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Focus would like to remind contributors that the deadline for articles is the 10th of the preceding month

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

✍️Editor

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After Lockdown Village Diary



Weekly

- Mon-Fri (term time) Eaton Bray Pre-school, Eaton Bray Lower School, 01525 220468
- Mon-Fri (term time) Dagnall Under 5's, Dagnall Village Hall, 9.15am - 12.15pm, Mrs Ann Tobin 07816 358342
- Mon-Fri (term time) Edlesborough Pre-School, Edlesborough School, 01525 220431
manager@edlesborough.bucks.sch.uk
- Mon-Thu (term time) Totternhoe Pre-school, mornings, Totternhoe Lower School, Michelle Urbanowicz on 01582 668841
- Mondays Pilates, 10.45am, Totternhoe Memorial Hall, Lisa: 07832 230774
- Mondays Dagnall Community Choir, All Saints Church 7.45 – 9.45pm
- Mondays (term time) Movement and exercise classes with a dance flavour, Northall Village hall 2-3.30. Contact Jan 01442 864271.
- Mondays Curtain Call Youth Theatre 5-7.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Gavyn 01525 220525
- Mondays Curtain Call Theatre Group - 7:30-10:30pm Eaton Bray Village Hall, Sheila - sdtwinkletoes@yahoo.co.uk
- Mondays KFPA ISTD Classical Ballet classes, 3+yrs, 4.15pm, Edlesbrough Memorial Hall, www.kfpa.co.uk
- Mondays Cubs (8-10 ½ years old), 6.30pm - 8pm, 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Hut, High Street, Edlesborough. Contact Liz Coates 01442 842550
- 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
- Tuesdays Beginner's Boxercise, 6-7pm Dagnall Village Hall, Josh Thompson 07456 574405 or jtpinfo@gmail.com
- Tuesdays Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy, Table Top Sale, 10-12noon, Salvation Army Hall, Booth Fortnightly, 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 (term time) Caterpillars Baby and Toddler Group 10am to 11:30am, Grace Baptist Church, Moor End, 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
- Thursdays Explorers Scouts (14-18 years old), 8pm-9.30pm, 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Hut, High Street, Edlesborough. Contact Simon Betts, lionheartesu@hotmail.co.uk
- Thursdays Intermediate Boxercise, 7.30-8.30pm, Dagnall Village Hall, Josh Thompson 07456 574405 or jtpinfo@gmail.com
- Thursdays Eaton Bray Methodist Church Social Afternoons, 2 - 4pm, All Welcome

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Fridays	Scouts, 10 ½ to 14 years old), 7.00-8.30pm, 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Hut, High Street, Edlesborough. Contact Mark Owen, 07899 892344, ebescoutleader@ebescouts.co.uk
Fridays (term time)	“Little Luvvies” baby ballet classes 10am-11.30am. Contact Emma Whittemore on 01525 376124
Fri (term time)	Art Courses, Whipsnade Village Hall, 9.30am – 12.30pm. Lorna Moore 078 9661 9660
Saturdays	Jazzercise, 9.30-10.30am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Angela Veryard, 01525 715208
Saturdays	KFPA Musical Theatre classes 4+yrs www.kfpa.co.uk , 10am, Edlesborough Memorial Hall
Saturdays	Bootcamp Fitness, 9-10am, Dagnall Recreation Ground, Josh Thompson 07456 574405 or jtptinfo@gmail.com
Sundays	Sunday Worship at 11am and 6pm Edlesborough Baptist Church, Moor End, LU6 2FL Contact Alister on 07572 395687
Sundays	Karate for kids & adults, 4-5:30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Contact 07500 007779
Monthly	
1st Monday	Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, The Coffee Tavern (except Jan-2nd Monday)
1st Monday	Eaton Bray W.I. Meeting, 7.30pm. Eaton Bray Methodist Church Hall. Contact Margaret Jones on 01525 220991
1st & 3rd Mon (ex. Bank Hols)	Knit ‘n Stitch at Edlesborough Village Hall, 1:45pm to 3:45pm. Contact Heather Westwood (01525 839083)
2nd Mon	Film Society, Sep to May, 2pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Graham Chappell 01525 220883
1st & 3rd Tues	Dunstable & District Orbit (social and charitable) Club meet at Dunstable Rugby Club at 8pm. For details contact 01525 222441 or 01582 755147
1st Saturday	St. Mary’s Church, Eaton Bray Coffee Morning & Plant Sale, 10:30am - 12 noon
1st Sunday	St. Mary’s Edlesborough Open Days, 2-5pm, May to September inclusive
2nd Monday	SilverLink, 2.30-4.00pm, Grace Baptist Chapel Edlesborough – activities, talks, friendship & refreshments for the over 60s
2nd Tuesday	Dunstable & District Local History Society meeting, 7.45pm, Methodist Church Hall, Dunstable (opposite Wilkinson)
2nd Tuesday	Edlesborough W.I. Meeting, 7.30 pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall. Contact 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 693696
3rd Thursday	Edlesborough Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
3rd Sunday	Lunch club 11.30 to 2.00pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Chris Hewitt 222288
Last Saturday	Coffee Morning, 10:00-12 noon, Edlesborough Methodist Church

South Central Ambulance Community First Responder

For several years now, Edlesborough and surrounding villages have been fortunate to be served by Nicky Lack who is one of your neighbours and has been your volunteer Community First Responder providing your villages with a rapid response for emergency medical calls. Providing a fast ambulance response to 999 calls in a relatively isolated part of Buckinghamshire is challenging for the ambulance service and having a trained local responder can be a real life saver.

Nicky recently completed training to go front line on our emergency ambulances and is now working full time from Stoke Mandeville ambulance station. We wish her every success in this demanding new role. This means that Nicky has stood down as your first responder and we need to find a local person to replace her.

This is a position for any community minded person who is fit and healthy, self motivated and willing to freely give their time to help others. Our responders are volunteers and do not require any prior medical background, South Central Ambulance will provide full training and supply you with all the equipment needed to do the job. You can choose your own working hours, the only stipulation is that you must be available for a minimum of 20 hours per month.

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Peter Cooper

South Central Ambulance Service

Community First Responder Coordinator

Aylesbury North

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So, if you are aware that somebody near you could use this service here is the telephone number: 01225 560440.

Village Info



EDaN Community Transport
Peter Williams: 01442 842506

Village Hall Booking Contacts

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

Email: northallvhbookings@gmail.com

Eaton Bray: Norman Lee Tel: 07975 797202

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

Dagnall: Liz Coates 01442 842550 & Trish Owen 07762 151364

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Email: manager@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk

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Thames Valley Police (Edlesborough, Dagnall & Northall)

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Eaton Bray with Edlesborough

Parish News

Vicar: Rev'd Joy Cousins

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

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

Usually at this time of year the four villages are getting ready to celebrate St Mary's village carnival. It is always held on the first Saturday in July and was due to take place on Saturday 4th July 2020. Sadly, due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the current restrictions, this year's carnival has had to be cancelled. We have been pondering how we could mark the day in a safe way and provide some entertainment by doing so. St Mary's are planning a Scarecrow Festival for the weekend of 3rd – 5th July which we hope you will join in with. Each household will be invited to decorate a scarecrow scene in their front garden. The theme will be 'Heroes' which gives plenty of scope. Perhaps you might like to represent some of the wonderful heroes who are doing truly amazing work on the frontline in the current crisis. You might want to choose your favourite super hero or a character from the Bible. Or you might think of something completely different!

One of the remarkable things about Carnival is the amount of money it raises each year for St Mary's and many other good causes. So we invite Households to donate an amount of their choosing to be split between St Mary's and Dunstable Foodbank. Currently the Foodbank is experiencing a huge rise in need with activity 43% higher than this time last year. Online donations will be via Give a little with information of how to give available on the St Mary's website and Facebook pages nearer the time. www.stmaryseatonbray.org.uk

If you want your entry to be judged, that can be done via the St Mary's Facebook page or by contacting Sue on 07772 901816 or via the email on the church website. Entries will be judged by committee with two judges from each village (Eaton Bray, Edlesborough, Dagnall, and Northall) who will then liaise to decide the winners. People could also photograph their favourite scarecrow and upload the picture to Facebook. There will be three prizes for the top voted entries. These will be cups and certificates.

I know that people in the villages spend a lot of time and effort decorating their houses each year for the procession of floats through Eaton Bray and Edlesborough. This year, anyone in the four villages can enter the Scarecrow festival as the judges will not be just covering the usual Carnival route and the festival will take place over the whole weekend. I hope you will want to participate in the Scarecrow festival with the same enthusiasm that Carnival generates and that the villages will look great with a wonderful display of heroes in people's gardens. And hopefully we will all be together again for St Mary's Village Carnival on July 3rd 2021.

Every blessing,

✠ Joy

Revd Joy Cousins, Vicar of Eaton Bray with Edlesborough



A Message From Joy

Sunday services are available on the website www.stmaryseatonbray.org.uk from Sunday. It is very easy to use - simply press the button on the homepage. You can also access it via YouTube and the St Mary's Facebook page. Thank you to Eileen Bennett who has contributed this week's intercessions. As always, thanks to Stephen Axford for his wonderful music and to Stephen Burge for leading and producing the service.

It is always good to hear from you so do keep in touch.

With love and prayers,

✍️ Joy

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WEEK-DAYS:

Wednesday: 10.00am Holy Communion
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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.

Peter Bates

Mary, Richard & Family would like to thank everyone at this very sad time, for the huge support we have received especially from friends & neighbours following Peters passing on 25th March. Also Joy our Vicar who made our very small funeral service so very special.

The best dressed Scarecrow



Competition

As our Carnival has been cancelled this year a

Scarecrow Festival 3rd - 5th July

is being organised by St Mary's Church, Eaton Bray.
Instead of the Best Dressed House villagers are invited to
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As its nearing two weeks since she went missing, we have decided to put up a reward in the hope that we can encourage more people to look for her when they are out exercising. We will give £50 to the person who finds her and match that, with a donation to the local cat rescue in Dunstable.

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Eaton Bray

Good
Neighbours



Good Neighbours have been busy continuing to help people in the village during the past month. On VE Day volunteers delivered

envelopes containing sunflowers to members of our community. This was so well received, and will provide a memory of VE Day, later in the summer. Our Good Neighbours In Touch scheme has progressed. Our volunteers are making regular phone calls, as a befriender, to many people in the village.

If you need our help, please ring our help-line: 07930987064 9.am to 5pm, Monday - Friday when a friend will answer your call.



Eaton Bray Methodist Church

After 5 weeks we are well into the swing of Zoom services and have been privileged to welcome visitors from other churches in our Minister's care. It has been truly wonderful to see friends and share worship with so many fellow Christians scattered around the South Bedfordshire circuit. On Easter Sunday, Elisabeth Bibbings led a very moving service and, amid the grief for the many virus victims, we felt assured by Christ's resurrection that we were not alone. On the third Sunday we had the pleasure of our first service led by Chris Berry, whose warm message reminded us that 'The Church' is not the building but

the people in it. Although we may miss the familiarity of the place where we usually hold our services, it is very good to see our homes as a place where God can meet us and say 'Peace Be With You' – as he did to the fearful disciples in their locked room. Geoff Best and Jenny Spouge, two very popular visiting preachers, lead our service on the final April Sunday. The thought-provoking reflection centred on the story of Christ meeting the disciples on the road to Emmaus; like them we are reminded of the Old Testament background, like them we encounter the risen Christ and like them we need to go on our way to do the work God has planned for us.



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.

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).

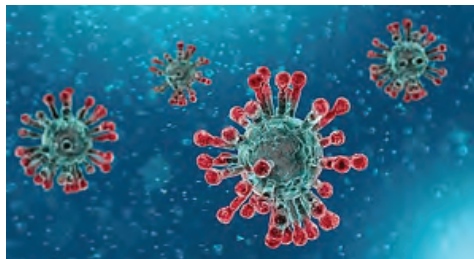
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Corona Virus (Covid-19) & the Parish



EPC hopes that all its Parishioners are safe and well during this challenging time. The Council thanks and praises all those who are going above and beyond to help their families, friends and neighbours especially the Eaton Bray Good Neighbours Scheme, the St Marys Church Pastoral Team and the Dagnall Covid-19 Mutual Aid Group.

Edlesborough Parish Council wishes to thank all the parishioners who are practising Social Distancing and those who are stepping up to help their friends and neighbours during this difficult time. The Council will continue to use its website and Facebook page to share important information about the pandemic and precautions parishioners should be taking.

Please note: *Information in this report may have changed since the submission. Please check our website for the latest information.*



Please remember that the children's play equipment in Edlesborough, Dagnall

and Northall **must not** be used until government guidelines change.

The Council asks that all parishioners continue to follow the Government guidelines.

Annual Parish Meeting

This meeting was not held due to the Government's Social Distance guidelines.

Ordinary Council Meetings

EPC held their April Ordinary Council via the Social Media Platform, Zoom. This worked very successfully. The Council will continue to hold future Council meetings via Zoom until it is deemed safe to resume holding physical public meetings.

Any parishioner wishing to attend the June Council meeting should contact the Clerk for the access information.

New Pavilion – all phases funded to completion!



Edlesborough Parish Council (EPC) is delighted to announce that full funding for the completion of the new pavilion on Edlesborough Green has been achieved. As agreed at last month's EPC meeting, a loan application was made to the Government via the Public Works Loan Board for the remaining £175,000. This will enable the building to be completed and equipped.

Councillors expressed their thanks to Cllr Kevin Cubbage at the April EPC meeting for developing an excellent application for the funding.

The intention is that this loan will be repaid from future S106 funding, allocated specifically to Leisure and Sports facilities, from two of the three remaining building sites in the Edlesborough Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

EPC looks forward to the completion of the building and full opening in due course, Covid-19 conditions permitting.

EPC continues to work very closely with the Edlesborough Community Sports Club (ECSC) charity who will manage this wonderful new facility. Full details of those eligible for membership will be published shortly by ECSC but certainly all Edlesborough parishioners will have free membership.

Work has resumed on site and the contractors will be following Social Distance Guidelines whilst on site. Any concerns about this should be directed to the Parish Council via the Clerk.

Buckinghamshire Council

Both Cllr Anne Wight and Cllr Chris Poll have remained as councillors for the New Buckinghamshire Council and continue to provide much support to EPC and our parishioners.

The Buckinghamshire Council report for April can be found on the EPC website alongside the minutes of EPC meetings.

Grass & Hedge Cutting in the Villages



Now that springtime has arrived the cutting of the grass verges has resumed. EPC requests that parishioners do not park on the grass verges as this causes damage to them and inconveniences the contractors.

EPC asks all parishioners whose hedges border the pavements to ensure that their

hedges are kept well-trimmed ensuring that the maximum pavement width is available for pedestrians, pushchair and wheelchair users.

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

Allotments

EPC currently has plots available at the Dagnall site. 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:

- Thursday 18th June 2020
- Thursday 16th July 2020

The meetings will commence at 7:30pm. Please check our website for any changes in any of our current 'virtual' meeting plans via Zoom.

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. Any parishioner wishing to attend the Council meetings should contact the Clerk for the Zoom access information.

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 9am – 12pm (Excl. Wed)*

Email: clerk@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk 01525 229358 Website: www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk

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EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Due to the Government's announcement of continuing to limit gatherings and encouraging social distancing to reduce the spread of Coronavirus, members of Eaton Bray Parish Council have concluded that Parish Council's Meetings are cancelled until further notice.

The Parish Council will still be actively acting on your behalf and should you have any concerns/issues you can contact:

- (1) Heidi Head, Parish Clerk, email clerk@ebpc.co.uk – tel/text 07931479663
- (2) Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Marie Brewer – tel 01525 222645

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The Parish Council has vacancies for Parish Councillors, if you are interested in joining please contact the Parish Clerk.

NEW PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Eaton Bray Parish Council recently undertook a project to rebuild the website in order to comply with the new regulations involving meeting accessibility guidelines (also known as WCAG 2.1AA compliance). This new website was launched at the end of February 2020 and is now the main and official place to get all Parish Council news and updates. The website has all Parish Council meeting agendas, minutes, financial documents and contact information as well as official sponsored events/initiatives and is the official council communications website.

Visit it here: www.ebpc.co.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.

Dagnall Church

Ploughman's Lunches

Due to Covid 19 and the uncertainty around having to maintain social distancing for a while, we have decided it is sensible to cancel our ploughman's lunch on the 11th of July.

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Healthy Banana Muffins

By Fiona Hunter

Courtesy of the BBC website: www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/banana_muffins_51549

This healthy banana muffin recipe makes eating cake for breakfast guilt-free! Ripe bananas add sweetness to muffins, so you don't have to use much sugar. Wholemeal flour give the muffins plenty of fibre, keeping you full for longer.

Equipment

You will need a six-hole muffin tin. Each muffin provides 206 kcal, 4.5g protein, 30g carbohydrate (of which 13g sugars), 7.5g fat (of which 0.8g saturates), 1g fibre and 0.4g salt.

Preparation time

less than 30 mins

Cooking time

10 to 30 mins

Serves

Makes 6 muffins

Ingredients

125g/4½oz wholemeal flour

3 level tbsp light muscovado sugar

2 level tsp baking powder

1 medium free-range egg, beaten

50g/1¾oz low-fat plain yoghurt

50ml/2fl oz rapeseed oil, plus a little extra for greasing

2 ripe bananas (175g/6oz peeled weight), roughly mashed

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6. Line a six-hole muffin tin with muffin cases or grease it.
2. Mix together the flour, sugar and baking powder in a bowl. In a separate bowl, beat together the egg, yoghurt and oil. Make a well in the flour, pour in the liquid and mix well. Stir in the mashed bananas, taking care not over-mix.
3. Spoon the mixture into the prepared cases and bake for 20–30 minutes, or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Transfer the muffins to a wire rack to cool.

Recipe Tips

These muffins freeze well, so make a batch and freeze for up to three months.



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- Emails alleging to be from your bank, HMRC, TV Licence, DVLA etc. possibly claiming that there is an issue or requesting payment and requesting that you click on a link. Often the link then asks you to log into a website that looks to be genuine, but isn't, and requests personal information. This then supplies them with your user id and password as well as the other personal information you have keyed which they can use for identity fraud.
- Automated phone calls impersonating companies such as Amazon Prime and credit card fraud departments instructing the recipient to select 1 to be connected. The caller then tries to convince recipients to give them remote access to computer equipment or pass bank account details over the phone.

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2. Use your Internet browser (e.g. Internet Explorer, Chrome, Firefox, Safari etc) to using a search engine, search for the company or department who is trying to make contact with you. Use this to go to the official website and look for the information that the email is referring you to.
3. NEVER dial a number given to you by someone who has called you that you are not expecting or know.
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 - If you have been called by the Police, ask for the Police Station or department and

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 - Be aware; these calls tend to be late in the afternoon or late on a Friday in the hope that you can't get hold of the court. Never agree to pay any fine without doing your own research first.
 - Be aware that the person you are speaking to may send you details. Don't assume they are genuine until you have checked them independently.

We received a call similar to this stating that a summons had been raised against us for non-payment late on a Friday afternoon and were advised if we paid immediately it would be significantly cheaper. We stated that we wanted a contact number for this person and court details and when we check with the court there was no such reference or case.

6. Emails about Covid or selling items related to Covid;
 - Again, don't click on the links, go via your Internet browser and search for the genuine web address of the company and look on their website for the information, independently.
 - Look at the spelling and grammar on the email, if its wrong then it is more likely to be a scam.
7. If you are looking to buy products from a website, investigate the company
 - Have they got a website? Do they show contact details (name, address, phone number etc)?
 - If a UK company, do they exist on the register at Companies House?
 - As a guide, look for lots of reviews, see what others think of the company and their services.
 - Search on the Internet for the company or product and use words like "issues", "fraud", "poor service", "reviews" etc.

In all cases, where you believe you have received or even been involved in this type of activity, report it to the Police via Action Fraud - <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

If you believe that you have allowed someone, that you have not instigated, to have access to any of your devices, you need to get the devices checked to ensure they have not been compromised. If you believe you may have given out passwords and personal information, change the passwords immediately and contact the relevant authorities and companies regarding any accounts or official documents which may have been compromised.

Red Kites

Courtesy of Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

www.chilternsaonb.org/about-chilterns/red-kites/red-kite-faqs.html

What effect has the re-introduction of red kites had on the other wildlife of the Chilterns?

Red kites mainly scavenge on dead animals, so they have had little impact on the populations of the species they eat. They will occasionally take live prey, such as rats, mice, voles and fledgeling birds, but these make up a very small proportion of their diet. Although they do not habitually take larger prey, isolated reports of red kites attempting to take prey such as rabbits, squirrels, chickens and partridges have been received.



There is no evidence to suggest that the national decline in garden and farmland birds is linked to the presence of red kites.

There is circumstantial evidence that buzzard populations have risen in the Chilterns since the re-introduction of red kites, but there is no proof of a direct correlation between the two species.

How long do red kites live?

In the wild, it's common for kites to live well into their teens, and they can live for up to 25 – 30 years.

How do you tell males and females apart?

Coloration is identical in both sexes. Males are slightly smaller than females but there is wide overlap. Females have proportionately longer and broader wings. Males tend to have a more deeply notched tail, which they twist and flex more than the females. It is difficult to tell the sexes apart unless you have two to compare directly.

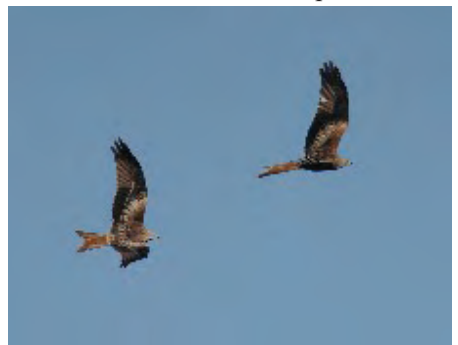
Do red kites mate for life?

Red kites usually take the same mate year after year, but 'divorces' aren't unheard of! They will often also re-use the same nest year after year.

The association between the pairs is looser during the winter than in the breeding season. Their courtship displays in February and March re-establish their pair bond.

What's their courtship behaviour like?

The pair perform high circling displays, particularly in the early part of the day. They will often fly one behind the other, with deep, exaggerated wing-beats, followed by a vigorous chase. They may pass close together, twisting apart at the last moment, and will sometimes pass food between them. They often perform these flights above the wood they are nesting in, calling to each other and finally dropping into the canopy.



Talon locking (observed in other bird of prey species) is not commonly reported.

What is the biggest threat to red kites?

Red kites have no natural predators, so their biggest threats come from the actions of humans.

A major threat is still the risk of poisoning. Persecution of red kites is much reduced nowadays, but it does occasionally still happen. Red kites have perished as a result of eating illegally poisoned baits left out for other animals (e.g. foxes), they have also been known to die after picking up the corpses of legally poisoned rodents. A leaflet about rat poisons and the threats to birds of prey is available by calling Natural England's Enquiry Service on 0845 600 3078.

They are also very susceptible to disturbance when they are nesting so should be left alone during the breeding season.

Should we feed red kites?

Red kites can survive well in the Chilterns without artificial feeding, so it is not necessary to supplement their diet. It is acknowledged that feeding has helped the local re-introduced kite population to increase more rapidly than it might otherwise have done and has kept the population at a level that chicks can be re-located to other parts of the country. However, it is feared that providing too much additional food can prevent the population from spreading naturally and cause the birds to cluster in large numbers where food is offered. The Chilterns Conservation Board urges the public not to feed red kites. We believe they should be left to feed naturally in the wider countryside, thus enabling them to find a naturally sustainable level.



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Parish of Eaton Bray.

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The Closure of Edlesborough Church 1975

By Carrie Lovell

Alone it stands, but there for all to see,
for years to come, when we have passed
the weathered stones will stand on high,
and sun will light the coloured glass
like stars which shine above its ageing tower.

Let not the silent bells and empty pews
deter our thoughts from days of yore,
when fire and tempest wrecked this sacred house -
yet still it stands in beauty as before.

The place of rest for those we loved is there,
in front the cross to those who died to keep us free.
Beyond - the Chalk Hills stand matured by time -
wild birds their wings outstretched in flight we'll see.

And so before our eyes the clouds will pass,
like thoughts in life which we and others share.

Before we lose this theme of thought -
we'll stand and wonder there.

The winding paths will lead so many more
to gaze in rapture at its beauty still,
for all's not lost because the doors are closed,
it's presence there will still our memories fill -
and those who worshipped there - may worship still.



Accessing Devices, Emails & Services for a Departed Relative

Recently, we have been asked to help access departed relatives' email addresses, their devices, IT systems and accounts. This has proved to be very difficult or even impossible if you have not planned for this.

Unless you have planned for someone else to access your email account, online website, device etc., it can be very difficult for them to gain access. Often a factory reset does not allow you to access the device.

Apple

<https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT208510>

For you to be able to access a deceased family members account or device associated to this account, Apple require a number of pieces of information, including a court order giving you the permissions to access their accounts/devices.

Google/Gmail

<https://support.google.com/accounts/troubleshooter/6357590?hl=en>

Although Google in the UK do not need a court order, they will not grant you access to the account, but can make some of the content available to you, if you provide a number of appropriate documents.

Microsoft

<https://support.office.com/en-us/article/accessing-outlook-com-onedrive-and-other-microsoft-services-when-someone-has-died-ebbd2860-917e-4b39-9913-212362da6b2f?ui=en-US&rs=en-US&ad=US>

Again, Microsoft requires a court order to allow someone access to your accounts or services.

Due to the onus upon these companies to keep your data secure and in line with current legislation, they all tend to have similar requirements.

How do I plan for this?

Some companies, such as Google, allow you to provide “authorised users” who are permitted to access your account. In most cases the companies provide guidance on how to do this. You should set these up now.

It is good practice to store usernames and passwords in a secure location. This can be in a notebook which is securely locked away, or using specific password applications where all of this information can be secured for you, making sure you have a very secure password for the application as this is effectively “the keys to the kingdom”.

Either way, make sure your relatives know where this information is kept and how to gain access to it. Without this, they could be left with expensive devices that they can't use or accounts they can't access or close down.

It is also good practice that when a relative dies, you close all their accounts and services, so that they can't be used fraudulently. Each service is different so look in their help section or contact us for assistance on this.

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Print off pages 46 and 47 and find some of the four villages' regular events, listed on page 47, in the word search above

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One day I feel confident,
The next day I feel full of doubt.
One day I feel carefree,
The next day I feel I care too much;
One day I feel on top of things,
The next day I feel out of touch.
One day I feel brave,
The next day I feel scared;
One day I feel ready,
The next day I feel unprepared.
One day I feel proud,
The next day I feel shame;
But, I should never feel alone,
Because other people feel the same.

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30 More Things To Do in Lockdown



1. Visit Disneyland virtually and try every single ride
2. Challenge your pets with an obstacle course
3. Magic your way out of a virtual Harry Potter-themed escape room
4. Finally get round to watching that one binge-worthy TV show you missed first time around
5. Refresh your wardrobe by upcycling old clothes

6. Construct the greatest pillow fort of all time
7. String your Christmas lights back up to cheer up your lockdown – or just celebrate Christmas again, no-one's going to stop you!
8. Have unique family video chats (dress up)
9. Play a game of online Cards Against Humanity
10. Design your very own cocktail
11. Reorganise your bookshelves in the most colourful way possible
12. Have a pillow fight
13. Join one of Joe Wicks' upbeat PE lessons
14. Interpret your weird dreams
15. Rewrite your favourite songs with lockdown-inspired lyrics
16. Challenge your isolation buddies to a needlessly complicated board game of your own invention
17. Have a costume party with all the wackiest outfits you can muster
18. Make inspiring rainbow window displays for the whole street to enjoy
19. Watch every Marvel film in the correct canonical order
20. Explore your whole house blindfolded, to give you a new appreciation for your space
21. Get really good at public speaking (hey, it might come in handy)
22. Pose like a classic painting and compare
23. Invent a wacky new sport (Kitchen Quidditch is up for grabs, if you'd like)
24. Try wearing every item of clothing you own all at once
25. Brush up your photography skills with Nikon's free online classes
26. Crack on with a life-sized game of Hungry Hippos



27. Recreate your favourite Greggs dishes at home
28. Launch crazy science experiments using only ingredients found in your kitchen
29. Text your number neighbour and make a new friend
30. Plan all the amazing things you'll be doing post-isolation

Courtesy of Secret London: www.secretldn.com/lockdown-bucket-list-things-to-do/

Nigel's Thoughts

Methodist Minister



Dear Friends,

I wonder if it is possible for us to live in a state of hopeful anticipation during these challenging times.

Of course, by the time you read this our circumstances may have greatly changed. It seems to me however that, just at the moment, we are in need of a hopeful glimpse into the future even if we cannot know precisely what that future looks like.

In last Saturday's paper I read an article by Hugo Rifkind. In it he said "We may all hope in the abstract of a better future, but that takes strength, positive thinking and a daily resolve against despair....Remember, though, that it's not just your life that you miss, but also the luxury of seeing the various bits of it coming. That you can still do. There are horizons of which to dream".

Holiday anyone? Now that's the stuff of dreams as I write, but we know that such dreams will come true at some time in the future.

In my view, it is best for us to hope and trust, and to have faith in the God who holds all things in being and who alone knows the future.

Michael Card, the musician wrote

"To hear with my heart
To see with my soul
To be guided by a hand I cannot hold
To trust in a way that I cannot see
That's what faith must be"

I wish you a faithful and hope filled June.

God bless,

✍️Nigel



LOCAL HERALDRY

BY JOHN HOCKEY

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

BACK TO BASICS 1



Sometimes heraldry can seem a bit complicated, not least because everything seems to have a different word to that used in everyday parlance. With this in mind, I thought it might be useful to go back to basics and look at the full heraldic achievement for William, 1st Duke of Bedford, who died in 1700.

[Achievement: Name given to the complete armorial bearings including shield, supporters, coronet of rank, helm, wreath, mantling, crest, motto etc. as shown in the drawing]

Main components are underlined:

Shield: Argent a lion rampant Gules on a chief Sable three escallops of the first

Meaning: Argent – the background or *field* is silver (*Argent*) always shown printed white. [There are only two metals in heraldry – *Argent* and *Or*; there are five colours – *Gules* (red), *Azure* (blue), *Vert* (green), *Purpure* (purple) and *Sable* (black)]

A lion *rampant* - a lion standing ready for battle, facing to the left (*Dexter*) with one leg on the ground, supposedly chosen to portray courage

Gules – heraldic name for the colour red

Chief – top third of the shield

Sable – heraldic name for colour black

Escallops – scallop shells, perhaps chosen to commemorate a pilgrimage made

Of the first – refers to the first metal or colour mentioned in the description – in this case *Argent*

Coronet: Duke's coronet

Meaning: Each member of the peerage has a different coronet of rank, in order of precedence these are Duke (a duke's coronet is composed of strawberry leaves), Marquess, Earl, Viscount and finally Baron.

NB the *helm* or helmet is not described in the blazon but the one shown here is common for all peers of the realm.

Next time: back to Basics 2 – the rest of the Achievement

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Edlesborough, Northall and Ivinghoe Aston Walk

By Steve Davison, courtesy of Berks and Bucks Life

This walk is based in Edlesborough, which was known as Eddinberge in the Domesday Book, we follow the river Ouzel, which is little more than a stream at this point, for a while to reach Eaton Bridge; the river forms part of the boundary between Buckinghamshire and neighbouring Bedfordshire.

We then head through Northall, home to the Swan Inn, before heading south-west past Butler's Manor, where you can still see the remains of a moat, to reach Ivinghoe Aston. A quick walk along the village street takes us past the aptly named Village Swan pub, saved by local residents from property developers.

The final leg of the walk heads north-east, with views of the Dunstable Downs ahead. On the way, keep a lookout for a memorial to Bridget Elizabeth Talbot – a woman of many achievements – who was born at Little Gaddesden.

During the First World War, she served with the Anglo-Italian Red Cross and in 1920 she received an OBE for her work with the Red Cross; she remained an active supporter of the organisation all her life. She invented a water-proof torch for lifebelts and was instrumental in getting this made compulsory, thereby saving the lives of many seamen. She also helped save a large swathe of the Chiltern Hills by heading a national campaign to secure the Ashridge Estate for the National Trust following the death of Earl Brownlow in 1921.

We soon pass the Church of St Mary the Virgin which stands on a small hill to the south-west of the village, affording a great view. The church, which is now cared for by the Churches Conservation Trust, dates back to the 13th century. Although it is normally locked, the key is available from the village shop and post office, and is usually open on the first Sunday of each month between May and September, between 2 and 4 pm. If you get the chance to see inside it is well worth the effort; there is some fine medieval woodwork including the chancel screen and some lovely Victorian wall paintings and stained glass.

From the church it's a short walk back through the village, passing the former 16th century brick and timber barn on the way.

Information

- Start/finish: car park at the recreation ground in Edlesborough (SP973194) at the junction of the High Street and Peblemoor
- Map: OS Explorer 181
- Distance: 4.5 miles (7.3km)
- Terrain: Gates and stiles, fairly level paths and tracks, sections of country road/pavement
- Time: 2 hours
- Refreshments: Edlesborough – Heirloom Cafe (01525 229565); Northall – The Swan Inn (01525 220444); Ivinghoe Aston – The Village Swan (01525 223555)

The walk

1 (SP973194) - Exit the car park, turn right and then turn right along the High Street for

200m, with the park on the right and turn left across the road into Cow Lane; you can also reach this point by walking through the park, then exiting on the left and crossing the High Street. Some 200m further along the High Street is the Heirloom Cafe, with the post office a village shop a further 60m. Follow Cow Lane north-westwards for 600m, cross stile beside gate and keep ahead through the field staying beside the right-hand hedge following it as it swings right to a path junction at the field corner. Stay in the field and turn left, with a ditch – the river Ouzel – on the right. Cross the footbridge and follow the right-hand margin through the next field to join Eaton Bray Road beside Eaton Bridge.

2 (SP964203) - Turn left along the road towards the village; take care as there is no pavement for part of the way. At the T-junction turn right alongside the B440 to a junction just before The Swan Inn and turn left along South End Lane for 850m; later the Two Ridges Link path joins from the right. Just before the cattle grid go through a kissing gate on the right and follow the right-hand fence, ahead through the field, soon passing Butler's Manor (moat) on the left. Go through the gate and continue through field. Go through a gate, cross the footbridge and then through another gate. Keep ahead across field to the opposite side, passing under the power lines.

3 (SP952187) – Go through into next field and follow left-hand edge. Cross a stile at the corner and keep ahead, cross the footbridge and bear diagonally left to a track at Vine Farm. Keep ahead with a pond over to the right to join a road in Ivinghoe Aston. Cross over and turn left along the pavement for half a mile, passing The Village Swan pub on the way. After the last house, continue alongside road for 100m to a crossing track and turn left.

4 (SP956178) – Follow the track for half a mile, pass the memorial stone, and keep ahead to cross the footbridge in the bushes. Go straight on alongside the left-hand fence



with Edlesborough church visible ahead, later passing under the power lines. Continue along the track (church on the left) to a road junction at Church End. Cross straight over and follow the High Street for 500m, passing the brick and timber barn on the way to arrive back at the junction with Pebblemoor on the right.

<https://www.berksandbuckslife.co.uk/out-about/walks/buckinghamshire-walk-around-edlesborough-1-5469421>



Northall Baptist Church

A little Church with strong local links

“We’ll meet again some sunny day”

This was the wartime song of HOPE. It’s become the current song of HOPE as we all long to see our families again and give them all a hug.

I’m writing this while watching the VE celebrations. 75 years after the end of a 6 year war. It must have seemed forever. The Queen spoke to the nation advising us to ‘never give up, never despair’. She would know from all her experiences over the years. That is such a good message for wartime, lockdown and normal life (if you can remember what that was!) Many have been telling their stories and memories of the celebrations of freedom on the 8th May 1945. They told of street parties and bonfires, dancing and a wonderful feeling of freedom. The Church at that time was described as a ‘Beacon of HOPE’.

The Bible is full of stories about HOPE. Sarah and Hannah both hoped for a child. Their hope was fulfilled. Sarah’s child was Isaac, father of Jacob whose 12 sons became the Children of Israel and Hannah’s child was Samuel who anointed King David. Both are very significant men in the history of the Old Testament.

In the New Testament our HOPE is on Jesus. We are hoping for Jesus to return soon. Our HOPE will be fulfilled. One hymn chorus is:

*God of hope, God of futures,
You can take a broken heart and make it sing.
God of life, new tomorrows,
You can shine the light that changes everything.*

Jesus when here on earth, between his resurrection and ascension appeared to His loved ones, brought HOPE and comfort which he still does.

And the well-known hymn ‘Cornerstone’ begins with ‘My hope is built on nothing less’. That is the message for now and our futures will be secure.

Today we have discovered through Zoom and other similar services, we can keep in touch with family and friends all together, right across the world bringing hope for ‘we’ll meet again some sunny day’. This is a new experience found during isolation, but may continue as distance has been proved no longer the barrier that it was.



Our Sunday services, are now also on Zoom at 11 am. If you come and join in the worship, music and song, you’ll get a very warm welcome. Just contact us through the website (details below) for instructions on how to join us or ring the number below. If you don’t have a computer with video and sound, you can still listen in and speak using a landline or mobile.

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

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The History of Tiggywinkles

In the beginning...

Even though domestic animals were well catered for in Britain, in 1978 when Sue and Les Stocker and their son Colin started taking in wildlife casualties in earnest, there were very few facilities available. There was certainly no written work or experience accessible in this very different field and no training available on wildlife for veterinary surgeons.

Quickly the Stockers began to realise the enormity of the problem and when the general public and other animal welfare bodies became aware of their willingness to care for injured wildlife, casualties began to flood into their home.

Soon they were coping with all species from toads, badgers and deer to wrens, owls and swans. Every patient was an unknown and together with a local sympathetic vet, they learnt the idiosyncrasies of wild animals that demand such a different regime to that required by their domestic counterparts.

Until 1983 the Stockers funded their work from their savings. Then in February of that year the project became a Registered Charity with the official title of The Wildlife Hospital Trust, Registered Charity No. 286447.

Hedgehogs and Tiggywinkles

As the casualties continued to come in, it soon became apparent that this intake provided a barometer of happenings in the environment. This particularly came to light during the drought of 1984 when the whole hedgehog population seemed to be arriving at the door. A nationwide awareness campaign was launched to make people conscious of the plight of hedgehogs and soon thousands of people were putting out bowls of water and dog food to support their neighbourhood pricklies. At the same time the campaign highlighted the perils of “bread and milk” the traditional, but harmful, food for hedgehogs.





More people were looking at their local hedgehogs and consequently more noticed if their visitor was injured, so they brought it along for treatment. So great was the influx that the Stockers had to install a new shed as a 'hedgehog only' ward. This was duly opened amid great fanfare by Susan Hampshire on 9th August 1985 and christened 'St. Tiggywinkles', the world's first bespoke hedgehog unit.

Every casualty is given a chance; we only ever use euthanasia as a last resort. Any animal or bird unable to be released back to the wild is maintained at the Hospital, in as natural conditions as possible. Veterinary treatment is carried out by a team of trained veterinary nurses and specialist consultant veterinary surgeons.

This enables us to give our patients ground breaking treatment and the best possible care.

Our veterinary team has pioneered much of the treatment now used for wildlife throughout the country. Our expertise and knowledge on all species is used worldwide. Over the years we have perfected techniques for hedgehogs, badgers, deer and other species and have a commitment to passing on this information through books, papers, courses and lectures to veterinary schools.

The experiences of our Hospital staff are helping many of the millions of casualties across the world, most of which are now being looked after thanks to the positive attitude of Tiggywinkles.



Tiggywinkles survives on a solid base of membership and relies on donations from the general public and sponsors to thrive. It receives no state funding of any kind and no financial assistance from other animal welfare or conservation groups.

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During these difficult times, your support is much needed and greatly appreciated. We are still as busy as ever, with dozens of animals and birds arriving every single day in need of our care. We are still here 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to ensure our wonderful wildlife patients get the lifesaving care they so desperately need.

During this ongoing crisis we are running on a reduced team to protect our staff, volunteers and members of the public. We have also had to make the difficult decision to close our Visitor Centre until further notice. The Visitor Centre is of course an important part of our fundraising activities, so I'm sure you can understand just how much your kind support will mean to us and the animals in our care.

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We are working to reschedule as many of the affected performances as we can. Inevitably this will not be possible for all events – and some shows will not be rescheduled. Performances where a decision has been made are listed below and our website is being updated regularly.

Rescheduled events:

The Magic Of The Beatles – Saturday 4th April 2020 : Sunday 28th November 2021

Pop Divas Live – Monday 6th April 2020 : Sunday 21st February 2021

Aida – Tuesday 7th April 2020 : Saturday 3rd April 2021

That'll Be The Day – Wednesday 8th April 2020 : Monday 21st September 2020

Dom Joly – Friday 10th April 2020 : Wednesday 9th September 2020

Milkshake Live – Friday 10th April 2020 : Saturday 27th March 2021

Waiting For Godot – Saturday 11th April 2020 : Friday 9th April 2021

Jethro – Wednesday 11th April 2020 : Thursday 7th January 2021

Soul Legends – Friday 17th April 2020 : Friday 6th November 2020

The Wizard of Oz – Saturday 18th April 2020 : Saturday 17th April 2021

Josh Widdicombe – Thursday 23rd April 2020 : Thursday 11th February 2021

Chris Ramsey – Saturday 25th April 2020 : Sunday 25th April 2021

Seven Drunken Nights – Wednesday 29th April 2020 : Thursday 8th April 2021

The Dreamboys – Friday 1st May 2020 : Saturday 9th January 2021

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The Sound Of Springsteen – Friday 22nd May 2020 : Friday 16th October 2020

Lost In Music – Friday 29th May 2020 : Friday 26th February 2021

Ladyboys of Bangkok – Tuesday 2nd June 2020 : Tuesday 1st June 2021

Ian Waite and Vincent Simone – Wednesday 3rd June 2020 : Monday 2nd November 2020

Chicago Blues Brothers – Friday 5th June 2020 : Friday 23rd April 2021

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Girls Just Wanna Have Fun – Sunday 14th June 2020 : Thursday 1st October 2020

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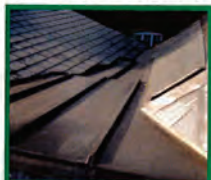
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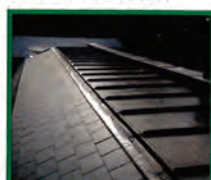
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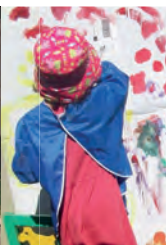
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2nd Monday

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The female foal was born to mum Charlotte and dad Nikki on the 13 April, and mum was at



first naturally protective of her new youngster and kept her hidden away, out of view of zookeepers who were eager to get a proper look at the new arrival.

An endangered species of wild horse native to the steppes of central Asia, the Przewalski's horse is known in Mongolia as Tahki, meaning spirit. Once classified as Extinct in the Wild, the Przewalski's horse was reintroduced to its native habitat in Mongolia, thanks to conservation breeding efforts by organisations including ZSL Whipsnade Zoo.

Team leader at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo Mark Holden said: "The birth of a Przewalski's foal is a real cause for celebration – they're considered to be the last remaining truly wild horse in the world, and ZSL Whipsnade Zoo is proud to be part of their conservation success story. "This is the first female we've had born in a little while at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo, as the last three foals were boys, so we're hoping to ask our ZSL colleagues in Mongolia to help us choose a name!"

Zookeepers say that now mum has loosened her watch on the youngster, she can often be seen racing around the paddock.

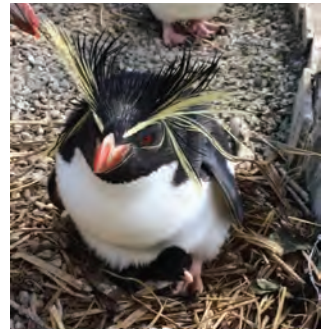
Mark adds: "It's really sad that we can't share our excitement with visitors right now, but the birth of this endangered foal is another example of the incredibly important work we do; and why we need support. If you can, please help us by visiting our website – every donation helps." Visit www.zsl.org/support-our-zoos

Blonde Ambition

Baby penguin named in honour of Prime Minister Boris Johnson's newborn son at UK's largest zoo

A rare penguin chick which will grow up to sport a head of blonde feathers has been named after British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's newborn son, Wilfred.

Zookeepers at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo were delighted when the tiny rockhopper penguin chick hatched following successful matchmaking efforts as part of an international conservation



breeding programme for the species, which is classified as Endangered by the IUCN. The sex of the chick remains unknown, as penguins can only be differentiated with a DNA test.

Jamie Graham, team leader of birds at the UK's largest zoo said: "As a rule, I don't name the birds at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo, but the arrival of our yellow-haired chick so close to the birth of the son of the UK's famous blonde Prime Minister was too much of a coincidence to pass up.

"Rockhoppers are famous for their crest of bright yellow head feathers and little Wilfred

will see their blonde crown appear after their first moult. Unlike other birds, penguins shed their feathers all at once, with infants losing their downy, fluffy coat in favour of slick black and white waterproof feathers.

“The rockhopper penguins are part of an internationally-coordinated breeding programme to ensure that a safe and healthy back up population of these animals are protected for generations to come – an important project we’re proud to be part of.”

ZSL Whipsnade Zoo Celebrates Birth of Fourteen Extinct-In-The-Wild Deer

Zookeepers at the UK’s largest Zoo have got a spring in their step, after welcoming 14 fawns to the Père David deer herd, a species which is officially classified as extinct in the wild.

Born with Bambi-esque white spots on their backs that fade as they get older, the fawns have been spotted by keepers skipping around their Passage Through Asia home – an exhibit which visitors can usually drive around to see the deer, and the camels that they share their home with.

Known for their unique antlers which point up and backwards, the rare deer are a part of the European Endangered Species Breeding Programme (EEP) - a tool used by zoos, aquariums and wildlife parks across Europe to manage conservation breeding programmes to ensure a healthy and diverse population of animals.

Zookeeper Gracie Gee, who captured the pictures said: “It’s great to see our herd growing so much this year as they are such an important group - helping to ensure the survival of this species.

“We’ve had 14 new arrivals and we all wish



that our visitors were able to see them too, as they’re absolute proof of the incredible work we are doing to conserve precious species at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo.”

Already facing threat from habitat loss, the deer were hunted to extinction in the wild in the early 1900s, but thanks to conservation breeding programmes managed by zoos, some of the deer have been successfully reintroduced to the wild in selected areas of China.

The closure of ZSL Whipsnade Zoo due to COVID-19 means ZSL, the international charity which behind the Zoo, finds itself in an unthinkable position. Reliant on income from zoo visitors, the future of this iconic national institution hangs in the balance – putting its global science and conservation work at risk. Whipsnade’s elephants, tigers and penguins need as much care today as any other day, and ZSL needs help. As well as asking the government for support, ZSL has a live public appeal at www.zsl.org/donate - every donation makes a difference.



Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

Weather Conditions for April 2020

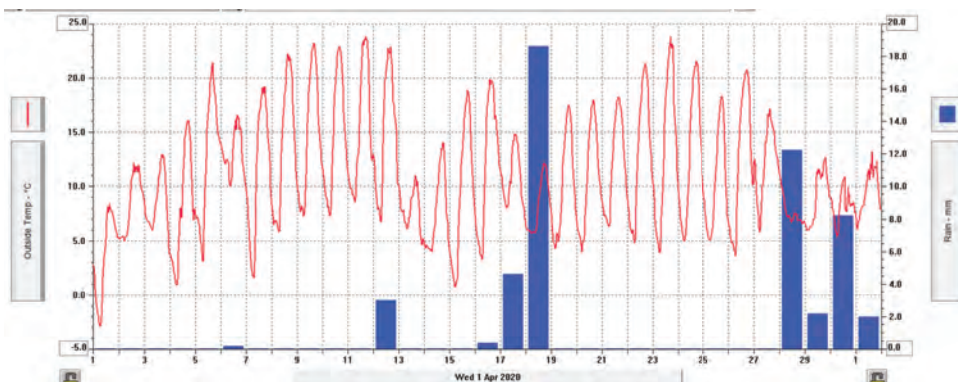
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April started off cloudy with some sunny intervals and, on the 1st, we recorded the lowest temperature of the month: -3.0°C . After a few days, it turned sunny and the temperatures rose, so by the 11th we had reached 23.8°C before temperatures dropped again. Late evening on the 17th, we had a few showers which continued overnight and then at 07.30 the next morning, the heavens opened and we had 16.2mm of rain in one hour. The following day returned to blue skies and sunshine, pushing temperatures up until the 27th when we ended the month with three showery days. It was warm overall and the month felt more like summer than April.

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature:	23.9°C	23 April 16.30	-3.0°C	1 April 06.30
Mean Temperature	11°C			
Dewpoint:	13.7 c	12 April 18.00	-4.3°C	1 April 06.00
Humidity:	94%	18,19,23 April	32%	15 April 17.00
Barometer:	1029.7mb	7 April 10.00	991.2 mb	13 April 16.00
Wind Speed	31 mph SSE	5 April 11.00	Months avg.	4.2 mph
Wind Chill:	23.8°C	23 April 16.30	2.9°C	1 April 06.30
Dominant Wind:	SSE			
Rainfall *T= total rain days and moisture. R= Actual rain				
*Rain Days: 8(T), 8(R)	Wettest Day		18.59 mm	0.732ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	April 2020	49.4 mm	1.945 ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	3 Month	318.2 mm	12.527ins

April - A dry and sunny month with some heavy rain

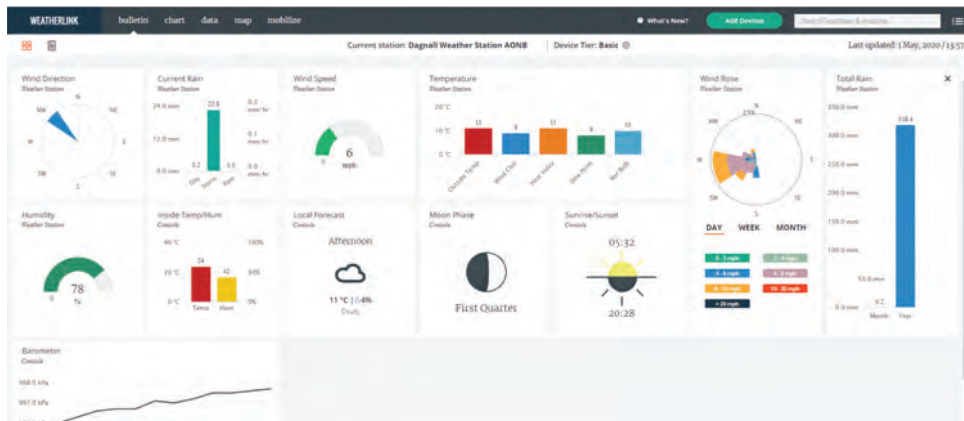


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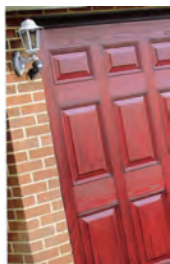


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