Most Catches | Andy Norris |
| Ian Jone Award | Sunday Bowling | Joe Moss |
| Lee Bearton Trophy | Sunday Batting | Joe Moss |

Another season over with many ups and downs. Relegation to the 2nd tier of the FCCL is a major blow but with the Championship win for the Sunday X1 and the emergence of so many Colts in the senior sides over the Summer it could be a bright future for the club.

Once again we would like to thank our sponsors Meadow Marquees Houghton Insurance and the Focus for their continued support.



Edlesborough W.I.

We all greatly enjoyed our Annual Social Meeting in August, which took the form of a Beetle Drive. The occasion was great fun especially as it was accompanied by glasses of Pimms and tasty nibbles. It was generally a rather noisy and somewhat exhausting evening involving much merriment and laughter.

At our September Meeting we were indulged with a superb and interesting talk given by Andrew Waite entitled, 'An Introduction to Gem Stones'. Andrew proved to be an excellent and knowledgeable speaker, who knew his subject very well indeed. We were introduced to the origins of all the different gemstones, their history and so on, and best of all how to tell if the gemstones you owned were genuine or not. Some brave ladies volunteered their respective rings for testing, and 'phew' what a relief, they all proved to be the real genuine article. Andrew had also brought along a selection of his gem-stone jewellery, for us all to admire and purchase if we so wished. It was a very much enjoyed and very informative talk given by a knowledgeable and talented young man.

Coming up shortly: our Birthday Dinner, a talk entitled, 'My Life in Crime', our Winter Coffee Morning and celebrating Christmas. How time flies when you belong to a WI. Ladies, if you want to join us, you are very welcome; on the second Tuesday of every month, 7:30pm at the Memorial Hall.

✉ Sue Parker

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September 2019

1st prize – Teresa Ledger

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3rd prize – Elisabeth Ryder

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Harvest celebration supper

Dear Reader

We plough the fields, and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft refreshing rain.

He only is the maker
Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey him
By him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children,
He gives our daily bread

NOW SING UP. IT WILL DO YOU GOOD

All good gifts around us
Are sent from Heaven above;
Then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord
For all his love!

We thank the then, O Father
For all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest,
Our Life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
For all thy love imparts,
And what thou most desirest
Our humble, thankful hearts.

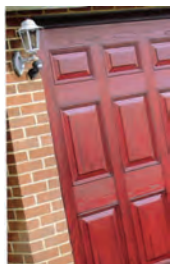


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