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*∝Editor* 

# Village Diary April 2020

Weekly

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

(term time)

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

(term time) 358342

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

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

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

(term time) 01582 668841

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

Mondays Movement and exercise classes with a dance flavour, Northall Village hall 2-3,30.Contact

(term time) Jan 01442 864271.

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

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

sdtwinkletoes@yahoo.co.uk

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

kfpa.co.uk

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

Street, Edlesborough. Contact Liz Coates 01442 842550

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, 07800 518654

0/800 318034

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

jtptinfo@gmail.com

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

Fortnightly Place, Eaton Bray

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

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

Contact Barbara on 07854 230243

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

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

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

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Thursdays Intermediate Boxercise, 7.30-8.30pm, Dagnall Village Hall, Josh Thompson 07456

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Thursdays Eaton Bray Methodist Church Social Afternoons, 2 - 4pm, All Welcome

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Retro Line Dance Class, 11.15am to 12.45pm, Faton Bray Village Hall, Beginners Thursdays

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

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Fridays Keep Fit class, Edlesborough Mermorial Hall 10 - 11am

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

07800 518654

Fridays Stay & Play toddler group, 'Musical Monkeys' at the Eaton Bray Village Hall, 10-

11.30am, £4.50 for one adult and child, £1 for extra children/adults, 0-6 months free

Fridays Scouts, 10 ½ to 14 years old), 7.00-8.30pm, 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout

Hut, High Street, Edlesborough. Contact Mark Owen, 07899 892344, ebescoutleader@

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

(term time) 376124

Fri (term time) Art Courses, Whipsnade Village Hall, 9.30am – 12.30pm. Lorna Moore 078 9661 9660 Saturdays Jazzercise, 9.30-10.30am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Angela Veryard, 01525 715208

KFPA Musical Theatre classes 4+vrs www.kfpa.co.uk, 10am, Edlesborough Memorial Saturdays

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Bootcamp Fitness, 9-10am, Dagnall Recreation Ground, Josh Thompson 07456 574405 Saturdays

or jtptinfo@gmail.com

Sunday Worship at 11am and 6pm Edlesborough Baptist Church, Moor End, LU6 2FL Sundays

Contact Alister on 07572 395687

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

**Monthly** 

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

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

Jones on 01525 220991

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

(ex. Bank Hols) Westwood (01525 839083)

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

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

8pm. For details contact 01525 222441 or 01582 755147

St. Mary's Church, Eaton Bray Coffee Morning & Plant Sale, 10:30am - 12 noon 1st Saturday

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)

Edlesborough W.I. Meeting, 7.30 pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall. Contact Sue 2nd Tuesday

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

CAMEO Coffee, tea & chat, 10am-12noon, Edlesborough Methodist Church 2nd Thursday

Workshops Dynamic Yoga 9.30-11am £10 Eaton Bray Coffee Tayern, Keira 07936 2nd Saturday

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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

5th Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club Meeting, 10.30am-3.30pm, Eaton Bray

Village Hall

17th Leukaemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30am. All welcome.

21st Dagnall and Kensworth Friendship Club outing to Bicester Garden Centre for lunch and

shopping leaving Dagnall at 11.40am

#### One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

1st Curry Night for Macmillan Cancer Support, Cafe Masala, £20 per head 01525 222264 4th

Great British Spring Clean in Northall & Edlesborough, meet Edlesborough Green at

6-17th Eaton Bray Lawn Tennis Club Easter Tennis Camps, Sara 07561 571578 18th Eaton Bray Village Litterpick, meet at School Lane car park at 10am

19th Carnival Queen and Princess draw, 11:15am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, entries deadline

16th April

25th Great British Spring Clean in Northall & Edlesborough, meet Edlesborough Green at

#### LEN BUCKINGHAM

Eve and her family would like to give our sincere thanks to everybody who has sent their condolences to us, together with cards, flowers and generous donations to charity. Len lived in Edlesborough for 50 years and made many friends whilst he was here who have remembered him and supported us at this time which has been a great help.

#### RON ROBERTS

Margaret, Adrian, Alison, and family would like to thank all those who attended Ron's funeral, and also all who donated in memory of Ron. A total of £296.00 was raised for Cancer Research UK.

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## The Wednesday Club



The Wednesday Club, who meet every Wednesday in Northall Village Hall, are seeking additional volunteer drivers of their 12-seat Minibus. We pick up members from their homes in the surrounding villages between 9:15am and 10am, and then take them home again at 3pm. If you are interested, please contact Peter Williams, Chairman of the Trustees, on 01442 842 506.





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Peter Williams: 01442 842506

Village Hall Booking Contacts

Northall: Lorna Cubbage 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**: Liz Coates 01442 842550 & Trish Owen 07762 151364

Email DVH Bookings@outlook.com

Edlesborough Memorial Hall: Penny Pataky, Tel: 01525 229358

Email: manager@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk

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Typetalk: 18001 01582 473418

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**WEEK-DAYS:** 

Wednesday: 10.00am Holy Communion EVERYONE WELCOME AT THESE SERVICES

In light of the current Coronavirus situation the Pastoral Care Team at St. Mary's, Eaton Bray welcomes your assistance in identifying any of our parishioners who might be sick or otherwise benefit from their support during this challenging time. Please contact Gaye Soule on 07807924218 (m) or send an email to admin@stmaryseatonbray.org.uk in this regard.

# Open Gardens 2020

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

This year's event will on 23rd August so people who have previously opened their gardens in mid-June or July may wish to show off an entirely fresh colour scheme and others who have not opened their gardens before may feel their garden is more beautiful in August when we can expect a feast of dahlias, heleniums, rudbeckia, etc.. This is a really special event in our villages' calendar. We already have a few offers of

gardens but we do need some more.

Please would you open your garden? Contact Kay - 222849 or Gordon - 220136 Now is the time to offer to open your garden. It can be large or small – all gardens have something to offer visitors and past experience suggests that those who open their gardens are delighted by the positive feedback they receive. Do please think about it, then get in touch with either Kay Griffiths (222849) or Gordon Gray (220136).

# Eaton Bray with Edlesborough Parish News

Vicar: Rev'd Joy Cousans

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

Curate: Rev'd Stephen Burge

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

**Reader: Gordon Gray (01525 220136)** 

Website: www.stmaryseatonbray.org.uk Facebook: St Mary's Eaton Bray

For many people the beauty of the world leads them to think about the creator. The vibrant colour of a sunset, the glorious views from a mountain peak, or the crisp crunch of leaves underfoot in autumn are all moments of wonder. I love walking beside the sea and gazing out into the vastness of the ocean. If you visit the same beach regularly, you notice that it is constantly changing. And the sea itself changes too- from gentle waves lapping the shore to huge powerful waves whipped up by an angry wind.

As you look out over the ocean, all you can see is where the water meets the horizon. It is a reminder of how small we are as human beings in comparison with the world, the universe and God. In Psalm 8, the Psalmist wondered: 'What are human beings, that you think of them; mere mortals that you care for them?'

This is a theme which recurs throughout the Bible and is particularly evident in the Psalms. The Psalms were used as songs of thanks and praise in worship. Christians today still use the Psalms in addition to hymns and songs written through the centuries right up to the present day. Hymn writers are inspired by many things: by the Bible, by creation and by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. During Holy Week and Easter we recall God's great love in sending his son, Jesus, to show us the way to the Father. On Good Friday, churches throughout the world remember that Jesus loved each of us so much that he was prepared to die on the cross. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, each one of us can have a personal relationship with God, the one who created the vast oceans, planet earth, and the entire universe.



William Reese used the image of the ocean as a picture of God's love in his wonderful hymn, 'Here is love vast as the ocean'. Through Jesus' life, death and resurrection, we have the fullest possible picture of God's love and care for us. Reese describes God's mercy flowing out to us like a 'vast and glorious tide'.

The good news of Easter is that we are loved by God, accepted by God and forgiven by God. It is an invitation for us to respond to that immense love and to share in

the joy which comes from following Jesus. I believe it also reassures us that whatever may happen God continues to love us and we can trust him with all our doubts and fears.

'Grace and love, like mighty rivers poured incessant from above; and heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.' (William Reese) Wishing you all a happy and holy Eastertide, 

Joy Vicar of Eaton Bray with Edlesborough



# "Great British Spring Clean" in Northall and Edlesborough

Spring is here and several litter picks have already taken place in the

Villages resulting in a haul of ten or so bags of assorted litter. Many thanks to those stalwarts who have helped so far, and to those who have been out clearing in their own time and disposed of their haul at home. And still it comes.... At the end of March and the beginning of April, the national "Great British Spring Clean" will take place all over the country. The Keep Britain Tidy brigade will be out in force hoping to make inroads on the piles of rubbish swamping our roads and lanes. If we are lucky, the rain will stop, and the sun will shine on the efforts being made. As I write this (March 9th) we are in the throes of the Covid19 scare, and I have been waiting to see what is happening before making arrangements to join in this year. However, I have decided to go ahead and organise a couple of dates in April - Saturday 4th April and Saturday 25th April -when hopefully we will know where

we are. With a bit of luck, the health and weather gremlins will be out of action and we can spend some time out in the fresh air. These are the two weekend dates, but we shall probably organise one or two weekday litter picks as well. I will email these around the Group and put all the dates on the Village Facebook as well, so keep an eye open. I suggest that if you are interested in joining us on either of these dates, could you drop me a quick email (lornacubbage@btinternet.com) and I will add you to my email

Litter Picking group, so that I can keep you informed of any changes or cancellations. This doesn't commit you to turning up, but it would prevent you from turning up after I have had to cancel due to had

weather, for example, which would be annoying.

We'll meet at the Village Sign on the Green at 10.30am on both dates. Don't forget your hi-vis jackets, stout footwear or boots and, most importantly, rubber gloves. There are still places in the Villages which require attention, as well as the more outlying area of Cock's Close and the main road down to the Traveller's Rest - and anywhere else that you know needs clearing up!! I imagine that we'll finish just after midday but we can keep going if you are having a good time.... I look forward to seeing you on one of the Picks. Let's get together and REALLY annoy those people who can't bear to see a tidy verge!!....

∠Lorna Cubbage

## Great British Spring Clean in Northall & Edlesborough

Saturday 4th April
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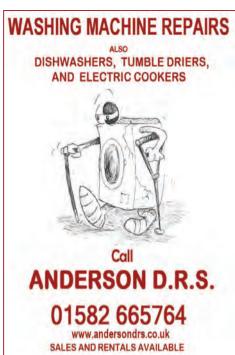
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# Your Village Music Festival in Numbers



Well, you'd expect a few numbers at a music festival, wouldn't you? (Sorry, I couldn't resist that one). But, if you've not been to EdleFest before, I thought you might be surprised by some of the numbers behind our own 'little' festival. So here they are:

- 1 stage (carried up the hill by hand more volunteers always welcome!)
- 2 lighting rigs
- 3 portaloos (delivered by truck thankfully)
- 6 great bands booked for 2020
- 20 artists on stage
- 74 bottles of wine consumed last year (thirsty crowd?)
- 220 tickets available (each night)
- 468 pints of real-ale drunk last year (now, there's a challenge...)
- 699 new website visitors so far (from 27 countries)
- 1800 Watts of sound to liven up our beautiful medieval church
- 2000 flyers distributed (so don't say you've not heard about it!)

I know they're just numbers. But I also know they all add up to 1 fantastic music festival, right on your doorstep! We have music lined-up for the evenings of June 12th and 13th, and both nights are selling well, so don't miss out!

Tickets are available in the village from Janes Flooring (cash or cheque only, please). Or you can get them on-line now via the website, or by calling 01525 221744. We've held the same low prices as last year and there's a discounted rate if you come for both nights – and when you look at the line-up, why wouldn't you?

Find out more online by searching for EdleFest, or visiting *edlefest.site123.me*, by calling 01525 221744, or by email to <u>EdleFest@gmail.com</u>. See you there!

#### Richard Brandon



Standing room only – EdleFest 2019



JigJam – booked for EdleFest 2020

### Dagnall Village Hall Committee

#### **Annual General Meeting 2020**

The Annual General Meeting of the Dagnall Village Hall Management Committee will take place on **Tuesday 2nd June at 7.00pm** in the rear room at the Village Hall.

All residents of Dagnall aged 18 and over are welcome to attend and eligible to vote. The following officers of the committee will be elected:

Chairperson

Secretary – post currently vacant

Treasurer

Bookings Officer – post currently vacant

Anyone wishing to stand for election to one of the offices may obtain a nomination form from the Secretary (telephone 843608). You may also stand as a committee member just as a villager willing to help run a very important part of the village. Please do make the effort to attend the AGM – it's your village hall (and recreation

Please do make the effort to attend the AGM – it's your village hall (and recreation ground) and you have an opportunity to have a say in how it is managed.

#### DAGNALL VILLAGE HALL NEWS - MARCH 2020







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#### It's all about potholes!

We are now fundraising to resurface the DVH carpark and create a disabled access ramp to the newly replaced back door of the rear hall. DVH is widely used by all sorts of groups but the car park surface has seen much better days and is in dire need of an overhaul.

The good news is we have secured £10,000 from the Big Lottery to put towards the project but we need approximately £10k more to reach target. Anything you might care to donate will be greatly appreciated, or if you fancy putting on a fundraiser the committee will be happy to help you. You can donate via cash / cheque or PayPal – dagnall\_village\_hall@outlook.com (friends and family option) or please get in contact for more info including BACs details. Cash and cheques (payable to 'Dagnall Village Hall Project Funds') are very welcome too!

Thanks, Trish Owen – dagnall\_village\_hall@outlook.com 07762 151364



# **Edlesborough Parish Council News**

Including Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall

Ivinghoe Area Freight Zone Proposal

At the February meeting Cllr Wilkinson, who had attended a meeting outlining the Ivinghoe Area Freight Zone Proposals, reported to the Council that whilst the strategy is not ideal for the B440 through Edlesborough and Northall it does appear to be the best proposal available. The Council agreed that they whilst they acknowledge that there will be a significant increase in HGV's on the B440, the Council will support the Bucks CC Freight Strategy provided that the new Buckinghamshire Council put in measures to ensure that:

- The road surface on the B440 through Edlesborough and Northall is brought up to a standard that can withstand the increased HGV traffic.
- The pinch point on Edlesborough Hill is addressed. The narrowness of the road and the visibility mean that two HGV cannot pass each other at this location.

A copy of the Council's full response to the proposal can be found on the Council Website. The Council encourages all parishioners to engage in any future consultations regarding the Ivinghoe Area Freight Zone.

#### **District Cllr Chris Poll**

Cllr Poll attended the February EPC meeting and gave the following report:

"We held our last substantive full Council meeting on the 5th February in which the only matter discussed was staff pay settlements. Most other topics are now left to the new Buckinghamshire authority which after our final shadow authority meeting will convene in early May.



We have made some progress within the planning department whose performance has been unsatisfactory of late with complaints down significantly. It does not compare well with the other districts so resources will be targeted there.

Our in-house refuse system is

a model that it is hoped will be replicated once contracts within the new council are up for renewal.

Unfortunately, the VALP will not be concluded before AVDC ceases to exist. This is due to a very high volume of handwritten responses to the amendments consultation. It is expected that VALP will pass soon after the new Buckinghamshire Council is formed."

With the commencement of the new Buckinghamshire Council Cllr Chris Poll, who has been a District Cllr since May 2011, has decided not to stand for election to the new council. Throughout his term in office Cllr Poll has actively supported Edlesborough Parish Council with advice and support in Parish matters. Edlesborough Parish Council wishes to express their sincere gratitude for this and wish him every success in his future endeavours.

#### **County Cllr Anne Wight**

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

- Ivinghoe area freight zone proposal
- Reporting Unauthorised Encampments
- Fairerfunding plea to look after Buckinghamshire's roads
- Slicketts Lane flooding & potholes

#### **Council Elections**

Elections to Edlesborough Parish Council are due to take place on the 7th May. If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor, please contact the clerk for further information.

#### **Traffic Management & Speedwatch**

The EDaN Traffic Management team played a significant role in getting the A4146, through the parish, changed to the B440. This gives us the potential for more influence to put in measures for

traffic calming etc. So far, the pressure for a 7.5T weight limit has been ignored by BCC (see the item on Freight Strategy above). We are looking for new members



to keep the pressure on the new authority and for volunteers to help with the new Speedwatch Sentinel device. If you have an interest in traffic management in the villages or are concerned about Road Safety, please contact Cllr Alan Williams at Alan.williams@ edlesborough-pc.gov.uk or 07828 398371

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



The Anne Thompson Young People's Cup for Excellence is an award that is presented by EPC to a young person in the Parish who has come to the attention of the Council. The cup may be awarded for excellent achievement, raising awareness of an issue, contributing to the

local community or for another reason that makes the young person stand out to the Council.

Nominations for the 2020 recipient should be submitted to the Parish Clerk by 30th May 2020.

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

#### EdleFest 2019

The **EdleFest** dates for 2019 have been confirmed 12th and 13th June. More



information and tickets are available via the EdleFest website https://edlefest.site123.me/

#### The Great British Spring Clean

This will take place between 20th March and 13th April this year. Any parishioner interested in taking part in litter picking etc. should contact Mrs Lorna Cubbage on 01525 220361 or lornacubbage@ btinternet.com

#### The New Pavilion

The project is currently experiencing a 4-5 week delay due to the poor weather conditions

Unfortunately, the Council's Lottery Funding application which would have been used to fund the

final stages of the project has been refused. EPC's Pavilion Working Party and ECSC continue to work hard exploring other funding options.

It is not too late for Parishioners to 'Buy a Brick' or sponsor the fitting out of the New Pavilion, anyone wanting more information on this should contact Ken Holloway on ken.holloway@keffi.net

For the latest information and any updates please look on the Parish Council website.

#### **Allotments**

Are you a keen gardener? We currently have allotment plots available in the Parish. Anyone wishing to take on an allotment should contact the Clerk. Fees are £2 per pole and plots range in size from 5-10 poles.

#### **Streetlights**

Please report failed streetlights in Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall to the Clerk for repair.

When making a report please ensure you provide the Clerk with the information displayed on the lamp post.

#### **EPC Meetings**

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

- · Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 16th April 2019. This will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting which commences at 7.30pm. This meeting is a review to parishioners of the Council's activities and achievements over the previous 12 months.
- Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 21st May 2019. This is the Annual Meeting of the Council. At the beginning of the meeting the Chair and Vice-Chair are elected and committee members and representatives to other bodies are appointed.
- The meetings will commence at 7:30pm.

All Parishioners are welcome to attend all 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



# St Mary's Village Carnival 2020

In aid of St Mary's Church Eaton Bray Fabric Fund,
Dunstable Foodbank and other local charities & good causes
This year the Carnival will be held on Saturday the 4th of July 2020 with the theme of 'HEROES'.

#### **CARNIVAL QUEEN 2020**

If you are aged between 7 and 12 years and live in Dagnall, Eaton Bray, Edlesborough or Northall you could be leading the procession in the Carnival Queen carriage. This year's Queen and assistants will be chosen by draw on Sunday the 19th of April 2020 in Eaton Bray village hall.

Visit www.stmarysvillagecarnival.com for further details and an application form.

#### INFORMATION FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

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

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

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

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

#### WE NEED YOUR HELP

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

There are some specific roles where we need help urgently:

- · Assist with the Church tombola
- Arrange and running the BBQ on Carnival day

If you know someone who is itching to help then please contact us through the website or Facebook page.

### **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.

#### 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.

#### Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council Held on Monday 3rd February 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 CBC Email: customers@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

CBC Customer Services: 0300 300 8301

#### **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

**EB Bloomers**: The Parish Council wished to thank the volunteers of the EB Bloomers for the lovely planting displays around the village.

**Parish Council Website:** Reminder - the Parish Council website is going through updates/ maintenance so it complies with new government guidelines. During the update minutes/ documentation should be accessible, however if you experience difficulties obtaining information during the maintenance period please contact the Parish Clerk for assistance.

**Village Market:** 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.

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**Speedwatch** If you would like to get involved in trying to slow down traffic in the village/ concerned about road safety, please contact the Parish Clerk.

#### **Parish Council Meeting Dates:**

Held in The Coffee Tavern / 1st floor, from 7:30pm (please check website for any changes to date/times)

\*Monday 6th April 2020 \*Monday 4th May 2020



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# St Mary's Village Carnival

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

Are you aged between 7 and 12 years?

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

To take part all you have to do is complete and return an entry form (details below) and come along to Eaton Bray Village Hall on

Sunday 19 April at 11.15am

when a draw to select the Queen, Princess and two Attendants will take place.

#### **How to Enter**

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

www.stmarysvillagecarnival.com

Entry forms should be returned to Cheryl by 16<sup>th</sup> April 2020

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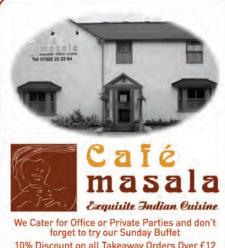
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# **Dagnall Community Choir**

Spring is finally upon us, and after a gloomy winter of stormy winds and so

much rain, we are looking forward to the bright skies and light evenings that April brings.

The change in season has been marked by some wonderful upbeat new music in the choir's repertoire – we have started learning "Anything Goes" from the Cole Porter musical of the same name, and "You've Got a Friend in Me" by Randy Newman, well known as the theme from Toy Story. It's always very exciting when new sheet music gets handed out at our Monday night rehearsals, and these songs are great fun to sing!

Our repertoire is wide ranging and quite diverse, so as well as well known show tunes by world famous songwriters, we have also been learning some reflective choral pieces, by composers who have a more local connection. Philip Stopford is a contemporary composer who originally hails from Leighton Buzzard, and the choir love his classical choral arrangements. "Do Not Be Afraid" is poignant and beautifully harmonious and we are looking forward to singing it in front of an appreciative audience.

Our final new song is entitled "Vulnerati", and has been written by local composer Jeremy Cladd, for Dagnall Community Choir to sing with The South Beds Concert Band at our forthcoming joint concert. We feel very privileged to have been invited to sing this lovely piece of music, and to join forces with such an accomplished group of musicians to bring an evening of entertainment to our community.

Please note, this concert, originally due to take place in May, has had to be postponed – we will advise a new date as soon as we are able.

The next concert in our schedule takes place on **Saturday 12th September**, when we will celebrate the choir's 10th anniversary, with a selection of some of our very favourite songs from the past decade. Watch this space for more information...

As usual the choir is always on the lookout for new members, and we know that there are plenty of people living in and around these villages that are very keen to sing in a choir, so do please come along and join us. For more information, or to get in touch, please take a look at our website www.dagnall-community-choir.co.uk.



# EDaN Community Car Service 2011 to 2020

The car service carried its first passengers in May 2011. It was established to fill the gap left by public transport. Although it is run by volunteers it was established with the help of Bucks C.C. and is under the wing of Edlesborough Parish Council.

Since the start the volunteer drivers have taken people on some 4500 return trips. The cost being a mileage charge and any parking fees incurred. While the majority are medical appointments at hospital, doctors or dentist they also include visits to friends and family in hospital, nursing homes and hospices; to do a big shop for those not internet savvy; to take otherwise housebound people to the hairdressers and local clubs organised for their benefit.

The only restrictions are that the passenger should bring a helper if they need help to get to their appointment and under 18s should be accompanied by a responsible adult. Most of the drivers have been doing it since 2011 but inevitably we have lost some to house moves, ill health or simply old age. None have left because they didn't like it! Trips vary in length and duration and if not convenient you can say no to doing that trip and the organiser will find someone else so it can easily fit in with a driver's other commitments.

This is a community service. As a community please get behind it as users and if possible as a driver.

If you want to know more about making a booking please ring Peter Williams on 01442 842506. He needs 48 hours notice as a minimum to book a driver.

If you are interested in driving for the service again ring Peter for more information or email him at peterw500@aol.com.

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### Dagnall and Kensworth Friendship Group

By 2021 there will have been meetings in Dagnall Village Hall, on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, of (originally) Dagnall over 60s and now **Dagnall and Kensworth Friendship Group**.

The new name emphasises its purpose of providing an opportunity to meet friends or make new ones. All are welcome, though as a weekday event, members are mostly retirees, and anyone willing to help with the organisation are always especially welcome.

The programme for the rest of the year is:

April Coach to Bicester for lunch, garden centre and shops

May Ploughman's Lunch at Dagnall Village Hall

June Afternoon Tea with quiz in DVH

July Afternoon Tea in DVH and visit to local gardens and ice cream

August Tea, biscuits and music

September Coach to Woburn Safari Park open to non-members

October Sausage and Mash Lunch at DVH and Bingo

November Afternoon Tea and speaker at DVH

December Xmas Lunch at DVH

In January 2021 we will celebrate our 50th Birthday. It would be lovely to do this with new members as well as old.

If you would like more information or want to join us in April or for lunch in May please contact Rosemary Holt our Chairman on 01442 843202.





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### 17th Eaton Bray Beer Festival

#### June 5th and 6th 2020

We are sorry, but the "bug" has got to us and we are having to cancel this year's event.

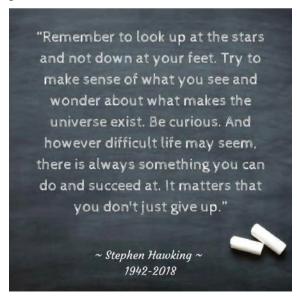
Our problem is that there are a lot of upfront costs to a beer festival, mainly beer!! And with the uncertainty over public events and us being a charity it was not possible, nor wise, to take such a big risk.

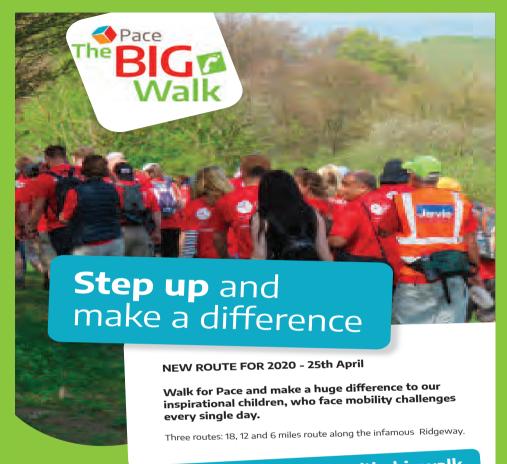
BUT fear not, we have rearranged it for **2021**, **in fact June 4th and 5th 2021**. So, hold your thirst and come and taste some fabulous beers next year.

Unfortunately, we also had to postpone the Village Hall Quiz on April 18th, but we will be holding that on **24th October 2020**.

We just want to say thank you for your support in the past and let you know that we will be back in the swing very soon, October in fact!!

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### **EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL**

Eaton Bray Village - Litter Pick, Saturday 18th April 2020



We are planning a litter pick on Saturday 18th April 2020.

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For further information please call Roy Michel 07931 520166 or Marie Brewer 07983422299.



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# St Mary's Eaton Bray



Satura 2 April 2020 7 20 - 3.00pm Earn Bray Village Hall

Cond has a rummage amongst the stalls on offer - some contents are some pre-loved items! Also a raffle, plants, cakes, bounded and sweets tombola, and delicious lunchtime refreshments, including our legendary bacon butties!

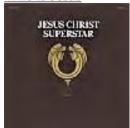
If you would like a stall for £15, contact Barbara Morton on 01525 852368 or email barbara·morton1@gmail·com FREE ADMISSION!



### **Northall Baptist Church**

#### A little Church with strong local links

#### Who is Jesus



During Lent we have been studying a series entitled 'Superstar' thinking about the now, 50 year old 'rock opera', Jesus Christ Superstar by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. One of the studies was entitled 'Who is Jesus?' As we approach Easter, we might well ask 'Who is Jesus?' What would our answer be - the most amazing man who lived, died and rose again? Surely that must be a 'Superstar' although the musical/rock opera did not include the real punch line – the resurrection. There is no Christian

faith without the resurrection.

But 'who is Jesus'? Because of the resurrection, the question is 'who is Jesus?' not 'who was Jesus?' Many people vaguely say that they believe in God but don't feel that they have a clear picture of what that means. If asked many will say they are Christians or some say 'CofE'. Is God different from Jesus? There is a lot of historical evidence that Jesus lived here on earth. Even when Jesus was here teaching, people were asking who he was. Jesus was aware of this and in Matthew 16 v 16 he asked his disciples who people thought he was. They replied that some thought he was John the Baptist resurrected (Matthew 14 tells that King Herod had beheaded him), some thought Elijah or Jeremiah or some other prophet. Many today think Jesus was some sort of prophet as his life here on earth cannot be denied. Jesus went on to ask his disciples who they thought he was. After being with him since he began his public life, seen his miracles, his compassion and his knowledge of what we call the Old Testament, they must have had many thoughts about him. Simon Peter answered Jesus with conviction 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God'.

This month includes Easter, school holidays, Easter eggs, Easter egg hunts, chocolate, new skippy lambs, longer days, the beginning of warmer weather perhans? It's a very special

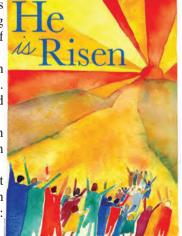
time for a Christian as on Easter Day we celebrate Jesus resurrection. However, we also remember Jesus suffering on the cross as he died for us all, to give us forgiveness, if we ask Him.

Jesus gives us the answer himself about who he is - in John 11 v 25 he says 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.'

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/

Ruth Cox Tel: 07791 425625



### THE ANNIVERSARY 18TH - 20TH JUNE

Mum is a formidable, scapel tongued, possessive, cruel but charming woman. Every year since her husband died, mum's held an anniversary party. Her daughter-in-law and three grown up sons have no choice but to attend. They are dominated by her, as the sons work for the family business, a shoddy building company, run by mum. But, at this anniversary party, the worm is turning. The youngest son is bringing a girlfriend to challenge her. Let battle commence.

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The Wizard of Oz - 18 Apr

#### Dance

Anne Gale School of Dance - School Show 2020 - 5 Apr

The Sleeping Beauty - 19 Apr

#### **Live Music**

The Magic of the Beatles - 4 Apr Pop Divas Live! - 6 Apr

The Best of That'll Be The Day! - 8 Apr

The Illegal Eagles - 9 Apr Soul Legends - 17 Apr

Bowie Experience - 24 Apr

Seven Drunken Nights - The Story of the

Dubliners - 29 Apr

#### **Encore Screening**

Kinky Boots - 13 Apr

#### **Live Screening**

Swan Lake - 1 Apr

Cavalleria Rusticana/Pagliacci - 27 Apr

#### Literature & Talks

Dom Joly's Holiday Snaps - Travel and Comedy in the Danger Zone - 10 Apr

#### Theatre

Waiting for Godot - 11 Apr

#### **Opera**

Aida - 7 Apr

#### Workshops

Easter Theatre Club - 6 - 9 Apr

GPP Auditions: The Sound of Music - 26, 30 Apr

#### Comedy

Barnstormers Stand Up Comedy 2020 - 30 Apr

Rhod Gilbert: The Book of John - 2 Apr Jethro: The Final Goodbye - 15 Apr

Josh Widdicombe – Bit much - 23 Apr

Chris Ramsey - 25 Apr

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#### All Saints' Church, Dagnall Services in April 2020



Morning Service at Kensworth Methodist Church Sun. 5th April 10.30 am Fri. 10th April 6.00 pm Good Friday Service

**Easter Day** 

Sun. 12th April 9.00 am **Eucharist** 10.30 am Family Service 10.30 am Family Communion Sun. 19th April

Sun. 26th April 10.30 am Morning Service Sun. 3rd May 9.00 am Eucharist

> 10.30 am Morning Service at Kensworth Methodist Church

If you are interested in your child attending Sunday School, as an introduction to church-going, please contact Liz Coates at lizcoates@btinternet.com



## Eaton Bray Methodist Church

Our first service in February was led by Elisabeth Bibbings, our

Circuit Lay worker, and always a welcome preacher at our chapel. She highlighted Jesus's concern for the outsiders, the outcasts, the 'other', reminding us that, where Jesus cares, so should we. On our second Sunday, in the Café Service we explored the concept of 'the Lighthouse', a dependable reference point in times of danger and confusion. Ben Williams, visiting preacher provided with a stimulating range of activities, revealing the need for guidance, trust and steadfastness in the midst of struggles. On the third Sunday, Joan Gregory gave us a thoughtful and challenging message; God's law affects the whole of our being. Good actions are important but we need to ensure that our thoughts are just as good. We finished the month with a fine sermon from Colin Quine, who gave us a modern translation of the Beatitudes, presenting the truth of God's message with a great impact. At a time when the demands on us are heavy, we often feel overwhelmed but we should press ahead knowing that God will provide the resources.

NB: All our social events including Saturday Café Community and Thursday Social Afternoons have been cancelled to minimise the risk of Coronavirus infection to our older members and guests.

#### **Methodist Lay Worker's Letter**

Dear Friends.

#### The Inter-Connectedness of Things

No, this is not the title of a book by Professor Brian Cox or Stephen Hawking. It's actually the title of a piece of music, one of those relaxing abstract pieces that you might hear in the background at a spa or while listening to a mindfulness playlist.

Inter-connectedness is something that has been very much on everyone's mind recently. A man comes back from a conference in China. Someone goes on holiday to Tenerife or Italy. Lots of people go on cruises around the world – and they come home, feeling well – and in a few days, they have to stay at home, while everyone they come in contact with – health workers, colleagues, family, friends – wonder if they are carrying the dreaded virus.

Coronavirus has shown us how connected we all are, how the strands of life bind us together in common humanity.

Easter is a time when God showed how he was intimately connected with us. Jesus came, not only to teach, preach and heal the sick, but to pour out all his love on the cross. In so doing, he healed humanity's broken connection with its Creator. Christians do not ever claim to be perfect, but we know we have been put right with God, though we need to repeatedly say sorry for getting it wrong.

What does Easter mean to you? A chocolate-fest? Time for DIY or attacking the early gardening jobs? A roast lamb dinner with family? It means so much more, so very much more than that. Easter is when God showed us how very connected to us ordinary humans he is

My prayer is that among the eggs and chocolate, you will find the true meaning of Easter for yourself.

A very Happy Easter! «Elisabeth Bibbings

#### **Plantar Fascial Pain**

Plantar fascial pain affects around 1 in 10 people in the UK and is pain running along the sole of the foot or from the underside of the heel bone (calcaneus). It is most common between the ages of 40 and 60 and affects twice as many women as men.



If symptoms persist for more than 4-6 weeks, you should consider seeing a physiotherapist 4. for a more comprehensive

assessment to get to the root of your problem. A Podiatrist opinion and assessment of your foot posture on whether you would benefit from orthotic innersoles may also be beneficial. Here are some simple tips that might help to manage plantar fascial pain:

- 1. Avoid walking, running or high impact exercise focus on lower impact alternatives such as cycling, cross training or swimming.
- 2. Calf exercises and stretches/massage are important a stronger calf muscle

will help to offload the plantar fascia. Reducing calf tension from the calf muscle with stretching or self-massage (using a foam roller or tennis ball) will reduce the strain from the Achilles tendon into the plantar fascia.

- Taping and compression can be useful

   a Strassburg sock night time splint or taping of the plantar fascia can reduce symptoms and allow you to exercise more.
- 4. Gel heel supports can help cushion or reduce the shock from walking by reducing the forces transmitted through the heel of your foot.

St Judes have an experienced team of Physiotherapists and Podiatrists and are located near Morrison's.



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### MEETING PLACE AVAILABLE

Does your leisure group/voluntary organisation need premises for your regular meetings?

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### Dunstable & District Local History Society 14th April 7.45pm

#### Sex, Drugs...and Tapeworms

Popular speaker Kevin Varty uses a display of advertisments from old newspapers to illustrate his talk about remedies in Victorian times for a range of bodily concerns...everything from corsets to indigestion tablets!

Methodist Church Hall, Dunstable Visitors always welcome £2

### Eaton Bray Gricket Glub

Ground preparation is well under way and even after all that the weather has thrown at us this

winter the playing surface and outfield look cracking. Massive thanks should go to James and Ozzy for their hard work and dedication to the club.

Winter Nets have been a big success and will continue until April 15th at Dunstable Town Cricket Club.

A date for the diary is April 4th when we will be having an "Open Day" between 11am and 1pm. A chance for people to come for a look round and see the facilities and how the club is run. Members will be on hand for a cuppa and chat should you wish. Later in the day the bar will be open for the Grand National. Fundraising for the new pavilion is an off field priority this year with boundary advertising available at the ground charged at £450 for a 3 year contract.

There is also the opportunity to sponsor a match ball for £30. All advertisers will receive coverage on our Social Media pages as well as a mention in Focus and any other publications that we will use throughout the year. More fundraising ideas are in the pipeline and hopefully will be on show on our stand at St Marys Carnival on July 4th. For more information please contact us on Facebook or Twitter.

We have 2 home friendly fixtures both

### St Mary's 100 Club

The lucky prize-winners are:

#### February 2020

1st prize – Geoffrey Wheeler 2nd prize – Robert Dickson 3rd prize – John Plater starting at 1pm on April 18th against New Bradwell and April 19th against Roving Reporters before the season openers the following week where the 1st X1 are at home to Old Bradwell and the 2nds travel to Shenley Church End. All support will be appreciated.

Eaton Bray Cricket Club are always on the lookout for new players of any age or ability. We are a progressive family friendly club fielding 2 senior teams in the FCCL on Saturdays and a senior side in the Beds Sunday League.

We also run 6 junior teams at under 9, 2 at under 11, 2 at under 13 and an under 15 side. Finally we would like to thank Meadow Marquees Houghton Insurance and the Focus for their continued support.

Please enjoy your cricket with Eaton Bray in 2020.



### Eaton Bray Cricket Club Est 1914

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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.

LADY MARIAN ALFORD

Marianne Margaret Compton, who became known as Lady Marian Alford when she married John Hume Cust Egerton, Viscount Alford, was a remarkable woman with artistic and organisational skills the envy of many of her contemporaries. Born in Italy in 1817, her 71 years were full of interest and the area around Ashridge benefitted from her design skill as much as her ability to get things done. Reading rooms, churches, farms and cottages were all repaired on her watch and new almshouses and schools were built.

She looked after two sons until they became of age when her husband died, ran the estates of both Ashridge and Belton in Lincolnshire and found time to write a seminal work 'Needlework as Art', published in 1886. In addition, residents of Ringshall and Little Gaddesden will no doubt have been grateful for the introduction of a piped water supply in 1857, which she masterminded.

Along the way she decided to re-design the Monk's Garden at Ashridge, which had been created by Humphrey Repton. Her creative design consisted of the coats of arms of the four



families connected with Ashridge, namely Egerton, Brownlow, Compton and Cust, all planted in box and yew. The wilful nature of plants makes recognising the arms quite hard today but luckily we have the original design complete with description or blazon to tell us what was intended (see panel).

The Compton coat of arms has a black background with a golden lion walking along between three silver esquire's helmets.

Marian lived at Ashridge until her second son married in 1868. She then moved to Alford House in Kensington, which she had designed for herself. There she entertained royalty, statesmen and artists and continued creating accomplished watercolours.

Lady Alford died at Ashridge in February 1888, leaving an artistic legacy unrivalled in her time, including the revised Monk's Garden shown here.

Next time: Harpenden



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# Not a Lot of People Know This... Eaton Bray Model Sportdrome



Eaton Bray Sportsdrome was opened in the late 1940s by Douglas Arthur Russell the owner of Aeromodeller Magazine. It was, for a short time, to become the Mecca for model enthusiasts from all over the world.

Modelling activities in Britain have always experienced opposition and had restrictions imposed, which have increased dramatically of late. Issues of noise and pressure through commercial and leisure development continue to impact on the hydro lakes and flying sites available. The situation for tethered cars has been even more difficult with no tracks at all in this country since the demise of Mote Park, Maidstone in the 70's. Enthusiasts would love to see a track established in this country and model flyers continue to petition the BMFA to create a central flying site. Yet sixty years ago, such a facility did exist. This was the Model Sportsdrome at Eaton Bray in Bedfordshire, and the man behind this modelling mecca was D.A. Russell the Managing Editor of the 'Aeromodeller'.

He is the author of more standard works on the subject than any other man and is associated with a group of companies giving a complete service to those interested in full sized and model aeronautics.

#### Aeromodeller - August 1945 Eaton Bray Model Sportsdrome

As stated in last month's Editorial, full facilities and amenities will not be available until next year, but from Saturday September 15th of this year, the Aerodrome will be available on Saturdays and Sundays for the flying of all types of model aircraft from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Adminission charges will be 1s. per adult person, 6d. per person under sixteen years of age. Both these charges will be reduced by half for admission after 3 p.m. on both days.

Water for drinking purposes and lavatory accommodation for both sexes will be available free. A limited amount of protection from rain, will, it is hoped, be available, if required.

Cars, motor cycles and bicycles may be parked round the sides of the Aerodrome There will be no organized competitions this year, but club members may organize competitions amongst themselves, subject to noninterference with the flying of other visitors.

Flying may take place on any part of the Aerodrome subject to the general directions of the Aerodrome Manager.

Owing to the grass having been sown as recently as the Spring of this year, the normal close-cropped surface will hardly have been consolidated. Small temporary take-off boards will be available.

# Dunstable & Luton Journal - October 12th 1945 First in The World

In the early part of next year, Eaton Bray will be the centre of the world's first model Sportsdome.

Now under construction it will afford aero-modellers the opportunity of enjoying their hobby under the most favourable conditions.

The site which is just over 70 acres in the form of a square with 600yard sides was licensed as a civilian aerodrome just before the war, and is regarded as an ideal spot.

Other reasons for the choice are that the ground lies in a sheltered part and trees and other obstructions are remarkably few. From the ground around it will be easy to watch planes in flight or to retrieve straying machines.

The site is being laid out for the flying of all types of model aircraft and there will be every amenity both for visitors and those who do the flying.

#### All the Year Round

The ground is large enough for clubs to occupy different parts without interfering with the flying arrangements of others. There will be all the year-round facilities and particularly during the summer months.

Central figure and inspirer of the project is Mr D A Russell the well-known pioneer in model aeronautics. He was the first man in the country to set up a wind tunnel and other essential equipment for research purposes.

Courtesy of eatonbray.com website



GOOD FRIDAY, the 19th, saw the arrival of the first visitor to Eaton Bray, when R. G. Lishman, of King's Langley, was given permission to pitch his tent in advance of the official opening of the Flying Season on April 20th. The full camping contingent included a party of six from Birmingham, and visitors from Selby, Yorks., Biggin Hill, Kent, Leicester, London, and most of the neighbouring towns.

Saturday dawned with the promise of fine weather and soon the crowds began to arrive, as the *Daily Express* reporter was later to observe, "with their models tucked underneath their arms." And how they came!

The refreshment marquee came in for its share of attention. There was a happy, carefree atmosphere that all the organisation in the world could not have engendered if it was not so patently obvious that everyone was enjoying his or herself just as they liked best.

A number of well-known modellers and their models put in an early appearance. There was J. S. Evans, of "Viking" fame, with a biplane developed from his mid-wing" Middy" that took kindly to the evening air. One or two neat petrol jobs made an appearance, including one flown by a test pilot which demonstrated a truly American climb—until it banked a little too near the deck.

Sunday showed an increase in the attendance-with cars stretching well into the distance. Mr. P. E. " Natsneez "Norman arrived with his flight of miniature petrol models, and "Nimbus"—a descendant of "Old Nog"—towering over them all. A flight was tried about mid-day and the high-aspect ratio soarer climbed like a bird to about a thousand feet, where it made contact with a cotton wool cumulus cloud and disappeared ever upwards. That was the last of "Nimbus" for Sunday. Later that afternoon a small crowd assembled near Fulham, watching what a less knowledgeable onlooker declared to be a new sort of Doodlebug coming in to land-it was "Nimbus"! The model had been aloft for over three hours and covered about 40 miles as the crow flies. Howard Boys in his turn produced some excellent rocket propelled flights with "Flaming Ptero" and his new scale model "Vampire," which gave a fascinating display until the rockets proved too much for the balsa.

Monday was, of course, the culminating day, when everyone who was "anyone" put in an appearance. The trains were packed with modellers, and residents

Mr. Maile, in white shirt, assisted by Mr. Rider of "Rider Wheels," awaiting the timekeeper's signal to start in the petrol contest in which he took second place.





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#### What does the new council mean for me?

- The same services, better together. For most people there will be no change to the day-to-day services you use. This includes bin collections, looking after our elderly and young people, libraries and parking. The focus for the future will be on improving these services as a new council together.
- One council. Getting in touch with the council will be simpler because you'll only need to contact one council for all the services currently provided by the county and district councils.
- Face-to-face advice, support and information from your council through a network of 17 local
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  complex enquiries.
- Stronger links with local communities. Buckinghamshire Council councillors will work closely with local people and community organisations to understand and respond to the key issues affecting their local area through 16 Community Boards.

#### Who will be my local councillor on the new council?

There will be 147 councillors elected to Buckinghamshire Council. Elections for the new council will take place on 7 May 2020. Until these newly elected councillors take up their posts, your current elected members from the five existing councils will continue to serve your communities.

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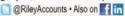
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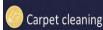
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# the WI

Eaton Bray W.I.

Eaton Bray March WI meeting. Our Chairman informed us of the Spring Group Meeting on Thursday 23rdApril, to be hosted by the Dunstable WI, to which we were invited

There were four new members

Our speaker for the evening was Sue Mitchell, who gave a very interesting talk about Birds of Bray. Five owls and a Kestrel were perched at the top table and watched proceedings from there!! Sue explained that they had started with two birds, 25 years ago. They presently have 22 birds, but have had as many as 25. Birds of prey are meat eaters and include Falcons, Owls, Hawks, Eagles and Vultures. Caring and feeding she mentioned, was a full time job. Everyone agreed this had been an extremely fascinating talk and an enjoyable evening.

Since our meeting, with the worrying problems of the coronavirus, our Secretary has sent out the following announcement: Because of the Government regulations on the Coronavirus, it has been decided to cancel the WI Meeting AGM on 6th April, the Spring Group meeting on Thursday 23rd April and the WI coffee morning.

#### Stay safe and look after yourselves. Regards Margaret and Deirdrea

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

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#### **Weekly Activities**

#### **Sunday Services**

11am Morning Worship 6.00pm Evening Worship

#### 2nd Monday

2.30pm SilverLink for over 60s

#### Wednesday

10am (term time) Caterpillars Toddler Group 7.30pm LIFE Groups (ring for details and to confirm venue)

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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

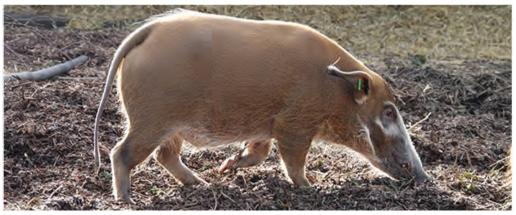
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### **Meet Our Newest Zoo Residents**

Say hello to our red river hog family! Ava, Cameron, Pedro, Penny, Phoebe, Shane and Tommy have recently moved from ZSL Whipsnade Zoo and are settling in nicely to their new home at ZSL London Zoo.

They all have very different personalities but have one thing in common, they all love food! Their favourite food is monkey nuts, and they even eat the shells!

Come along to the Zoo to meet our new residents, and look out for the, ripping apart their straw bales, blowing bubbles in their water trough, and snuggling up together for an afternoon nap.



## The Tiger Who Came To Tree

Zookeepers snapped this striking image of four Amur tigers at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo - all practising their climbing skills at the same time to reach their breakfast.

Parents Naya and Botzman led two of their 19-month-old cubs, Czar and Dmitri, on the synchronised climb, which was caught on camera by keepers.



### ZSL Whipsnade Zoo Comes to You!

ZSL Whipsnade Zoo launches brand new education outreach workshops to local primary schools



Combining curriculum with creatures, ZSL Whipsnade Zoo has launched a brand new educational outreach programme in a bid to inspire more local students to protect wildlife – be that overseas, in their own back gardens, or even in their schools.

Primary schools local to the Zoo can now book outreach visits – with students having the chance to engage with ZSL Whipsnade Zoo's inspiring educators on the role zoos play in conserving endangered animals, climate change, plastic pollution and other key environmental topics in their own school.

Cat Hickey, Education Engagement Manager

at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo said: "At ZSL Whipsnade Zoo we know that people are more likely to act for causes they feel a connection to and are passionate about; and we want to inspire as many young people as possible to work for wildlife.

"Our sessions are aligned with the national curriculum, and with a focus on real conservation action that students can take home, we bring important environmental topics to life – using real-world examples from ZSL's global

conservation projects, from tackling illegal wildlife trade to boosting rare dormice numbers in the UK.

Exploring a variety of fascinating topics including species' habitats and endangered animals, KS1 students will be tasked with matching animals to their specific habitats, while KS2 sessions focus on students trying to piece together how a fake elephant tooth, a honey jar and a camera trap are all linked.

Showcasing the scale of plastic pollution, KS2 sessions will also be accompanied

by a life-size replica tuna fish – helping students understand the journey a single piece of plastic can take from a supermarket shelf to the ocean.

Each session delves into important environmental topics, sparking students' interest in STEM subjects and bringing them a closer understanding of how wildlife health and human health are so closely interlinked.

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## Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

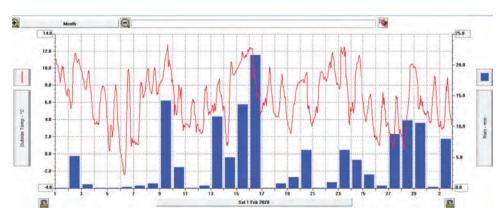
#### Weather Conditions for February 2020 Elevation: 450 ft - Latitude: 51° 50' 13" North - Longitude: 0° 33' 34" West



February started with showers on the 2nd and 3rd, then on the 5th high pressure moved over us and we had a few days of bright, settled weather. On the 6th, we had a cold night and the only time in the month when the temperature dropped below zero, to -2.4°c. It rained almost every day for the rest of the month. Storm Dennis brought us high winds and the wettest day on the 16th with 21.59mm. This was the story for February as a whole, which was generally wet, windy and mild. I still have no reliable data for wind direction or speed this month, but my new anemometer was delivered mid-February. After testing it for a week at a low level of 1.5 metres, it was installed on the mast at 10metres high on the 22nd and is now working fine. This means I should be able to bring you reliable figures for wind speed and direction for March. In the meantime, it was interesting to see the vast difference in the average wind speed at the two levels, as shown in the plot below.

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature:	12.9°c	9 Feb 15.30	− 2.4°c	6 Feb 07.00
Mean Temperature	6.6°c			
Dewpoint:	11.2c	16 Feb 01.00	-3.2°c	6 Feb 07.00
Humidity:	96%	4 days	58%	11Feb 15.00
Barometer:	1037.2mb	5 Feb 11.00	983.3 mb	9 Feb 18.30
Wind Speed	Corrupted data		Months avg.	Corrupted data
Wind Chill:	11.0°c	9 Feb 17.30	− 3.2°c	28 Feb 06.00
<b>Dominant Wind:</b>	WSW			
Rainfall * T = total rain days and moisture. R = Actual rain				
*Rain Days: 23(T), 2	2(R) Wet	test Day 16 Feb	21.59 mm	0.850ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	February 2020	130.6 mm	5.142 ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	1 Month	215.8 mm	8.456 ins

#### February 2020 Another Mild and Wet Month

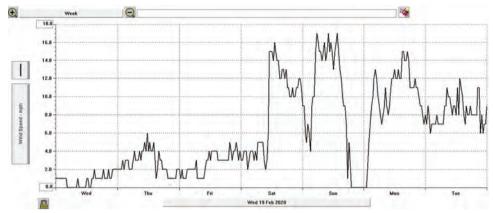


## Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

The difference in average wind speed at low and high levels

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# Eaton Bray Footpaths An Appeal for Someone with a Camera

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These paths, often overgrown, are making walking very difficult for people requiring to use walking aids and it would be impossible with the use of sticks or Zimmer Frames. I visited Councillor Philip.Spicer and explained my concern I was pleased with his reply that I had come at the right time.

He has asked me to map out the positions requiring attention and with the the description and position of an accompanying photograph. Unfortunately I have found my camera

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You'd scarce believe not long ago The clothes we used to wear Were just fit for the rag mans bag They'd holes in here and there The suit was not worth twopence And our shoes went pit-a-pat But what a transformation since We've worn the Army hat

I'm very glad I've joined them
For this I haven't a doubt
That I am on the laughing side
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The crowd may shout till their throats
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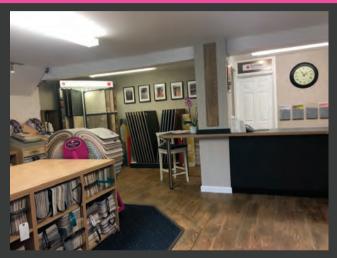
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