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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.

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Village Diagy February 2020

Weekly

(term time)

Mondays

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

Mon-Fri

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

(term time) 358342

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

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

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

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

(term time) Jan 01442 864271.

Curtain Call Youth Theatre 5-7.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Gavyn 01525 220525 Mondays Mondays Curtain Call Theatre Group - 7:30-10:30pm Eaton Bray Village Hall, Sheila -

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

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

Street, Edlesborough. Contact Liz Coates 01442 842550

Yoga, 6:45pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, contact 07837 727302 Mondays 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

Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Tuesdays

07800 518654

Tuesdays Beginner's Boxercise, 6-7pm Dagnall Village Hall, Josh Thompson 07456 574405 or

itptinfo@gmail.com

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

Fortnightly Place, Eaton Bray

Wednesdays Pilates, 8pm, Northall Village Hall, Lisa: 07832 230774

Northall & District Age Concern Wednesday Club, 10am - 3pm, Northall Village Hall, Wednesdays

Contact Barbara on 07854 230243

Wednesdays Caterpillars Baby and Toddler Group 10am to 11:30am, Grace Baptist Church, Moor End.

(term time) Edlesborough, £1 per family unit, Contact Alister 07572 395687

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

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

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

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Thursdays Eaton Bray Methodist Church Social Afternoons, 2 - 4pm, All Welcome Village Diary February 2020

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Sundays Sunday Worship at 10:30am and 6pm Grace Baptist Church, Moor End, Edlesborough

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

Monthly

1st Monday

1st Monday Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, The Coffee Tavern (except Jan-2nd Monday)

Eaton Bray W.I. Meeting, 7.30pm. Eaton Bray Methodist Church Hall. Contact Margaret

Jones on 01525 220991

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

(ex. Bank Hols) Westwood (01525 839083)

2nd Mon Film Society, Sep to May, 2pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Graham Chappell 01525 220883

1st & 3rd Tues Dunstable & District Orbit (social and charitable) Club meet at Dunstable Rugby Club at

8pm. For details contact 01525 222441 or 01582 755147

1st 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 Sue

Bingham on 01525 222522

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

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

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

Last Saturday Coffee Morning, 10:00-12 noon, Edlesborough Methodist Church

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Other Regular Events

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

Village Hall

8th Cafe Community, 11am-1pm, Eaton Bray Methodist Church

14th Leukaemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30am, All welcome. 18th

Dagnall and Kensworth Friendship Club, 12:30pm, Kunch at The Plough, Slip End, The

cars will leave as arranged

One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

15th Music @ St Mary's - Mark Niel, Poet Laureate of Milton Keynes, 2pm, St. Mary's

Church, Eaton Bray. Tickets £8 (children free) Box Office 01525 222283

27th Edlesborough WI Coffee Morning 10:30 - 12 Noon, Memorial Hall, Edlesborough,

includes Bring and Buy stall and refreshments. £2 entrance fee.

David Jones

Margaret, Ian, Caroline and family would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts, support, flowers and cards following David's passing on 25th December.

These thoughts have been of great comfort at a very sad time.

Edlesborough WI **Coffee Morning**

Thursday 27th February Memorial Hall, Edlesborough

10:30 - 12 Noon

Se Bring and Buy stall **Entrance £2 which includes** refreshments.

> **Everyone Welcome** See You There



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Many thanks.





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

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WEEK-DAYS:

Wednesday: 10.00am Holy Communion EVERYONE WELCOME AT THESE SERVICES

Dagnall Church Welcome Club



Tuesday 11th February 2pm to 4pm

Drop in for a chat, a cup of tea and cake. All ages welcome.

Dagnall Church, Ringshall Road HP4 1RL

Rebecca Cornish

Some good news from St Mary's – Residents of the villages may remember Rebecca Cornish (nee Baldock) who wrote regular monthly articles for Focus in the period 2005-2007 about her experiences undertaking voluntary service at Kagando Hospital in Uganda. Rebecca has spoken at St Mary's on a number of occasions about her work in establishing and growing the charity, Accomplish Children's Trust (ACT), bringing aid to disabled children in Africa, first in Uganda and now expanding to Rwanda and the Congo.

I am delighted to inform you that Rebecca has been awarded an MBE for Services to Disabled Children in Africa in the New Year's Honours list.

≪Gordon

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 6TH MARCH

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Eaton Bray with Edlesborough Parish News

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February is often thought of as a month for love as we celebrate St Valentine's Day on 14th February. It is the time when the earth is awakening after winter and birds begin to mate. Wales has its own patron saint for lovers, St Dwynwen. Her Feast Day is celebrated in Wales on 25th January.

Dwynwen lived during the 5th century and legend has it that she was one of the prettiest of Brychan Brycheiniog's 24 daughters. Dwynwen fell in love with a prince called Maelon Dafodrill, but unfortunately her father had already arranged that she should marry someone else.

Dwynwen was so upset that she could not marry Maelon that she begged God to make her forget him. After falling asleep, Dwynwen was visited by an angel, who appeared carrying a sweet potion designed to erase all memory of Maelon and turn him into a block of ice.

God then gave three wishes to Dwynwen. Her first wish was that Maelon be thawed; her second that God meet the hopes and dreams of true lovers; and third, that she should never marry. All three

were fulfilled, and as a mark of her thanks, Dwynwen devoted herself to God's service for the rest of her life. Her name means 'she who leads a blessed life.'

She founded a convent on Llanddwyn, off the west coast of Anglesey. Following her death in 465AD a well named after her became a place of pilgrimage. Visitors to the well believed that the sacred fish or eels that lived in the well could foretell whether or not their relationship would be loving and whether or not happiness would be theirs. Remains of Dwynwen's church can still be seen today.



Romantic love is only one form of love. When Jesus was asked to summarise the Ten Commandments he said: 'Love God and love your neighbour as you love yourself.' Loving God means that our focus is directed beyond ourselves. Christians believe that God is love and that he has created the earth and all that is in it. To love God is to praise and thank him for all the good things he has made. It is to make space for him in our lives and to honour him by how we live our lives.

In addition to loving God we are also called to love our neighbour. When Jesus was asked 'who is my neighbour?' he told the parable of the Good Samaritan. Your neighbour, he explained, is anyone who is in need. And in another part of the gospels, Jesus explains what this entails. It means creating a world where the hungry are fed, the thirsty are given drink, the naked are clothed and the sick and imprisoned are visited. Love is shown in very practical ways.

In order to love others, we must also be able to love ourselves. That means facing up to the parts of ourselves that we find difficult, the things which we would rather avoid. The church encourages us to

come to God openly with all our faults and failings. He loves us and longs to draw close. He offers forgiveness for those who are truly sorry and the opportunity to begin afresh.

Ash Wednesday falls at the end of February this year. It is a reminder of the grace of God and the depth of the divine love for each one of us.

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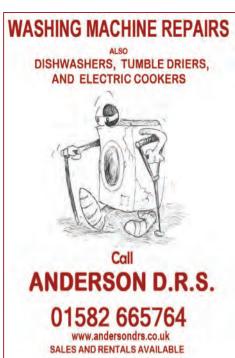
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Royal British Legion Remembrance Service at Edlesborough





Well, we had a beautiful day for it!! Last November the Act of Remembrance was celebrated at Edlesborough War Memorial and an estimated 300 people – even more than last time!!- gathered by the Memorial which had been decorated by some of the ladies of the Villages and looked stunning in the bright Autumn sunshine.

Once again, we were able to close the Main Road and the stretch of Edlesborough High Street from the Memorial Hall to the Church, which meant that the service took place in peace and quiet (many of us remember the days of lorries roaring past during the two minute silence!!) and people were able to stand in the road around the Memorial, and the Cubs and Scouts – and there were a lot of them!! – were able to march up the hill and back again in safety.

We couldn't do this without the people who gladly give up their time to help with the road closure. This year, we are very grateful to Rob Pratt and his team of Young Farmers, Joe, Will, and Marcus, who cheerfully and efficiently helped distribute the closure and diversion signs, and then went around and collected them again after the service. Thank you, gentlemen, – your help was very much appreciated!

Being a barrier steward is not an easy task as apart from having to stand in the cold for an hour and a half, they



LEGION

often have to deal with unkindness from thoughtless people who "haven't noticed the closure signs" which were up for three weeks prior to the closure – and who obviously don't read "Focus"... So, a very big thank you to Jim and Norma Wright, Mike Scott, Vincent Taylor, Bob Stilliard, Alan Tipper and Christine Yates for giving up their time to stand in the (sunny) cold. This year we were also very grateful for the presence of two PCSO's who came to support us and join in the service.

Finally, a word of thanks to our indefatigable Parish Clerk Penny Pataky who has spent a lot of time organising and liaising with AVDC to make sure that everything ran smoothly.

This year the service will be held at Eaton Bray War Memorial.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Collection in Edlesborough and Northall.

Once again, the villages have demonstrated how generous they are! Our final total stands at £919.52 – an amazing amount for a comparatively small location. So a big thank you to:-

Edlesborough Newsagents	£325.59
The "Swan", Northall	£145.00
Edlesborough School	£259.72
Northall Wednesday Club	£24.21
Parish Council and W.I. wreaths	£165.00

I take my hat off to the staff, pupils and parents at Edlesborough School, who had only one week to reach their amazing total due to half term! I don't know how you did it, but I think you must be making huge collections of snap bands and wristbands somewhere.....

So, thank you to everyone who supported us last year.

∠Lorna Cubbage.



Edlesborough Parish Council News

Including Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall

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Do you have a keen gardener in the family? We currently have plots available at all our sites. Anyone wishing to take on an allotment should contact the Clerk. Fees are £2 per pole and plots range in size from 5 – 10 poles.

EdleFest 2020

The EdleFest dates for 2019 have been confirmed as 12th and 13th June. More information and tickets are available via the EdleFest website https://edlefest.site123.me/

County Cllr Anne Wight

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

- Flooding issues in Slicketts Lane
- London Luton Airport Expansion Consultation and information
- Help test the new Buckinghamshire Council Website
- Freight Strategy Officer Update
- New contact points for new Buckinghamshire Council

EPC Precept Increase for 2020/21

At the December Council meeting Councillors agreed the draft budget for 2020/21.

Over the past few years the Council has allocated money to the Special Projects fund for various projects; predominantly the New Pavilion on Edlesborough Green. Now that Phase One of the Pavilion project is well under way the Council needed to consider replenishing the Special Project Funds for other projects in the Parish. With this in mind the Council agreed to submit a precept request of £141,840 to AVDC. This means the Band D rate will increase from £91.16 per year to £104.84

At the same meeting Council considered and agreed to a proposal to introduce a Grant for Funding Local Voluntary Initiatives. More information about this grant will be published in

the near future.

Speedwatch

The EDaN Traffic Management team are looking for volunteers to help with their new Sentinel device. If you have an interest in slowing down traffic in the

villages or are concerned about Road Safety, please contact Cllr Alan Williams at Alan. williams@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk or 07828 398371

Christmas Trees, Wreaths & Lights

The Parish Council wishes to express its HUGE THANKS to these FABULOUS volunteers for all their hard work in bringing a little bit of Christmas Magic to the villages:

- Christine & Mick Yates worked tirelessly to erect and decorate a beautiful Christmas Tree at the top of Cow Lane. They also spent almost three hours dressing Edlesborough Memorial Hall in Christmas lights, with help from Bas Westrope & Kai Brown.
- The tree was kindly donated by Mr Ray of "Christmas Trees R Us" in Cow Lane
- The Methodist Church who supplied the energy to power the lights.
- Bas Westrope, Kai Brown, Cllr Alan Williams and Penny Pataky spent over three hours hanging the Christmas Wreaths along Edlesborough High Street on a very cold Sunday morning.
- Cllr Cubbage and Mrs Cubbage from Northall who decorated the Northall Christmas Tree.
- Mr & Mrs Woodcock for supplying the energy for the Northall Christmas tree lights.
- Ruth Ablett for decorating the Dagnall Village Christmas Tree.
- The Dagnall Under 5's ladies for the organisation of the Dagnall Christmas event & the decoration of Dagnall Village Hall.

EPC also thanks the following business and residents for sponsoring the Edlesborough Christmas Wreaths:

- Able Bathrooms
- Freed Veneers Ltd
- N & G Autos - Bellway Homes
- The Residents of Summerleys
- Litchfield Floors

Salt Bins

The responsibility for filling these bins is with Transport for Bucks. When supplies are



running low a refill request should be submitted via the website http://www.transportforbucks. net/report-it-general.aspx it is more appropriate if a parishioner living close to the salt bin makes the request but in practise anyone can make the request.

EPC Meetings

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

- Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 20th February 2020.
- Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 19th March 2020

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.

Edlesborough Parish Council Contact Information:

Clerk: Miss Penny Pataky Office hours Mon – Fri 11am – 3pm (Excl. Wed)
Email: clerk@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk 01525 229358 Website: www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/EDANParishCouncil

Music at St Mary's

Our next concert is a little out of the ordinary. It will be performed by Mark Niel, a full time poet and the official Poet Laureate of Milton Keynes. We have a very strong recommendation of Mark's performance style, which is described him as 'hilarious'. He put on a fantastic show for us back in 2016.



Starting out on the Open Mic circuit his funny, energetic performance style quickly found an audience. Mark has won many Slams including Ledbury, Wenlock and Bristol Poetry Festivals and has appeared at Latitude, Green Man and Wychwood Festivals. In May 2012, he was the Poet in Residence for BBC Radio 2's "2Day" and was commissioned by them to write a poem celebrating

the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Mark gigs on the poetry and comedy circuit, runs workshops in schools and companies, appears as a guest speaker at WIs, Rotary Clubs, after dinner engagements and on Cruise Ships. Mark is believed to be the first poet to reach the final of the New Act of the Year Competition (NATYS).

Do book your tickets nice and early from the Box Office. Tel 01525 222283. Tickets are priced £8 with children admitted FREE.

EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL



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 4th November 2019 from 7:30pm at the Coffee Tavern

Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC)

Cllr Philip Spicer, email Philip.Spicer@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

CBC Website: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

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PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The Parish Council has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you are interested in this role please contact the Parish Clerk.

Problem Parking In Parish:

Eaton Bray Parish Council are once again having raise concerns regarding dangerous parking of vehicles in the parish that contravene Highways Code rule 217:

217: DO NOT park your vehicle or trailer on the road where it would endanger, inconvenience or obstruct pedestrians or other road users. For example, do not stop ...

- * near a school entrance
- * anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
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- * opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- * 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.

EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council Held on Monday 2nd December 2019 from 7:30pm at the Coffee Tavern Bedfordshire police:

Eaton Bray Police contact:

PCSO Ellie Vaughan Springate, Bedfordshire Police Community Policing Team | Leighton Buzzard, Police & Fire Hub, Lake Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1RT

For general Police contact/enquiries: Non-emergency call 101 / All emergencies 999

Village Market

The Parish Council wished to thank the Village Market Group for all their work in putting together and running the Village Markets. To ensure these events can continue, the Village Market Group are on the lookout for additional volunteers to help get involved with the running of the markets. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Watercourse/Mill End Close

The Parish Council met with the Internal Drainage Board [IDB] to discuss next steps. The IDB are in the process of investigating both banks, carrying out exploratory work. Once the Parish Council are in receipt of the IDB report, they will then look in more detail into the proposals/costs.

Litter Pick Day

Due to some residents not able to attend the original litter pick day on the 26th October 2019, an additional litter pick was carried out and 20 bags of rubbish collected. The Parish Council wish to thank these volunteers for their hard work and commitment to this important scheme.

Speedwatch

The Parish Council now have a fully trained Speedwatch Group and will be carrying out Speedwatch checks within the parish. The Speedwatch Group are always on the lookout for additional members, if you are interested in getting involved please contact the Parish Clerk.



Parish Allotments

We are still waiting for some payments for renewal of allotment plot tenancies in the parish, if you have not already done so, can you please forward your payments to the Parish Clerk to enable your tenancy to be renewed. Failure to forward payments will result in your tenancy being revoked and your plot re-allocated.

Parish Council Meeting Dates

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

- * Monday 3rd February 2020
- * Monday 2nd March 2020
- * Monday 6th April 2020



Heidi Head, Parish Clerk

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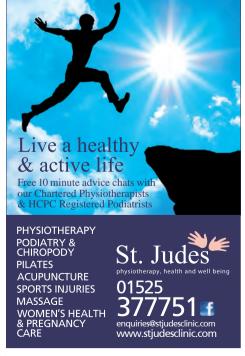


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St Mary's Village Carnival 2020
It's time to start thinking about this year's Carnival on 4 July 2020 with the theme 'Heroes'. We expect that many youngsters will want to dress as 'Superheroes' and hope there will be plenty of example of 'Heroes' in our community dressed as nurses, or doctors, or ambulance crew or fire fighters or police or life-boat crew etc. The principle charity to be supported this year as well as St Mary's Fabric Fund, will be Dunstable Foodbank.

An appeal to all local businesses, businessmen and women.

In recent years we have seen some wonderful examples of how the Carnival can be used to promote your business. As an organising committee we will do our best to promote your businesses to the crowds who attend the Carnival if you give us a chance to do so.

How can you get involved?

Please consider one or more of the following some of which may be tax deductible:

- Advertise in the Carnival Programme and / or the arena contact Anne Absolon on 07592 287 738
- Have a stall and meet your customers face to face contact Bob Stilliard, 01525
- Donate a prize relating to your business to the Grand Draw
- Donate an item relating to your business for the Silent Auction
- Take part in the procession
- Make a cash donation to the Carnival

If you would like your business to be involved in any of the above please contact Gordon Gray on 220136 or via the carnival website - www.stmarysvillagecarnival. com.

Help needed

The success of the Carnival depends heavily on volunteer support from the community. Here are some of the ways you could offer to help:

- Run, or assist in the running, of the BBQ
- Run, or assist in the running of the Tombola stall
- Help bring equipment from storage to and from the Green on 3rd & 4th July
- Help with Car Parking / Road Closures on 4th July



Eaton Bray Methodist Church

Hope was the keynote in the month of December. Our inspiring First Advent

Sunday service was led by Richard Armiger who reflected that Advent is often a season of awkward tensions. We can best prepare for Christmas by waiting in hope and patience. The second Advent Sunday was a thoughtful café communion service conducted by our Minister Nigel Bibbings. We considered the issues raised by Greta Thunberg who speaks for a generation that needs to be heard and discussed some of the things we would most like to change in the world today. Our third Advent Sunday was a delightful Carol Service created by the Junior Church and we are immensely grateful to our young members and their leaders for a lively, poignant and relevant experience. On the 4th Advent Sunday, Keith Blackburn, one of our own members, led a local arrangement. With typical skill and verve, he highlighted this period of waiting and hope by challenging us with the words "Are you ready yet?", ending with the encouraging reminder that

'the man who has hope has everything'. On Christmas Day another member, Geoff Joels welcomed a large congregation to a happy and joyful service of Christmas praise. Our final service in December, on the brink of a new year, brought a message of reassurance from our preacher, Peter Baker: the future is a mystery which may inspire excitement or dread. As Christians we should not fear an uncertain future. It is our opportunity to walk with God's guidance,

Dates for your diary:

Café Community

Saturday 8th February 2020 11am - 1pm. We will be delighted to see you if you come for a cup of tea/coffee and/or a light lunch.

Social Afternoons

Thursdays 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Chat, meeting friends, games, refreshments. All Welcome.

An appeal: **Do you have any spare knitting wool?** One of our members, Enid Holmes, is making blankets for the Hospital at Sarenga in India and would welcome gifts of unneeded yarn. Contact: 01525-220819



I was asked by UNISON if I wanted to nominate a support staff member for an award for going 'above and beyond'. All our support staff are fantastic and do a great job of nurturing and supporting the education and wellbeing of the children. However,

I could only nominate one person and decided that

Mrs Munn deserved a special award for her 36 years of service so far! I was pleased that the nomination was accepted and a prize was to be awarded. Clare Winter, the Chair of Governors, summed it up: 'It was wonderful to see Mrs Munn's 36 years of dedication to Dagnall C of E School being recognised by UNISON. Mrs Munn, you really are a 'STAR IN OUR SCHOOL.'





The EDaN BEAUTIFICATION TEAM

would sincerely like to thank the following for their kind support and donations, making the installation of Edlesborough's tree possible for us all to enjoy



Christmas Trees R Us
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Dagnall Community Choir

February 2020 marks the ten year anniversary of Dagnall Community Choir!

The choir was formed in 2010, and from small beginnings, has grown and evolved over the decade, to become the well-regarded and quite accomplished group of singers that we are today. Over the years we have been delighted to welcome lots of newcomers into the throng, but there are still many of the original choir members in our ensemble, who have been enjoying singing and socialising with the choir for ten wonderful years. We look forward to finding out what musical adventures the next decade will bring for us all...

We started the new year with some lovely news - the birth of the very first DCC baby! Congratulations to choir member Liz Timms and her husband Graeme on the arrival of baby Georgina on New Year's Eve. A music lover in the making no doubt.

The choir's focus for the first few months of 2020 will be on learning and perfecting our songs for the Milton Keynes and the Bedford Music Festivals, which take place in March. We

will be singing Vivaldi's "Gloria", and "Invierno Porteno" (Winter in Buenos Aires) by Astor Piazzolla. This latter piece is an Argentinian tango, part of a suite of four which represent the Four Seasons of Buenos Aires, and is sung in a "non-lexical" style, which is quite a challenge for the choir. We hope our efforts will impress the judges as much as they did last year when we achieved second place at the Milton Keynes Music Festival.

The choir is always looking for new members, and we are particularly keen to welcome more males voices to join our ranks. If you think you would like to give choral singing a try, please come along to one of our Monday night rehearsals, 7.45pm at Dagnall Church. Whether you are an experienced singer or a complete beginner, there is a space for you at DCC - we don't ask you to audition or require that you read music—all you need to join our community choir is a love of singing!

For more details about the choir, please visit our website at **www.dagnall-community-choir. co.uk**.

Spring Clean Your Body



During the cold, dark, wet months it is very easy to pick up bad habits such as slouching, slumping and forgetting to exercise. So, put a spring back into your step with a few simple postural exercises. Good posture involves keeping your body in correct alignment by maintaining your natural curves in sitting, standing and walking. Try following these 4 simple steps to help improve posture, as well as minimise the stress and strain on muscles, joints and discs.

- 1. Try to stand as tall as you can this will make you look longer, leaner, fitter and thinner.
- 2. Push your shoulders down and back this reduces the possibility of shoulder and neck pain. Imagine you are opening up the front of the chest wall, not standing to attention!
- 3. Pull your lower tummy muscle in only try to hold with 20% effort. This helps to improve the tone of your tummy muscles and improve your core stability.
- 4. Strike the heels to the ground and the toes-off all the way this helps to employ the full gait (walking) cycle.

Try to carry out these tips daily and soon it will become second nature. Why not add

some exercise into your daily life – take the stairs instead of the lift and park at the furthest point in the supermarket car park. If you have any aches or pains or feel you would benefit from physiotherapy, please contact:



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All Saints' Church, Dagnall

Services in February 2020

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	10.30 am	Morning Service
Sun. 9th Feb.	10.30 am	Morning Service
Sun. 16th Feb.	10.30 am	Family Communion
Sun. 23rd Feb.	10.30 am	Morning Service
Sun. 1st Mar.	9.00 am	Eucharist
	10 30 am	Morning Service



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From the Methodist Lay Worker

Dear Friends.

Be who you truly are

Among the books I was given for Christmas, was "Hidden Nature" by Alys Fowler, who will be familiar to anyone who watches "Gardener's World".

Alys took an inflatable canoe, only big enough for one person and small enough to be crammed in a rucksack when deflated, and a collapsible paddle, and would disappear for an hour or two (or three or four) around the Birmingham Canal Network. She found lots of litter, lots of dereliction, and some surprising wildlife in the backwaters of the city. She also found herself coming unravelled, and in the course of her journeyings, felt she had discovered something new and earth-shattering about herself – something which would change her life radically and for ever.

Alys learned as she came face to face with wild nature, that she had to be true to herself. Would she still be loved in this new existence? The answer is, yes.

For many of us, while we may not have Alys' particular form of identity crisis, we hide things, which we feel are unlovely, which we are ashamed of. We fear what others will say, particularly in the world of social media. We

fear what the truth will do for our relationships with our friends.

Yet will we still be loved, were the truth to be known? The answer again, is yes. God knows everything we do, everything we think and what we say (often not the same thing!) Yet despite all this, he still deeply loves us.

My favourite psalm is Psalm 139, which speaks of the writer not being able to travel anywhere without God being there before him. It says, "O Lord, you have searched me and known me, you know when I sit and when I stand . . . you are familiar with all my ways . . . you have laid your hand upon me."

Do you find that off-putting? It's actually deeply reassuring. For God knows why we react the way we do – he understands why we are as we are, and knows – and loves – the person deep inside.

I invite you to take a quiet moment, maybe in the garden or on a walk, in nature like Alys Fowler did. Or maybe light a candle or find an open church. Take time to be with the God who knows who you truly are, to be yourself.

And rest in his loving presence.

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Prawn. Chilli. Garlic and Lemon Spaghetti

A recipe from me this month, as I confess to you my pasta addiction. I basically live off the stuff. Practical, tasty, frugal and filling, a midweek pasta always hits the spot. I always make too much and always eat it all too. What can I say, there's just something so satisfying about a bowl of pasta. This is one of my favourites as it's so quick to make and is the perfect balance of sweet, tangy and fiery. Use raw prawns where possible (I buy them frozen and in bulk when they're on special offer), as this will add lots of flavour and their texture is nicer than precooked ones.

Serves 4

450g dried pasta (spaghetti or linguine) 300g raw king prawns

4 garlic cloves, finely sliced

1 large fresh (medium) red chilli, finely sliced

Juice of 1 lemon

Large handful of flat leaf parsley, finely chopped

Salt and pepper to taste

Olive oil

Cook the pasta as per the packet instructions.

With 4 minutes cooking time left, pour a really good glug of oil into a pan and put the sliced garlic in. Turn the heat on, and cook the garlic over a gentle medium heat for a couple of minutes.

Chuck in the prawns and the chilli and let the prawns cook. You know they're ready when they go pink. Season with salt and pepper.

Drain the pasta. Stir it immediately into the prawns, followed by the lemon juice.



Stir for a good minute, until the pasta is piping hot and covered with the juices from the pan.

Serve in individual bowls and finish with chopped parsley on top.

It's your choice whether you serve it with Parmesan (I do, but controversial) or follow Italian tradition and not serve cheese with a seafood dish.

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Northall Baptist Church

A little Church with strong local links

The Coming of the Lord – 1 Thessalonians 4 v 16 & 17 '

'The Lord Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord for ever.'

Many of you in the villages will have known Dennis Ward who for more than 50 years lived in Eaton Bray. Dennis was aged 84 when he fell asleep in Jesus on 26th October 2019. We celebrated his long Christian life on 25th November 2019 at Northall Baptist Church where he had worshipped and taken a very active part over the last 15 years of his life. We celebrated a Christian life, faithfully lived. Indeed he was described as a 'man of faith'. His favourite hymns: 'When I survey the wondrous cross', 'Great is Thy faithfulness' and 'And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Saviour's blood', were sung with gusto. The Bible passage above explains that we'll meet Dennis again when Jesus returns to this world to take those who trust in Jesus, to live with Him in heaven.



Dennis had been brought up in a Christian family and committed himself at an early age to his Lord and Saviour. After moving to Eaton Bray he attended Dunstable Baptist Church, responsible for teaching young people about Jesus. Later he worshipped at Hockliffe Street Baptist Church, was part of the Open Door team and a Youth Leader, regularly teaching about 26 girls aged between 10 and 12 in his group. They called him Uncle Dennis. He had a great influence on bringing many of them to Christ and many are still in Church life today.

Dennis's grandson, Bradley, spoke eloquently about his loving and kind grandfather who had taken him on fun outings when he was a child.

Over the last year or so, Dennis had several long periods in hospital. He always had his Bible prominently on his table and was always ready to witness to his faith.

Dennis had an encyclopaedic knowledge of the Bible and was able to help us find verses we'd forgotten. He played the piano and regularly had hymn singing sessions in his home.

Dennis worked for Shaw and Kilburn, starting as a mechanic and moving on to Sales and latterly a driving job.

Dennis had a keen interest in steam trains, classic aviation and old cars. He liked to go to the 'Old Glory' group of the U3A in Leighton Buzzard. In 1950 he had an amazing experience flying in a Dragon Rapide plane manufactured by De Havilland of Hatfield.

Our Sunday services are at 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/



Early Edlesborough History Courtesy of Friends of the Church on the Hill

People

Life was not all hard work for the Edlesborough villagers. There were Sunday school treats, the harvest band played on the lawn at the old vicarage, which was the scene of many other fetes, garden parties etc. It was renowned for its wonderful rose garden and was managed by a staff of about 10 during the 18th century.

May Day festivities were celebrated on the green, including may-pole dancing and the Green Man.

There were bell ringers' suppers and Sunday School Christmas parties.

The Edlesborough
church choir going on
an outing to Windsor
in 1922.
Fred Sear, Claude
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John Pratt, Donald
Jarvis, Jessie Sear,
Dolly Meakins,
Aubrey Meakins,
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xxx, Reg Birch, Albert
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Pinetrees Garage, Tring Road

A more common form of transport in the 1920s and 30s



1936 - probably outside the Tythe Barn. Jack Lunnon in centre.

Mrs Saran Pearson of Edlesborough celebrated her 100th birthday in 1946. She died in 1947, aged 100 years and 6 months.



1959 - Luton played in the Cup Final. George Smith, Eric Mead, Percy Simmons, Jack Lunnon.



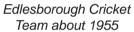
1939, outside Janes Shoe Shop. Mick Fountain, Jack Sear, Jack Lunnon.

Christmas Party 1947, Edlesborough Memorial Hall





Edlesborough Football Team, 1930





Crime

In the 19th century the villagers appeared to have been quite a law abiding community, however for those convicted the penalties were often severe.

- In 1839 a villager was convicted of having stolen a quantity of straw plait to the value of 6 shillings he was transported for 10 years.
- Another villager was convicted of having stolen a stone bottle, value 1 shilling, and 5 quarts of rum, value 10 shillings he was transported for 15 years.

Some of the cases were treated more leniently:

 A woman was convicted of stealing 3 herrings and 4 oz butter, value 5d, on 20th March 1855 – she was imprisoned for one month in the House of Correction at Aylesbury

LOCAL HERALDRY BY JOHN HOCKEY

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



ALDBURY

In the lovely church of St John the Baptist, Aldbury we find two tombs, one to Sir Ralph Verney and his wife Elizabeth (Bray) and one to Sir Robert Whittingham and his wife Katherine. Each tomb has an example of a shield which is quartered comprising two different coats of the Verney family



plus one from the Whittingham family. One is in brass, the other in stone and in neither can you determine what the colours on the shield should be (a missed opportunity to use hatching!). Luckily there is an explanatory note which shows all the relevant shields (including Bray) in colour.

The main tomb, enclosed within a magnificent stone screen is to Sir Robert Whttingham, who was killed in 1471 at the battle of Tewkesbury, a decisive event in the Wars of the Roses. At this encounter the Lancastrian army were completely defeated by the House of York under their monarch, King Edward IV. Robert Whittingham [Lancastrian] died at that battle and his remains were buried in Tewkesbury Abbey. Later they were removed to the chapel of the Bonhommes at Ashridge and in 1575 the magnificent tomb and gothic screen were brought from Ashridge to Aldbury, where they now reside.

The reason the stone shield shows both Verney and Whittingham arms is that a descendant of Sir Robert was Margaret Whittingham, who married Ralph Verney in the late 1400s. This was unusual as Ralph was a Yorkist and this did not sit happily with the Lancastrians.

The Whittingham quarter (the one with a lion) is not very clear but knowing the name

and the date we can easily trace the correct colouring. The description or blazon is: 'Argent a fess vert and overall a lion rampant Gules' meaning a silver background (shown white) with a green horizontal band and overall a red lion rampant.

The next time you are in Aldbury for a short stroll (perhaps before entering one of the two pubs in the village), do take the time to visit the church which has much of interest including the tombs mentioned here and a monument to a man who married twice, of which more next time.



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Now we go to funeral homes
And after-funeral brunches.
We used to go out dining,
And couldn't get our fill.

Now we ask for doggie bags,
Come home and take a pill.
We used to often travel
To places near and far.
Now we get sore asses
From riding in the car.
We used to go to nightclubs
And drink a little booze.
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And now my tale is told.
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Edlesborough W.I.

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We greatly enjoyed a talk by a barrister (now retired) entitled, 'My Life in Crime', which was nothing like he actually talked about. Simon Michael is now a published author, whose books, in story form, contained facts about his criminal cases, during his working life, and much, much more.

Growing up in the East End of London, as a very poor Jewish boy and living through the blitz, he decided, aged 14 years that the only thing he ever wanted to do was be a barrister, and he avidly absorbed everything about all the court cases, that was printed in the newspapers of the day.

There being no chance of him receiving financial help with his ambition from his poor family, who had only ever been furriers and tailors, to fund his education, so he had to spend every spare minute he had, working for Barnet Council, mostly labouring.

There are four Inns of Court, as you know, and he chose the Middle Temple to be called to the Bar, and he had to purchase a second-hand wig and gown in order to do so. Simon described, in detail the magnificence of this beautiful building to us and recommended that we visit it as they do allow tours. Simon further told us of the pitfalls of wearing the original traditional wigs, which were made from horse hair, which having been on sweaty heads, sometimes for tens of years, they smelled dreadful, and couldn't be cleaned. Things have improved as wigs are now made from polystyrene and are therefore, very washable.

He served a lot of his time during the period of the notorious Kray Twins and when there was widespread corruption throughout the 'Met Police'. He explained to us, how he had to visit criminals in Bow Street Police Station before they went into Court, and where sanitation was very unsavoury and primitive. The toilet in each cell was open and couldn't be flushed by the inmates, and they were only flushed by the wardens, when requested by the 'legal beagles' from outside the cells – one flush for the lot.

In Simon's early days practising he encountered quite a lot of anti-Semitism and class distinction, from within his own Chamber as well as out.

To illustrate his talk, Simon read passages from his own books, and we were able to purchase them, signed after his talk ended. There was so much more that we all learned than there is time or space to write it all: it had been a super talk and very much an eye-opener.

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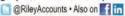
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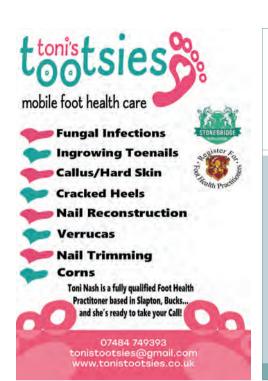


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Pineapple Teriyaki Grains with Crispy Mushrooms

In the ten years since I started hosting the Weekend Kitchen on BBC Three Counties Radio, the rise in popularity of vegetarian and vegan dishes has been phenomenal. We've come a long way from the days where guests would say "it tastes good for a vegan dish". Chefs are now creating fantastic food, standing alone for quality in its own right. First comes the taste, second comes whether it happens to be vegan or not. One such very creative young chef is Greg Owen, who runs the funky Monstera Canteen in Luton. His food is fabulous, and this lovely vegan dish was a big hit on my show. Don't be concerned by the list of ingredients. You can sub in and out any grains you have, and just use any vegetables which you have to hand too.

Serves 4

Ingredients

Grains

100g brown rice

100g pearl barley

100g freekeh 80g wild rice

80g oats

Sauce

4 tbsp soy sauce

1 can pineapple slices or chunks

2 tbsp Mirin

1 tbsp garlic

2 tbsp brown sugar (or maple syrup)

1 tsp ginger (optional)

1 tsp garlic powder (optional)

1 tbsp rice wine vinegar (optional)

Vegetables

50g edamame beans

50g carrot, chopped

50g courgette, chopped

1 small Leek, sliced

1 Red onion, chopped

1/4 chilli (optional)

Handful of Rocket (optional)

Coriander leaves (optional)

Sesame seeds (optional)

For the Crispy Mushrooms

4 large flat mushrooms

Plain flour

Panko breadcrumbs

Unsweetened soya milk (or any similar milk)

1 tsp apple cider vinegar

Cook all the grains as per the packet instructions. You can cook them all in the same pan, or, better still, in a pressure cooker.

Chuck all the sauce ingredients in a blender, blitz and set aside.

Mix a teaspoon of apple cider vinegar in a smallish bowl of milk and whisk with a work for a few seconds. The acidity will naturally thicken the milk into a butter milk style.

Prepare a bowl of plain flour and a separate bowl of breadcrumbs.

Remove the stalk and slice the jumbo mushrooms horizontally into two discs.

Dust in flour, then dip in the milk, then into breadcrumbs to coat. You can shallow fry them, deep fry them, or spray with oil and bake in the oven too.

Sauté all the veg until they are cooked but still with a nice bite.

Mix in the sauce, then add the cooked grains, stir for another 2 minutes and plate up!

You can garnish the top of this dish with rocket, chopped chillis, coriander and sesame seeds.

Finally slice the cooked crispy breaded mushrooms and arrange on top to serve.

Hear wonderful recipes on Nick Coffer's Weekend Kitchen every Sunday morning on

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Weekly Activities

Sunday Services

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2nd Monday

2.30pm SilverLink for over 60s

Wednesday

10am (term time) Caterpillars Toddler Group 7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

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The Salvation Army Booth Place



Sunday

Footprints (Sunday School) 9.45 - 10.45am

(Term time only)

Morning Worship 11am

Tuesday

Coffee Morning 10 - 11.30am

(Alternate weeks)

Wednesday

Home League 2.30 - 3.30pm

(Ladies meeting but all welcome) Champion's Club (Term time only)

> 5.30-6.30pm (*Ages 5 to Year 5*) 6.45-7.45pm (*Year 6 and above*)

Thursday

Girls' Night Out

(1st Thursday of the month) 7.45pm

Ladies Fellowship

(Last Thursday of the month) 7.30pm

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St. Mary's Ladies Guild

The members were welcomed with a glass of sherry and wishes for a happy and peaceful year ahead.

As the December meeting had to be cancelled, the celebrations were carried forward to this meeting.

Deirdrea led the devotions, remembering especially the tragic forest fires and loss of lives homes and animals in Australia. We could not imagine what it would be like to lose our homes and all our possessions. The bravery of the fire fighters and the generosity of the volunteers and helpers, was outstanding.

Deirdrea had devised a quiz in two parts, so that a lovely 'bring and share' tea in between, could be enjoyed.

Judy had brought some humorous poems

which were shared and enjoyed.

Barbara was given a birthday card and good wishes. There was a sales table and a colourful raffle, to raise funds. A fun afternoon with a lovely atmosphere. Subscriptions are due next month.

Our next meeting in February will welcome Gordon Gray as our speaker, on his visit to Pisa. Gordon is always a welcome speaker at our group.

Anyone is welcome to join us on the second Wednesday of the month, 2pm at St Mary's, where there is a speaker each month and a shared tea of delicious food, plus a sales table and a raffle.

∠Deirdrea

February at the Grove

Live Music

Sweet Caroline: The Ultimate Tribute to Neil

Diamond - 1 Feb

Tommy the Album – Live - 6 Feb

The Simon & Garfunkel Story - 14 Feb

Beyond the Barricade - 15 Feb

Sounds of the 70s LIVE with Johnnie Walker 26 Feb

Herman's Hermits - 27 Feb

UK Pink Floyd Experience - 28 Feb

The Johnny Cash Roadshow - 29 Feb

Dance

Dotty & The Wiz - 2 Feb Dance to the Music - 5 Feb

Comedy

Jack Dee: Off the Telly - 13 Feb

Literature & Talks

Who Dares Grins – An Evening of Comedy and Combat with Big Phil Campion - 24 Feb

Musicals

Bugsy Malone - 20 & 22 Feb

Live Screening

The Cellist/Dances at a Gathering - 25 Feb

Film

Lucy in the Sky - 3 Feb

Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker - 4 & 16 Feb

Cats - 10, 12 & 16 Feb

1917 - 11 Feb

Jojo Rabbit - 24 Feb

Children's Theatre

Peppa Pig's Best Day Ever - 8-9 Feb

Theatre

All Star Superslam Wrestling - 17 Feb

Menopause the Musical 2 – Cruising Through Menopause! - 23 Feb

Tillough Mellopause: - 2.

Workshops

Half Term Holiday Theatre Club - 17-19 Feb

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Eaton Bray Cricket Club

season and (hopefully) Spring iust around the corner it's time to look

forward to the 2020 cricket season.

Winter nets started on January 8th and will continue until the 15th April. Initial reports are of a good turnout and high expectations for the summer to come. Would be great to see some new faces and all are welcome.

Fundraising for the new pavilion will be a priority this year and I'm told events are in the pipeline.

Since our last report we have said a sad farewell to Wes Hosking who has returned to his native Oz with wife Claire and Children Charlie and Annie. Wes has been a great servant to the club over many years on both playing and coaching. He has also not been shy on boosting bar profits off field. For those of you who like the stats Wes scored 7380 runs at an average of exactly 41 with a highest score of 194 which remains a club record Keeping wicket he took 140 catches and 41 stumpings + 34 catches in the outfield. On the rare occasion he turned his arm over he took 18 wickets at 25.67. Add to that his coaching as part of our successful vouth section and Bedfordshire County colts and he will be hard to replace.

The search for sponsorship goes on and we would like to thank Meadow Marquees Houghton Insurance and the Focus for their continued support. If you would like to advertise and to be part of a progressive and family friendly club please get in touch via Facebook or Twitter.

The search for new players goes on. We intend to run 2 senior teams in the FCCL

With the festive and a Sunday X1 in the Bedfordshire League. We also offer 6 teams in our Junior Section at U9, U11 Development U11 County U13 Lions U13 Tigers and U15 County all with qualified coaches. This will give children of all abilities the chance to play and contribute to the club. For inquiries please contact us on Facebook or Twitter @EatonBrayCC. Enjoy your cricket with Eaton Bray in 2020.





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Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

Weather Conditions for November & December 2019 Elevation: 450 ft - Latitude: 51° 50' 13" North - Longitude: 0° 33' 34" West



November 2019

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature	14.5°c	1 Nov 15.00	-3.0°c	19 Nov 04.00
Mean Temp	6.2°c	Dominant Wind:	SSE	
Humidity:	96%	12 days in Nov	72%	13 Nov 14.00
Barometer:	10222.1 hPa	29 Nov 23.30	973.0 hPa	2 Nov 11.30
Wind Speed	45 mph SW	2 Nov 10.00	Months avg.	5.3 mph
Wettest Day	19.41mm	14 Nov	19.41mm	0.764 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	Nov	110.6mm	4.354ins

November started on the milder side, but temperatures soon started to drop, and by the 9th it was down to -1.3°c. The lowest temperature recorded was -3.0°c. on the 19th. It was also another wet month. We recorded rain on 25 days with a total rainfall of 110.6mm, which is 165% of the 12 year average.

December 2019

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature	13.1°c	30 Dec 14.30	-2.1°c	2 Dec 06.00
Mean Temp	6.1°c	Dominant Wind:	W	
Humidity:	98%	10 Dec 08.00	70%	9 Dec 14.00
Barometer:	1036.4hPa	28 Dec 11.00	970.0 hPa	13 Dec 00.30
Wind Speed	43 mph S	19 Dec 15.30	Months avg.	5.6 mph
Wettest Day		19 Dec	13.21mm	0.520 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	Dec	109.4 mm	4.307 ins

December started on the cold side with temperatures dropping to -2.1°, but this was short lived. On the 5th, the temperatures started to rise reaching 12.3°, and it became wet again by the 8th. It then rained almost every day until the 27th when it turned milder, dry and we had some sunshine to finish off the month. Overall, the temperatures were just above average for December but it was mainly a wet month. We recorded rain on 24 days with a total of 109.4mm, which is 143% of the 12 year average.

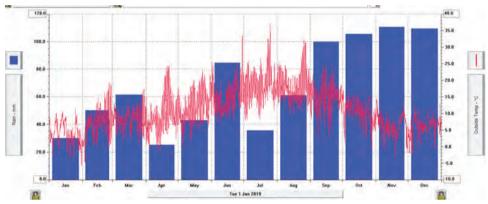
Annual Climatological Summary for 2019 Temperature Precipitation Wind Speed

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11.2°	25 th	-5.9°	31 th	3.80		4.6mm	16 th	31.1 mm		37.0	27 th	5.1	NW
19.4°	26 th	-4.90	3rd	6.8°		11.4mm	8 th	50.2 mm		40.0	9 th	6.2	SSE
17.8°	30 th	-0.2°	26 th	8.10		11.6mm	6 th	61.6 mm		46.0	10 th	7.2	WNW
24.7º	22 nd	-1.2º	11 th	9.20		5.8mm	2 nd	25.4 mm		38.0	4 th	4.6	ESE
23.3°	23 rd	-0.6°	5 th	11.8°		13.4mm	8 th	43.2 mm		34.0	29 th	3.6	NW
33.6°	29 th	6.8°	7 th	15.0°		23.4mm	10 th	84.8 mm		34.0	8 th	5.1	W
37.1º	25 th	7.80	2 nd	18.4º		8.6mm	30 th	35.8 mm		42.0	30 th	4.2	NW
32.6°	25 th	9.70	12 th	17.8°		15.6mm	14 th	61.2 mm		44.0	10 th	5.4	SW
24.9°	15 th	2.6°	8 th	14.5°		38.8mm	24 th	100.0 mm		31.0	23 rd	5.3	W
17.4°	1 st	-0.4°	28 th	13.8°		17.8mm	1 st	105.4 mm		39.0	26 th	5.5	W
14.5°	1 st	-3.0°	19 th	6.2°		19.4mm	14 th	110.6 mm		45.0	2 nd	5.3	SSE
13.1º	30 th	-2.10	2 nd	6.10		13.2mm	19 th	109.4 mm		43.0	19 th	5.6	W
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Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

2019 Highlights: The first half of the year had three months with little more than an inch of rain in January, April and July, which was very dry for gardens. In the last four months, we had more than 100mm of rain each month, totalling 425.4mm (16.748in), which is 151% of the 12 year average. High temperatures were: June 33.6°, July 37.1° and August 32.6°.

Temperatures and Rainfall for 2019



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Friends of Dagnall School and Dagnall Under Fives, would like to thank everybody that donated prizes to our Christmas raffle. This is very much appreciated and the proceeds have such a positive impact on Dagnall Under Fives and Dagnall Church of England School.

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Salvation Sound





Brian with the five young learners at the Carol concert on Dec.1st

Dear Reader

We are saddened by the sudden death of Brian a few days after the concert and also of Dorothy in October.



Lt.Col. Brian & Dorothy Knightley

The Christmas Carol Concert at the village hall was very well attended and we were able to give to Keech Hospice £610.00. The Community Band played well and accompanied the singing. Emily Janes played some delightful music on her clarinet. Brian Knightley who formed the band also introduced us to five young people who were presented with music grade certificates and then played "little Donkey". This the fourth year we have been able to arrange this concert and wish to thank all who came for their interest and support.



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