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Village Diary



Weekly

- Mon-Sun St. Mary's Edlesborough is open most days 10am-4pm, sometimes longer.
Look for the OPEN sign below the notice board
- Mon-Fri (term) Eaton Bray Pre-school, Eaton Bray Lower School, 01525 220468, admin@eba.ec
- Mon-Fri (term) Dagnall Under 5's, Dagnall Village Hall, 9.15am - 12.15pm, Mrs Ann Tobin 07816 358342
- Mon-Fri (term) Edlesborough Primary Academy Pre-School, 01525 220431, epamanager@epa-primary.org
- Mon-Fri (term) Tottemhoe Pre-school, Tottemhoe CE Academy, 01582 662959, tottemhoeoffice@tot.dsamat.co.uk
- Mondays Pilates, 10.45am, Tottemhoe Memorial Hall, Lisa: 07832 230774
- Mondays Dagnall Community Choir, All Saints Church 7.45-9.45pm, w:dagnall-community-choir.co.uk
- Mondays (term) Movement and exercise classes with a dance flavour, Northall VH 2-3.30. 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 VH, Sheila sdtwinkletoes@yahoo.co.uk
- Mondays KFFA ISTD ballet classes, Edlesborough Memorial Hall 4pm-6.30pm (4years+)
Contact Kiri 07988161043 or visit Facebook page 'KF PerformingArts/KFFA' for info
- Mondays Cubs (8-10½ 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 Tottemhoe Baby & Toddler Group, 9.30-11.15am, 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 VH, 07800 518654
- Tuesdays Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy, Table Top Sale, 10-11:30am, Salvation Army Hall, Booth Place, Eaton Bray
- Fortnightly
- Tuesdays Keep Fit class, Edlesborough Memorial Hall 11 - 12noon
- Tuesdays Jazzercise 9:15-10am, Eaton Bray VH, Annis, annisjazzercise@gmail.com 07447 409666
- Wednesdays Pilates, 8pm, Northall Village Hall, Lisa: 07832 230774
- Wednesdays Northall & District Age Concern Wednesday Club, 10am - 3pm, Northall Village Hall, Contact Anna on 07854 230243
- Wednesdays Art Course online 9.30 -11.30 am, contact Loma Moore 07896 619660
- Wednesdays Art Course, Bellows Mill Eaton Bray, 2-4.30pm, contact Loma Moore 07896 619660
- Wednesdays Jazzercise 7:30-8:30pm, Eaton Bray VH, Annis, annisjazzercise@gmail.com 07447 409666
- Thursdays KFFA Street dance classes, Edlesborough Memorial Hall 4.15pm-6.30pm (4 years+)
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- Thursdays Tae Kwon-do, Dagnall Village Hall, 5.45-7.30pm 07813 755785
- 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, simon_betts@hotmail.com.
- Thursdays Eaton Bray Methodist Church Social Afternoons, 2 - 4pm, All Welcome
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- Thursdays (term) Vinyasa yoga, 7:30-8:30pm The Coffee Tavern eleanorlangton@outlook.com 07969 315384
- Fridays Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray VH, 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 Jazzercise 9:15-10am, Eaton Bray VH, Annis, annisjazzercise@gmail.com 07447 409666
- Fridays Scouts, (10½ to 14 years old), 7.00-8.30pm, 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Hut, High Street, Edlesborough. Contact Mark Owen, ebescoutleader@ebescouts.co.uk, 07899 892344
- Fridays "Little Luvvies" baby ballet classes, 10am-11.30am, Northall Village Hall. Contact Emma Whittemore on 01525 376124

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- Saturdays KFPA Musical theatre classes, Edlesborough Memorial Hall 9.30-10.30am (4years+)
Contact Kiri 07988161043 or visit Facebook page 'KF PerformingArts/ KFPA' for info
- Sundays Sunday Worship at 11am, Edlesborough Baptist Church, Moor End, LU6 2FL. Contact: 01525 222064 or edlesboroughbaptistchurch@gmail.com
- Sundays Yoga, 9:30am-10:30am, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, contact eleanorlangton@outlook.com or 07969315384
- Sundays Karate for kids & adults, 2:30-4pm & 4:30-6pm, Eaton Bray VH, 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 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, 10:30am - 12 noon (July held on 2nd Saturday)
- 2nd Monday Film Society, Sep to May, 2pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Graham Chappell 01525 220883
- 2nd Tuesday Dunstable & District Local History Society meeting, 7.45pm, Methodist Church Hall, Dunstable
- 2nd Tuesday Edlesborough W.I. Meeting, 7.30 pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall. Contact Sue Bingham 01525 222522
- 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 Saturday Workshops Dynamic Yoga 9.30-11am £10 Eaton Bray Coffee Tavern, Keira 07936 693696
- 2nd Saturday Cafe Community, 11am-1pm, Eaton Bray Methodist Church., October to May only
- 3rd Thursday Edlesborough Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 2nd Friday Leukaemia Research Coffee Morning 2, Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30 a.m. all welcome. No meeting in September, June plant bring and buy, December Sherry & mince pies
- 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
- This Month's One Off/Annual/Irregular Events**
- 10th April Music at St Mary's Sunday Afternoon Concert, 3pm, St. Mary's Church Eaton Bray, Tickets £10 Box Office 01525 222283

CHRISTINA DRISCOLL

Bill, John, Neil and all of our wider family would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral of Christina (1945 – 2022) on Tuesday 1st March.

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Music at St Mary's

Sunday Afternoon Concert

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Village Hall Booking Contacts

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

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Associate Priest: 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

We are still facing really challenging times, and at times hope can seem far away. At this time in the church's year we are moving through Lent towards Good Friday and eventually Easter. On Good Friday, which this year falls on 15th April, Christians remember Jesus' death on a cross. The cross was a Roman instrument of torture, used to punish and deter criminals. It led to an agonising and very public death. The death of Jesus is recorded in all four Gospels. It is also written about by Roman historians Tacitus and Suetonius, and Josephus, a contemporary Jewish historian. Jesus' enemies thought they had got rid of him. But then something truly astonishing happened.

On the first Easter morning, the women who were followers of Jesus got up very early to go to the tomb and anoint his body ready for burial. They had been unable to do this on the Sabbath, the Jewish Holy Day, so it was 'very early on Sunday morning' that they arrived at the tomb. The women are described by the Gospel writers as being 'distressed', 'afraid', 'perplexed' and 'terrified' when they find that Jesus' body has gone. Their plan to come and anoint Jesus, to pay their last respects, has gone terribly wrong. They fear that someone has stolen the body in an act of desecration. Why are they so surprised? Because no one was expecting Jesus to rise from the dead.

When the women go to tell the other disciples what has happened, they are not believed. Luke says the Apostles think it is 'an idle tale' and that the women are talking nonsense. It is not surprising that people are sceptical. After all, this kind of resurrection had never before happened in the history of the world. In his Resurrection, Jesus came alive never to die again. God had done something completely new by bringing his Son back from death to new life which would go on for ever. That is why Easter Day is the most joyful day in the Christian calendar.

Through the good news of Easter, we too can have hope. The intuition deep in our hearts that life has a meaning and fulfilment which death will not be able to frustrate is assured through the death and resurrection of Jesus. For he promises his followers a share in that eternal life. It is central to the Christian faith.

As the truth about what had happened to Jesus dawned on his first disciples, they were overjoyed. Through their hope and faith in Jesus, they were empowered to face all kinds of daunting obstacles. Their lives were completely changed. God still has the power to change lives. He wants us to follow him into new things and new ways of being.

God desires us to have a relationship with him which is not dulled by familiarity but constantly refreshed and renewed. Jesus compared it to life giving streams of water welling up. Through prayer and worship and in our daily lives, we can find places of refreshment and renewal in our relationship with God in Christ. Easter is a timely

reminder that God can do new things in and through us. He longs to bring us to know his love more fully and to experience his hope in our lives.

Wishing you a happy Easter,

☺ Joy, Vicar of Eaton Bray with Edlesborough



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Dagnall Church Services



The All Saint's Dagnall Sunday service is at 10.30am on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

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Any queries please contact Phillip Lee on 07977234453.

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St Mary's Spring Fair and Coffee Morning
Saturday 7 May 2022
Eaton Bray Village Hall
11am – 3pm

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If you would like a stall for the event, please contact Barbara Morton on 01525 852368, or email barbara.morton1@gmail.com

Northall Village Hall AGM

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EdleFest 2022

10 -11 June

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If you haven't been before, you can expect two evenings of fabulous music in the unique medieval setting of the 'Church on the Hill' in Edlesborough. Get there early to enjoy the spectacular views across Aylesbury Vale with a drink from the bar, which serves all evening.

We've got six acts for you this year, with headliners *The Trials of Cato* on Friday, June 10th. We spotted them way back in 2019, and a few weeks later they were collecting their award for BBC Best Folk Album of the Year and have since made the big time. "*One of the real discoveries on the folk circuit in recent times*" – Mark Radcliffe, BBC Radio 2.

And on Saturday June 11th we have *The Magpies* at the top of the bill, with their all-female virtuosic americana sound. We booked them fresh from their success at Glastonbury 2019 and we finally get to see them right here in the village! "*Effervescent*" – The Sunday Times.

And that's without even mentioning Man the Lifeboats, Hannah Scott, also featured on the BBC, *The Dicemen* and the fabulous singer-songwriter *Danni Nicholls*, "*I absolutely love the elegance and beauty of her music*" - Bob Harris, BBC R2.

For those of you who have been before, you'll know just what a fantastic event this has become, and we look forward to seeing you again. For those of you who haven't – well maybe this is the year to come and try it! You can choose your night or join the increasing numbers who come for both evenings and enjoy a weekend discount. Tickets are available in the village from Janes Flooring from April 4th (cash only) or you can get them on-line now via the website, or by calling 01525 221744.

Find out more about it online by searching for *EdleFest*, or visiting edlefest.site123.me, by calling 07974 921923, or by email to EdleFest@gmail.com. See you there!



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Morning Worship	Sunday 11.am
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Girls Night Out (1st Thurs of the month)	Thursdays 7.45 pm

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Planning Permission Granted for Land North of Good Intent

EPC wishes to inform parishioners that following two appeals the Planning Inspector has approved the application for 14 new homes on the land at the bottom of Good Intent. ***This approval is conditional on the Highways Authority approving the proposed build out in the High Street.*** The Inspector's decision granting permission for the 14 houses does not authorise the build out, but it does make it a condition of the permission. It is the Highways Authority that will have to approve the build out and they have stated that will be subject to a public consultation.

More information from EPC and about the decision can be found on the EPC website.

Buckinghamshire Councillors

Cllr Peter Brazier attended the February Council meeting and reported on the following matters;

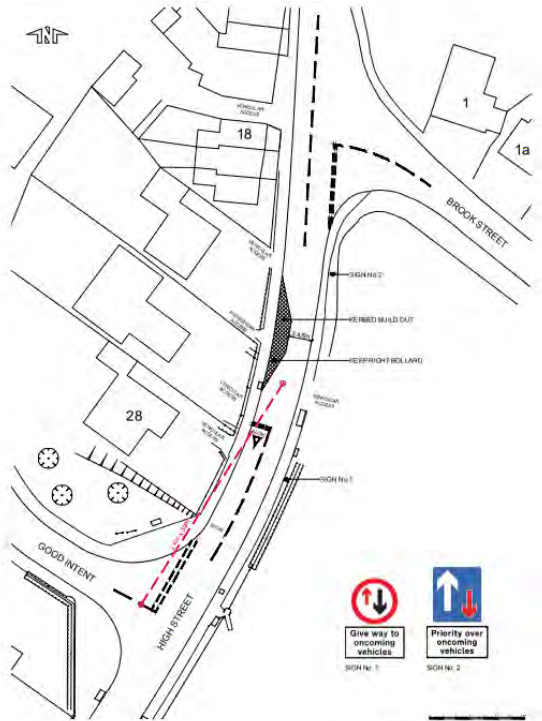
- *Future LuToN - Making best use of our existing runway.*

The Statutory Consultation on the expansion of Luton Airport from 19million to 32million passengers is now live. Parishioners are encouraged to look at all the information online. There are a series of public events being held.

The consultation runs from 8th February to 4th April 2022. More information can be found at Consultation - Luton Rising (www.lutonrising.org/uk/consultation)

- *Wing & Ivinghoe Community Board*

The Board has funded lots of community projects in the past year, spending almost all of its £193K budget. More information about the Board can be found at www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/improving-your-local-community/wing-ivinghoe-community-board/



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The EdleFest dates for 2022 have been confirmed as 10th and 11th June. More information and tickets are available via the EdleFest website <https://edlefest.site123.me/>



Edlesborough Green

Edlesborough Parish Council has applied to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for consent under section 38 of the Commons Act 2006/section 23(2) of the National Trust Act 1971/article 12 of the Greater London Parks and Open Spaces Order 1967* to carry out restricted works on the Southern (Pebblemoor) End of Edlesborough Green. The Planning Inspectorate will decide the application on behalf of the Secretary of State.

The proposed works are:

1. Installation of several items of children's play equipment on the southern side of the current children's play area, covering an area of approximately 700 square metres. The play items will be constructed primarily of wood. Standard plastic safety matting will be placed on the grass to provide the necessary safety surface. Within a few months, grass will grow through the matting which will then become almost invisible. The grass will then be cut as normal. No new fences will be erected.
2. Installation of a new path between the pavilion car park and the tennis courts to allow wheelchair access.

A copy of the application form and accompanying documents can be inspected at Edlesborough Pavilion, The Green, Edlesborough, Beds LU6 2JF on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11am to 3pm, or subject to a prior appointment being made by calling the Clerk until 6th April 2022

Any representations should be sent in writing ON or BEFORE 6th April 2022 to The Planning Inspectorate, Commons Team at 3A Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN or commonlandcasework@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

EPC has in principle granted permission for ECSC to use the Green as part of any celebrations they may be organising for HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

EDaN Community Car Service

This is a group of local volunteers who support parishioners with journeys to hospital etc. The group which has been inactive due to Covid 19 has now resumed.

The group is in need of more volunteer drivers. Any parishioner interested in using the service or volunteering should contact the co-ordinator Peter Williams via email at peterw500@aol.com or on 01442 842506.

EDaN Beautification Team

The EDaN Beautification Team continue to work hard tending to the various planters in the villages of Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall which are all looking lovely.

Do you enjoy gardening and have some time to spare?

The EDaN Beautification Team is running low on volunteers for the tidying and watering of these planters. Anyone interested in getting involved or helping out with the watering should contact Mrs Christine Yates on 01525 220739 or chris@brooklyns.org.uk

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.

Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS)

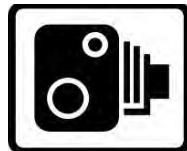
EPC is pleased to announce that it has secured funding from the Wing & Ivinghoe Community Board to match fund 50% of the purchase of three MVAS Units which will be deployed at various locations in the villages. Cllr Williams and the Clerk are currently working with the Buckinghamshire Council Local Area Technician finalising locations and purchasing poles for the MVAS units to be mounted on.



Speedwatch & EDaN Traffic Management

Traffic Calming

Any parishioner interested in becoming involved with the EDaN Community Speedwatch for Edlesborough Parish should contact Cllr Alan Williams via email at alan.williams@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk or on 07828 398371



20mph Zones

At the February EPC meeting Council agreed to;

1. Support the principle of traffic calming on South End Lane adjacent to the Children's Play Area and Village Hall.
2. To fund the Speed Limit Assessment and Speed Survey by Buckinghamshire Council.
3. To pursue the rest of South End Lane, Northall being changed from a declassified speed limit to 30mph to bring it in line with other no through roads in the Parish.

Council also considered requests for 20mph zones in Dagnall and on Cow Lane near the Surgery. Council agreed that as the other locations are currently all 30mph limits the Council would prioritise South End Lane, Northall as the first road to test out the process of introducing 20mph zones.

Council Meetings

The next Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings will take place on:

- Thursday 21st April 2022 – in Edlesborough Memorial Hall
- Thursday 19th May 2022 – in Edlesborough Memorial Hall

This meeting will be preceded by the Annual Meeting of Edlesborough Parish Council. The meetings will commence at 7:30pm.

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. Council requests that where possible questions, issues and suggestions are submitted in writing to the Clerk by the Tuesday preceding the meeting.

The Agenda and full minutes of previous Parish Council meetings are available to view on the website or from the Parish Clerk.

All the hyperlinks in the information above can be accessed through the Edlesborough Parish website.



Edlesborough Parish Council Contact Information:

Clerk: Miss Penny Pataky Office hours Mon – Fri 10am – 1pm (Excl. Wed)

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The winter months have been busy for Eaton Bray Good Neighbours.

They have been helping many people in the village with medical appointments, shopping or collections from the Pharmacy.

During the last 3 months of 2021, Eaton Bray Good Neighbours were actively helping our village community. We received calls from over 80 local residents during this period. Of these there were 10 people who contacted us for the first time.

We had requests from over 40 people for lifts to hospitals and medical appointments. About 10 more were driven to social or well being areas. We collected and delivered 38 prescriptions and helped 20 villagers with the delivery of their shopping. We also helped 9 people with transport to Vaccination Centres, during the Pandemic.

Through our Befriending, we have been in touch with 55 members of the community. Over this time this has mainly been with a friendly phone call. We have also had requests to provide company whilst going for a walk, particularly after an illness or operation.

During this period we helped the local Food Bank with their deliveries.

All our local people who use our service received a Christmas card and a small present.

Eaton Bray Good Neighbours' drivers will help with requests for lifts to Hospitals, doctors Surgeries or any necessary journey. We make a small charge for the journeys, which is given direct to our drivers.

Some of our volunteers continue to help with our "In Touch" programme. We aim to telephone anyone in our community who would like a friendly telephone call. If you live on your own, having a chat on the telephone can make a lot of difference to your day.

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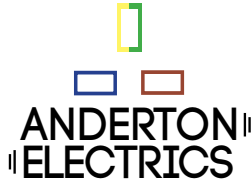
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Deirdrea welcomed the members and a visitor to the March meeting. Birthday cards and good wishes were extended to

Marion and Pamela.

Details of future events were given out. 29th April the WI Spring Group Meeting at St Giles Tottenhamhoe. The speaker will be Chris Hazell on 'just for the record'.

On the 19th May the WI are holding a Community Coffee Morning in the Hall to celebrate our 100th birthday 10.30-12.30. In May 100 food items will be given to the Food Bank at Dunstable, as part of our 100th celebration.

The coach is booked for the outing to Windsor on 20th June, followed by a river cruise and cream tea.

Ideas were asked for re celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The speaker for the evening was Rikki Harrington. Rikki has a life long interest in butterflies after finding a butterfly card in his mum's Brooke Bond tea packet and then actually found that butterfly when out one day. After years of studying he later became a zoologist and entomologist at Rothamsted Research Institute. The members were asked to choose from a list of British butterflies and Rikki combined beautiful pictures with intriguing facts and habits of each one, accompanied by a relevant poem, often humorous, that he had written.

In his new book entitled The Butterfly Collection, for each butterfly photographed, he has written an appropriate poem. A most interesting and enjoyable speaker.

Social time followed, with the judging of the competition, a piece of creative writing, which was won by Ronnie, this being the third month that she has won the competition, a very creative lady.

The next meeting on 4th April will be the Annual Meeting, followed by a Beetle Drive to be run by Helen. Subscriptions are due on that evening.

Visitors are always welcome to join us on the first Monday of the month (except for Bank Holiday) at Eaton Bray Methodist Hall at 7.30pm. We usually have a speaker covering various different subjects.

Being a member of the WI gives access to both County and regional events, as well as events run by our own WI. Look forward to seeing you.



Music at St Mary's

The Linsdale Singers are thrilled to be performing again at St Mary's, the choir's first concert since the outbreak of Covid. The programme consists of a varied selection of unaccompanied choral music which includes Eleanor Dailey's Requiem, the first performance of the Kingsfold Mass by Dennis Pim and secular pieces by Parry, Wood, Elgar, Kate Rusby and Lennon/McCartney. It takes place on the 10th April at 3pm. Tickets are £10, box office 01525 222283.



A well-established chamber choir starting in 1977, they are perhaps best known for a cappella singing. With up to thirty members they specialise in 4 and 8-part music ranging from sacred baroque masses to light-hearted folk songs, madrigals and even Beatles music! Their reputation has enabled them to sing services in many of the country's beautiful cathedrals and abbeys. This

year, in July, they are singing in the famous cathedral of Bury St Edmunds.

As well as unaccompanied music they have also sung many famous and favourite accompanied music for example Handel's Messiah, Vivaldi's Gloria, Mozart's Requiem where they were joined by a small number of local, experienced musicians providing a small orchestra. They also sing at weddings, funerals and have given many a light-hearted concert entitled 'Concert and Cakes' to raise money for local churches.



Under the direction of their Musical Director Dr Dennis Pim, they rehearse every Thursday evening at 8pm with rehearsals being concentrated but nonetheless a lot of fun.

Currently, there are vacancies in all four voice parts, so if you, or someone you know would like to talk about becoming a member please contact info@linsdale.org.uk We look forward to seeing you at St Mary's on the 10th April.

Easter 2022 Tennis Camps



Week 1 - 9-11am Yellow Ball (11-18yrs)

Week 2 – 9-11am Mini Tennis (10 and under)

Our Camps combine fun and games with Tennis Coaching. Youngsters aged 10 years and under learn the basics while having lots of fun doing games and activities specifically designed to build co-ordination, balance and movement. The older age groups work on drills to embed good movement and build fitness, which lead onto appropriate technical aspects of Tennis being covered. They finish up with valuable Tournament and match play tuition and practice, and even rain doesn't always stop play. You don't have to be member of the Club to attend the Camps and all abilities are catered for.

	Junior Tennis Camp				
Week1:	Mon 4 th April	Tues 5 th April	Weds 6 th April	Thurs 7 th April	Fri 8 th April
	Mini Tennis Camp				
Week2:	Mon 11 th April	Tues 12 th April	Weds 13 th April	Thurs 14 th April	

Courses are run by Head Coach Sara Bamford (PTR Pro and LTA Level 4) with an LTA license, DBS and Emergency First Aid. All equipment is supplied but please wear sports clothing and suitable trainers. Ages 4-18 catered for. Please note all camp sessions will run inline with the LTA COVID Guidelines more information can be found at www.lta.org.uk

	Cost
Week (5 days)	£60
Week (4 days)	£48
1 Day	£13

***10% sibling discount and 10% members discount available**

Mini Tennis Camp Age 4 – 10 years old this session will be aimed at mini tennis level

Junior Tennis Camp Age 11 years and up this session will be aimed at 11-18 year olds playing yellow ball tennis

If you have any questions or need any more information,

please call Sara Bamford on 07561-571578.



To book directly online please visit our website or scan the QR code

www.ebtcc.org.uk

Book now and guarantee your place! Eaton Bray Tennis Club, School Lane, Eaton Bray, LU6 2DT

EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL

EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL FOCUS REPORT

A full copy of the minutes for Eaton Bray Parish Council can be found on our website: www.ebpc.co.uk. A hard copy of the minutes can also be viewed on the Parish Council's notice board at The Coffee Tavern.

Parish Council Website

To keep up to date with what is happening in your parish, you can get all Parish Council news and updates from the Parish Council website. 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

Parish Council Open Office/Surgery

If you need to speak to the Parish Council Clerk about local matters, you can visit the Parish Council Office at the Coffee Tavern on the second Tuesday after the monthly parish council meeting each month. For further information, please contact the Parish Clerk or visit <https://www.ebpc.co.uk/parish-council-surgery/>

Parish Councillor Vacancy

The Parish Council has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor, if you are interested in joining, please contact the Parish Clerk.

FixMyStreet

CBC have a reporting system to make reporting road/street issues easier, quicker and more accurate. To report and track highways and environment problems go online/use the FixMyStreet app: <https://fixmystreet.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/>

EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 7th February 2022, from 7:30pm

(Minutes ratified at PC Meeting, 07/03/2022)

CBC 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

Co-option of Parish Councillor

The Parish Council were pleased to co-opt and welcome Cllr Sue Cappella, Cllr Richard Ball and Cllr Howard Jones onto Eaton Bray Parish Council.

Planning Applications - January 2022/February 2022

A copy of the Parish Council's response to planning applications can be seen on the Parish Council website or obtained by applying to the Parish Clerk.

Monthly Payments, February 2022

A copy of the Parish Council monthly payments can be seen on the Parish Council website or obtained by applying to the Parish Clerk.

Recreation Grounds

- School Lane footpath: Quotations have been received; the Parish Council has agreed to the improvement works going ahead.
*UPDATE 07/03/2022: Repair works were carried out on Monday 28 February 2022.

Highways

- The parish SIDs (Speed Indicating Devices): Application submitted to CBC for match funding.
- Speedwatch: There are nine new members who are going through training. The group are waiting for confirmation from the police that all members training is completed to be able to carry out Speedwatch sessions in the village.

Watercourse/Mill End Close

- Benches: Two new benches to be fitted in Mill End Close, fitting early March (weather dependant).
*UPDATE 07/03/2022: The two benches have been fitted.
- Mill End Close/Waterside: Some remedial work to a small leak was carried out to a small section of the bank. Tree roots may be contributing to the small leak, the Parish Council are monitoring this location.

Jubilee Celebrations

- The Parish Council have looked at the sample poles and agreed to the design, the council to order poles/flags for display.

Parish Trees

- St. Mary's Church/Ash: The Parish Council has approved the work going ahead.
*UPDATE 07/03/2022: Work to the tree planned to go ahead on 23 March 2022 (weather permitting).
- Landscape Buffer/Maple: The Parish Council has approved the work going ahead.
*UPDATE 07/03/2022: Work to the tree planned to go ahead on 22 March 2022 (weather permitting).

Parish Council Meetings (The Coffee Tavern, Eaton Bray)

Details can be obtained from the EBPC website, www.ebpc.co.uk

- Parish Council Meeting, Monday 4 April 2022 from 7:30pm
- Annual Parish Meeting, Monday 9 May 2022 from 7:00pm
- Annual Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council, Monday 9 May 2022 from 7:30pm

Parish Council Open Office/Surgery

(date subject to change, please check the EBPC Website for updates)

- Tuesday 12 April 2022, 10am-12noon, The Coffee Tavern, High Street, Eaton Bray
- Tuesday 17 May 2022, 10am-12noon, the Coffee Tavern, High Street, Eaton Bray



Heidi Head, Parish Clerk

Email: clerk@ebpc.co.uk – Telephone/Text: 07931 479663 – Website: www.ebpc.co.uk

Office Hours: Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 09:30-13:30hrs

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Book Swap Launch

Free Book Sharing Scheme

The Launch of the Book sharing scheme took place on Saturday 5th March 2022 from 10.30 – 12.00 to coincide with the Church Coffee Morning.

The church provided a cosy space and we had an eclectic selection of novels for the opening. As the idea is that people bring a book to share and take a book they would like to read the titles available to read should be continually changing.

It was a very enjoyable morning and there was a lot of interest from the people who attended. We were busy with visitors to the bookcase throughout the morning, many people arrived with books to share and more took books to read.

The feedback we received was very positive and we are hopeful that we will have more visitors participating in the book swap as the scheme continues.

Please only bring with you as many novels as you wish to take away with you as we do not have the capacity to store more books than the bookcase will hold.

The next Book Swap will take place on Saturday 2nd April from 10.30 – 12.00 at St Mary's Church during the Church Coffee Morning.

For more information, or if you would like to be involved, please contact:

Chris Sanders, Email: chris.sanders45@gmail.com

Jenifer MacKenzie Email: jenimackenzie@hotmail.com

Cheddington Bowls Club



Are you recently retired (or not) and wondering what on earth you can do to fill your days? When the sun is shining and the garden is as pristine as it's going to get – and your back has had enough anyway – what about a game of bowls instead? It's fun, good exercise in the fresh air, socially pleasurable (a very reasonably priced bar!) and competitive without being cut-throat.

We're a very amiable group of people from villages all around Cheddington who love to get together on (and off) the green. Whether you're all alone, a couple or a group of friends, do come and give it a go! You don't have to have grey hair – we have quite a few who haven't! – and as long as you can stroll up and down the green and crouch low enough to deliver a bowl, it's for you...

Our green opens at the end of April and we have fun *roll-ups on Tuesday afternoons and Friday evenings. *(This is the term we in the know use for a practice with friends, not a dodgy fag!). You will get three FREE tuition sessions with a qualified coach to learn the basics, then off you go! There are bowls you can borrow – all you need are stretchy trousers and flat-soled shoes. We have inter-club competitions and 'friendlies' with other local clubs, so plenty of chances to test your newly-found skills but no pressure to do so. There's also a reduced membership for shiny-new bowlers!

If you think you might like to 'give bowls a go' please get in touch with me and I will arrange for Diane, our Membership Secretary, to send you all the relevant stuff...

Chris Yates, Club Secretary Tel: 01525 220739 or email chris@brooklyns.org.uk

*Churches Together in Eaton Bray,
Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall*

***Easter services
in our villages***

***We welcome you to worship
this Easter***



Christians in the four villages invite you to worship with them

CHURCH OF ENGLAND (High Street, Eaton Bray)

Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Eaton Bray with Edlesborough

Palm Sunday, 10 April	10.00am	Blessing of Palms & Sung Eucharist
Monday in Holy Week, 11 April	7.30pm	NCG Eucharist, St Mary's, Kensworth
Tuesday in Holy Week, 12 April	7.30pm	NCG Eucharist, St John the Baptist, Stanbridge
Wednesday in Holy Week, 13 April	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross, St Mary's Eaton Bray
Maundy Thursday, 14 April	8.00pm	Solemn Eucharist of The Lord's Supper followed by the Watch of the Passion
Good Friday, 15 April	11.00am- 1.00pm	Messy Church, Eaton Bray Village Hall
	2.00pm	"An Hour at The Cross" (Devotional Service)
Easter Day, 17 April	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist and Easter egg hunt

ALL SAINTS' DAGNALL (Ringshall Road, Dagnall)

Good Friday, 15 April	6.00pm	'The Way of The Cross' (Service of Reflection)
Easter Day, 17 April	10.30am	Holy Communion

NORTHALL BAPTIST CHURCH (Chapel Lane)

Palm Sunday, 10 April	11.00am	Palm Sunday Service
Maundy Thursday, 14 April	7.30pm	Service of Holy Communion
Easter Day, 17 April	11.00am	Service of Celebration. Christ is Risen from the Dead!

THE SALVATION ARMY (Booth Place, Eaton Bray)

Palm Sunday, 10 April	11.00am	Palm Sunday Service
Good Friday, 15 April	10.30am	Joint Service at Eaton Bray Methodist Chapel
Easter Sunday, 17 April	11.00am	Easter Celebration. Please bring a bunch of daffodils with you.

EATON BRAY METHODIST CHAPEL (Totternhoe Road)

Palm Sunday, 10 April	10.30am	Café Worship Service
Good Friday, 15 April	10.30am	Joint Service
Easter Sunday, 17 April	10.30am	Service of Holy Communion

EDLESBOROUGH METHODIST CHAPEL

Palm Sunday, 10 April	10.30am	Joint service at Kensworth Methodist Chapel
Good Friday, 15 April	10.30am	Joint service at Eaton Bray Methodist Chapel
Easter Sunday, 17 April	10.30am	Service of Holy Communion

ROMAN CATHOLIC

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LU7 1HZ

Tel 01525 372321

Email: parish.sacredheartlb@northamptondiocese.org;

Website: <http://www.sacredheartlb.org.uk/>

Easter

Easter is the most important and joyful Christian Festival.

It celebrates Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead - three days after he died on the cross.

The Easter story is at the heart of Christianity

On Good Friday Jesus Christ was executed by crucifixion. His body was taken down from the cross and buried in a tomb.

The tomb was guarded and an enormous stone was put over the entrance, so that no-one could steal the body.

On the following Sunday some women visited the grave and they found that the stone had been moved and the tomb was empty.

Jesus himself was seen that day and for days afterwards by many people. His followers realised that Jesus had risen from the dead.

This Means:

That no one is outside of God's love. Everybody can begin again and can experience new life in Christ through faith in him and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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is a visible sign of the Churches' commitment to the communities of which they are a part and to each other.

Spring has Sprung, Shake up your House!

As the covid restrictions are lifted even more, it's time to clear out the cobwebs not only from winter, but from the last 2 years.

Spring is the traditional time to cleanse your house in readiness for the summer, energy levels are awakening with more sunshine and longer days coming so we can embrace the opportunity to clear out the clutter.

Decluttering is a great way to feel positive about your space and will give you great personal satisfaction when you reclaim your space.

Sometimes the area that needs to be actioned can feel overwhelming. There are some steps you can take to help yourself feel more in control of this situation, a great tip is to set a time limit, a focused 30 minutes can be far more productive than 3 hours of aimless piling.

Another tip is to create sections as you tidy, to 'tidy as you do' create a pile to take to the recycling centre, a pile for the recycling and a pile for the landfill.

Never underestimate the old adage 'one person's rubbish is another person's treasure', there are lots of websites that allow you to advertise items for free, and your unwanted items usually get snapped up and picked up really quickly, allowing your items to live a longer life, free up space in your house and reduce landfill waste, everyone wins!

Good luck with your spring clean, if you do need any help, we offer a bespoke decluttering service and we'll happily work with you to help you be ready for summer and reclaim your space.

✉ Becca & Lizz

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Edlesborough W.I.



We commenced our March meeting with the agreed signing of the minutes and items of interest shared. We also heard a little about our exciting forthcoming summer trips which led us very nicely into Members Night.

Members Night is literally when the members provide the fun for the evening. Instead of having a speaker we provide our own entertainment and this can be anything from a quiz to a beetle drive. New ideas are always welcome. We have enjoyed a real jamboree of entertainments over the years. This year our committee set us a fun quiz. Getting together in tables of six we answered questions on plants, the London Underground and Royalty. Through a lot of hubbub and laughter we put our thinking caps on and answered the questions in anticipation of seeing whose table would claim the prize. There were very few marks between the winners and losers which was a very good sign that our "grey matter" is still on form. The winners were rewarded with some lovely chocolates.

Our committee then provided us with a delicious selection of home made cakes to go with our tea and coffee. A fun night was had by all.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday April 12th in Edlesborough Memorial Hall at 07.30 p.m. We are always welcoming to new members, do come along to make new friends and enjoy the very varied programme.

✉ Jane Jones

Welcome to the Little Theatre Dunstable

Did you know Dunstable has two theatres? Most people know the Grove theatre, that's the new kid on the block. The older Little Theatre started presenting shows and supporting the development of performers and production teams in 1968. The Little Theatre, on High Street South, is home to the Dunstable Rep Theatre Club. A vibrant community of volunteers, producing a huge variety of plays and some social events. About every eight weeks a new in-house play runs for eight performances and between these, a few co-productions with other companies. On non-performance nights, there's more activity. Monday, Wednesday and Friday are regular rehearsal nights. Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings, regular set-build sessions. Technical set-up and building maintenance sessions fit in around this lot. The Little Theatre is active most days.

As well as the active members, the Rep has many supporters who join the club just to see the plays. In return, they get early and discounted booking.

All of this happens in the Victorian building which has seen numerous upgrades over the years. From the first installation of a stage and flat floor seating, through new seating, a raked auditorium, building extensions, electrical refurbishment and most recently, new ventilation systems. The theatre now provides a 99 seat auditorium, changing rooms, Green Room, workshop, box office, coffee room and bar. The historic building hides some of the latest technology providing surprising comfort, safety and production standards often only seen in London.

The intimate and welcoming interior has seen numerous theatre enthusiasts develop their skill to a level where it becomes their profession. Many more choose to keep theatre as a hobby. The appeal is different for everyone: some like the challenge, some like the break from the everyday and for some it's about sharing a common interest with others.

Brief History of "The Rep"

Dunstable Rep Theatre Club, fondly known as 'The Rep', was formed in 1945 after a group of young people performed the play 'Quiet Wedding'. They enjoyed it so much they decided to form a theatre group.

The Rep performed at Dunstable's old Town Hall, built sets in a garage next door and performed 3 productions a year to packed houses.

In 1964 the Town Hall was demolished. The Rep mainly performed comedies and farces at several different venues using simple travelling sets. The shows were well supported but it wasn't the same as having a permanent home.

The old Dunstable library next door to Chews House had become vacant in 1964. The Chews Foundation agreed to lease the building to The Rep who converted it into the Little Theatre. The Rep first performed at the Little Theatre on 7th October 1968.

Brief History of the Little Theatre building

- 1883 - To provide extra accommodation for the boys of Chews Charity, the Chew Trustees opened a second school (now The Little Theatre building) next door to Chew's Charity School.
- 1938 - Dunstable Library opened at Chew's School building (now Little Theatre).
- 1964 - Library moved to Vernon Place, leaving the Chews building vacant.

- 1968 - Dunstable Rep Theatre Club re-opens the building as The Little Theatre on 7th October.

COMING SOON at the Little Theatre:

13-21 May - My Mother Said I Never Should - A warm, poignant elegy about growing up, growing old and growing or not growing wise

1-9 July - Ben Hur - a Farce - An irreverent remake of the epic film

For booking information: www.littletheatre.org.uk/book

For further information: www.littletheatre.org.uk

Facebook.com/DunstableRep



St Mary's 100 Club

The lucky prize-winners are:

Jan 2022

1st prize – John Plater

2nd prize – Sheila Banks

3rd prize – Abigail Newbiggin

Feb 2022

1st prize – Victor Courtice

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Good Friday 15 April

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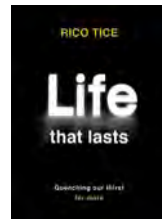


Life. We are all looking for it.

We are all looking for something special in life that will elevate mere existence to real life. That quality of life that makes life worth living. Real, satisfying, meaningful life that lasts. Have you found it? And, if you have, can you be confident it will last?

Coming out of a pandemic we have all looked at what is important in our lives and what makes life meaningful. However, we can feel dissatisfaction in life as we seek to find real meaning. Jesus made an outrageous claim found in the Gospel of John "Let anyone who is thirsty, come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them" John 7:37-38. The secret of real satisfaction is found in Jesus.

This Easter why not find out more about this Jesus, the message of the cross of Jesus, how the death of Jesus deals with our sin and how this gives us real life that lasts.



Extracts from 'Life that Lasts'
by Rico Tice
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Wild Rabbits

Most people have spotted these adorable animals grazing in long grasses looking for their favourite foods. They were first introduced to the UK by the Normans for food and fur but are now a common sight for many. They live in large groups in underground burrow systems known as 'warrens'. Female rabbits, called 'does' produce one litter of between three and seven babies every month during the breeding season – that's a lot of little ones! Rabbits make a tasty snack for stoats, buzzards, polecats and red foxes, which is why having a warren to hide in for shelter is so important. The rabbit is grey-brown in colour, with long ears and hind legs, and a fluffy white tail. It is smaller than the brown hare and does not have black tips on its ears. Rabbits don't often live for more than 3 years. Over 90% die in the first year of life, and most of these in the first three months.

Information courtesy of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust www.bbowl.org.uk



Meet Kids' TV Favourites Bluey and Bingo

New blue animals to encounter at Whipsnade Zoo
from Saturday 9 - Tuesday 12 April

Little ones will have the chance to meet two of their favourite TV characters this Easter holidays, when the stars of Bluey visit ZSL Whipsnade Zoo.

For four days only (Saturday 9 – Tuesday 12 April), everyone's favourite, playful pup from Down Under, Bluey, and her little sister Bingo, will be sharing their love of fun with families at the UK's largest Zoo. Children will have the opportunity to get their photo taken and get an Aussie high-five from the stars of the smash-hit, kids' show.

Free with zoo entry tickets, Bluey Meet & Greet Sessions will be available to book by signing up on the day for timed slots on site.

Best known for its colossal beasts that graze enormous enclosures, like the Zoo's herd of Asian elephants, the conservation zoo is home to 10,000 animals, from leaping lemurs to adorable otters.

Easter visitors can see five African lions, currently 'on holiday' at the zoo after their habitat at another zoo was damaged by Storm Eunice. Eight-month-old rhino Nandi is often spotted galloping around with her herd of Southern-white rhinoceroses, and the Zoo's ever-boisterous, young Amur tigers are always a delight to watch. Enjoy an Aussie encounter with the world's peppiest pup, and come fact-to-face with hundreds of different species at Whipsnade Zoo this April by booking at zsl.org



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April 2022 at the Grove

Comedy

Chris Ramsey - 2 Apr

Paul Chowdhry - 7 Apr

Menopause the Musical 2 - 9 Apr

Jason Manford: Like Me - 21 Apr

Blokes of a Feather - 27 Apr

Popular Music

Anything for Love The Meat Loaf Story - 1 Apr

Barry Steele - The Roy Orbison Story - 3 Apr

Aida - 4 Apr

Sweet Caroline Neil Diamond Tribute - 8 Apr

The Illegal Eagles - 10 Apr

Dreams of Fleetwood Mac - 14 Apr

Radio Ga Ga - 22 Apr

That'll be the Day - 23 Apr

The Cavern Beatles - 24 Apr

Stand by Your Man - 28 Apr

Northern Live - 29 Apr

The Story of Guitar Heroes - 30 Apr

Dance

BTUK2 - 5 Apr

Film

Mirusia Sings for You - 11 Apr

Sing 2 - 12 Apr

Encanto - 12 Apr

The Matrix Resurrections - 12 Apr

The Electrical Life of Louise Wain - 19 Apr

Scream - 20 Apr

Belfast - 25-26 Apr

Nightmare Alley - 25 Apr

Variety

An Evening with Phil Vickery England

Rugby's "Raging Bull" - 6 Apr

Children's Shows

The Wizard of Oz - 13 Apr

Rapunzel - A Tangled Musical Adventure - 15 Apr

Dinosaur Adventure Live - 16 Apr



*Ticket prices vary; for more information or to book, call the Box Office on 01582 60 20 80
or visit the website at www.grovetheatre.co.uk.*



SAVE THE DATE - HAVE YOUR SAY!



In the days before social media came along the government decreed that there must be a forum where the Parish Council publicly and formally reviews its achievements and plans each year with its electors. It is known as the ***Annual Parish Meeting***.

The meeting offers any electors in Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall the opportunity to raise any issues. Unlike a normal Parish Council meeting, in this special meeting anyone is allowed to speak on any topic related to the parish.

Edlesborough Parish Council plans to take this a stage further. We would like to invite organisations based in the parish to join us and share their plans for the future and identify ways the Parish Council and/or electors might help to support them. They will have the opportunity to address all the participants in the meeting. It also provides the opportunity to meet with councillors informally.

Coupled with this EPC has launched a Small Grants Scheme to invite individuals and local groups/organisations to apply for funding. We will invite them to share their plans/progress of any Parish Council funded project. Similarly, we will invite representatives of existing organisations that have already received council funding to share their plans. We would also like to make you aware of new opportunities to participate in initiatives and funding from Buckinghamshire Council.

The law requires that a meeting be held each year and that both the chair and clerk of the council organise the meeting between March and 1st June. The chair of the council is required to chair the meeting. Sadly the government rules say that we are not allowed to hold the meeting on licensed premises so we are unable to hold it in our new pavilion. However, we are not prevented from serving 'refreshments' in Edlesborough Memorial Hall. We will send out formal invitations to existing organisations. **We want you especially, the electors, to come along.** In order to ensure we provide sufficient "refreshments" for all attendees we request that you inform Penny Pataky our Parish Clerk of your intention to via clerk@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk or 01525 229358

The meeting will take place in Edlesborough Memorial Hall on Tuesday 24th May at 7.30 and is planned to end no later than 9pm.

Details of the small grants scheme are available on our website www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk/community-information/epc-small-grant-scheme/

We look forward to joining with you in this new forum on parish life.

Edlesborough Parish Council



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or visit: www.dagnall.bucks.sch.uk email: office@dagnall.bucks.sch.uk



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At this time of year, we think about the Easter story: Jesus coming as a child, growing, experiencing life changes from a child to an adult, sharing teaching about God and showing practical signs of the power of God, dying on the cross, then rising to new life. We are so precious that God chose to give his Son so that we can have new life both here on earth and in the life to come. John 3 v 16 tells us that God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. God loves everyone.

Whatever our age, sometimes our circumstances aren't good, bad things happen or there are disappointments. Sometimes people upset us or situations make us angry or sad. Perhaps we are not doing our best or are restricted by problems. We may not be popular among our peers or the place where we live is not right. There may be someone close to us who is not supportive. We might have made bad decisions. All these things can cause worry and drain our life and energy.

Be encouraged that this hard time might be the dark place of gestation where you are learning, growing, changing

and will ultimately emerge as a stronger person, who forgives, moves on, makes changes or finally gets help that brings vitality and freshness to your life. If we choose to invite him, God can be pivotal in this process. Even if your life is completely happy, you are contented and seemingly have everything you need, in reflective moments, you may still have a sense that there must be more to life. This spring as you see nature bursting out in the leaves, flowers, lambs and birdsong remember that there is hope and new life available for you too. You are created with unique, special gifts made to interact with and help others. You are so loved that God sent his Son, Jesus, to die for you so that you can have a full, brilliant, hopeful, amazing life with God beside you every step of the way.

You are not defined by

- the labels that you wear or carry
- what you spend your time doing
- who you are with
- your bad choices
- the amount of money you have

If you would like to know more about God and the new life you have in him, why not join us on Sundays at 11 am. You will get a warm welcome. Refreshments served afterwards. For those unable to attend in person we also stream our services.

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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Our Garden Box

Eaton Bray History

Church Farm 2 High Street Eaton Bray

(courtesy of the Bedfordshire Archives)



Church Farm in 1915

2 High Street is a splendid half-timbered building which was listed by the former Department of Environment in September 1980 as Grade II, of special interest. The department dated the structure to the late 16th or early 17th century. Between the timber-framing is whitewashed brick infill or nogging. The house has two storeys beneath an old clay tile roof. It was originally built in a T-plan with a jettied west wing (in other words the first storey overhangs the ground floor). The east wing was added later.

A very full history of the property was undertaken in 2001 by Debrett Ancestry Research Limited. It runs to twenty pages and is available for study in the Bedfordshire and Luton Archives and Records Service Searchroom, being in pamphlet box 130 for Eaton Bray.

The building is known as Church Farm and was part of the Manor of Eaton Bray, which, by the end of the 19th century was in the hands of the Macnamara family. The archive of Brown & Merry estate agents in Leighton Buzzard includes significant correspondence as part of their work

for the Macnamaras and Church Farm is mentioned as early as 1881. Arthur Macnamara was the owner in 1901.

The Eaton Bray part of Pedley Settled Estates was sold at auction by Macnamara's executors in October 1915 and the sale particulars were as follows:

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Farm Premises

Adjoining, Timber-built and Tiled, of Cow Houses for 18, Stabling, Root

House, Loose Boxes, Barn, Cattle Sheds, Implement Shed and Fold and Rickyards, together with a

Grass Orchard, Sound Pasture and Fertile Arable lane

Let to Mrs. W. Ruffett on a Yearly (Michaelmas) tenancy, at the Rent of **£120 per annum.**

The particulars are annotated at the back with the names of those who bought each lot and how much it cost. Sadly Lot 13 is blank and so did not, presumably, sell at the auction.

The Ruffett family had been farmers in the village for at least twelve years. Directories of Bedfordshire were not produced annually but every few years. Louis Ruffett is given as a farmer in Kelly's Directory for 1903, William Ruffett in 1906 and Emma Ruffett in 1910 and 1914. The name of the farm is never stated but it is reasonable to suppose that it might have been Church Farm – which is not named in a directory until 1920 when the farmer was John Costin. He bought the farm in 1917. He is also listed as the farmer in the last few directories for the county published in 1924, 1928, 1931,

1936 and 1940.

The Rating and Valuation Act 1925 specified that every building and piece of land in the country was to be assessed to determine its rateable value. Eaton Bray, like most of the county, was assessed in 1927. The valuer visiting Church Farm duly found it owned and occupied by John A. Costin.

The farm comprised 48 acres, 2 roods and the valuer noted: "Bought farm in 1917. Useful little range of buildings" and "Big House, nice homestead". The farmhouse comprised two reception rooms, a kitchen, a scullery and a dairy with four bedrooms above and a brick and tiled lean-to store shed outside. The homestead comprised: a brick, weather-boarded and tiled coal barn; a loose box ("small"); a two bay open fronted shed; a chaff store; a cow house for ten beasts; a loose box; a brick and tiled trap house ("bad open fronted"); a weather-boarded and tiled earth closet; a fowl house; a mixing room; a three bay open fronted cart shed; three pigsties; a stable for four horses with a chaff house at end; a three bay open fronted shed and a granary.



2 High Street March 2012



Dagnall Community Choir

It's been a busy few months for Dagnall Community Choir, following our post lockdown relaunch back in September. Busy, but happy as we've all really loved being able to get together again to make music and enjoy our weekly Monday night rehearsals.

Our first public performance after our enforced 18 month break was at the Poppy Prom at Eaton Bray church back in November. This was a lovely event, and we followed it up a month later with carol singing at The Five Bells in Stanbridge, and at St Luke's Church in Leagrave. We also enjoyed a fabulous Christmas social evening at the Five Bells.

January and February were taken up with learning and perfecting our entries for the Milton Keynes Music Festival which took place in March, and as we go into April, we are working on polishing up our repertoire ready for our contribution to St Luke's celebration day, which takes place at the church on Saturday 23rd April.

We have been delighted to welcome some newcomers to our ensemble since the start of the year and would encourage anyone else who is interested in joining a choir to give us a go! Just come along to one of our rehearsals on Monday evenings at Dagnall Church at 7.45pm - you will receive a friendly welcome. There are no auditions, and no requirement to read music, all we ask of our choir members is a love of singing.

For more information about the choir, please visit our website www.dagnall-community-choir.co.uk, or telephone 07443 037227.



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Eaton Bray Methodist Church

Our first service in February was led by Geoff Best who, as usual, gave us an excellent sermon, this time focusing on mission. Quoting the examples of Isaiah, Simon Peter and St Paul, he spoke of those who had answered Jesus' call. How do we respond? An eminent Buddhist once said' "Once there is seeing there must be acting; otherwise what is the use of seeing?" Humanity is the answer to inhumanity. On the second Sunday in February we went to join in the service of our fellow Methodists in Kensworth. The third Sunday saw our own Minister, Rev Nigel Bibbings presiding with great care over our worship. In his sermon he tackled the difficult issue of anxiety. We often worry when we shouldn't, especially as worry is unproductive and, indeed, displays a lack of trust in God. We will never eradicate all our concerns but we need to keep them in check and by asking for God's help with our problems, reach a state of peace. Our final Sunday in February was a communion service under the able guidance of Roger Owers. He spoke powerfully about the Transfiguration of Christ, a holy moment when three leading disciples saw Jesus transformed in all his glory with Moses and Elijah. The full significance is not clear even today but in all Christian lives there are moments of glorious and meaningful insight, which we can recognise and treasure, which leave a deep memory and which are fundamental to an understanding of God.

A Warm Invitation

If you would like to join us in a Sunday service, you would be very welcome. Our worship takes place in the Eaton Bray Methodist Church on Totternhoe Rd and starts at 10.30am.

Dick Turpin Visits Northall - A Ghostly Tale

Wikipedia states: Richard Turpin (c.1705 – 1739) was an English highwayman whose exploits were romanticised following his execution in York for horse theft. Turpin may have followed his father's trade as a butcher early in his life but, by the early 1730s, he had joined a gang of deer thieves and later, became a poacher, burglar, horse thief and killer. Turpin's involvement in the crime with which he is most closely associated, highway robbery, followed the arrest of the other members of his gang in 1735. He then disappeared from public view, only to resurface in 1737 with two new accomplices, one of whom Turpin may have accidentally shot and killed. Turpin fled from the scene and shortly afterwards killed a man who attempted his capture.

Later that year, he moved to Yorkshire and assumed the alias of John Palmer. While he was staying at an inn, local magistrates became suspicious of "Palmer" and made enquiries as to how he funded his lifestyle. Suspected of being a horse thief, "Palmer" was imprisoned in York Castle, to be tried at the next assizes. Turpin's true identity was revealed by a letter he wrote to his brother-in-law from his prison cell, which fell into the hands of the authorities. On 22 March 1739, Turpin was found guilty on two charges of horse theft and sentenced to death; he was hanged at Knavesmire on 7 April 1739.

Turpin became the subject of legend after his execution, romanticised as dashing and heroic in English ballads and popular theatre of the 18th and 19th centuries and in film and television of the 20th century.

It is local legend that Dick Turpin used an attic room of Butler's Manor in Northall which commanded a view of laden stage coaches passing Ivinghoe Beacon. He would then ride cross country to hold up the coach at the old road at Dunstable. On dark nights it is said that the ghost of Dick Turpin rides the road leading from St Mary's Church, Edlesborough towards the Tring Road.

Composting

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The benefits of composting your garden and kitchen waste are two-fold. You're reducing the amount of waste collected by your council and providing a habitat for a range of minibeasts. The community of minibeasts who live among the waste help the decaying process, and in turn, these beasts are a delicious food source for hedgehogs and other animals.

Using your own compost will increase the organic content in your soil. Think of your home-made compost as a soil improver – meaning you should mix it well with your existing soil or bought compost. This will boost fertility and help plants to build up resistance to disease and insect attack, thus reducing the need to use chemical controls. Using your compost will also improve the structure and health of your soil, increasing its water retention and nutrient content. Healthy soil feeds the micro organisms that are responsible for digesting the organic matter in the first place, as well as keeping the worms happy!

How to get started

All you need for a successful compost heap is waste, air and water! A simple heap covered with old carpet or plastic is just as effective as a 'bin'. The only advantage of a container is they look tidier and can be easier to manage. Try to pick a shady spot to keep things moist, and water any dry ingredients you may be adding.

What to put in your compost:

- Grass cuttings and dead leaves.
- Fruit and vegetable scraps and peel.
- Plain cardboard (not the glossy cereal box kind).
- Old cut flowers and bedding plants.
- Prunings and dead plants.
- Coffee grounds.

- Tea bags (check your teabags don't contain **plastic** first!).
- Pet droppings from any healthy veg-eating pets, including gerbils, rabbits, hamsters and birds, along with any bedding made from natural material or newspaper.
- Eggshells – these help to keep the heap from smelling.
- Newspapers – shredded paper can help to soak up excess moisture in a heap.

Top tips for composting:

- Ensure you have a good mix of items. If you have large amounts of compostable items to dispose of, such as hedge trimmings or bags of cut grass, it is worth using your garden waste bin (if you have one) or contacting your council to see if they have a municipal composting scheme.
- Composting works best if you add a fair quantity of material at a time, so it is best to save up your kitchen scraps and add them to the heap along with some prunings or old bedding plants.
- It is important to mix the contents of the heap every now and again to aerate it – wait at least three months to turn the heap with a gardening fork.
- Your compost is ready to use when it becomes dark and crumbly.

Do not compost:

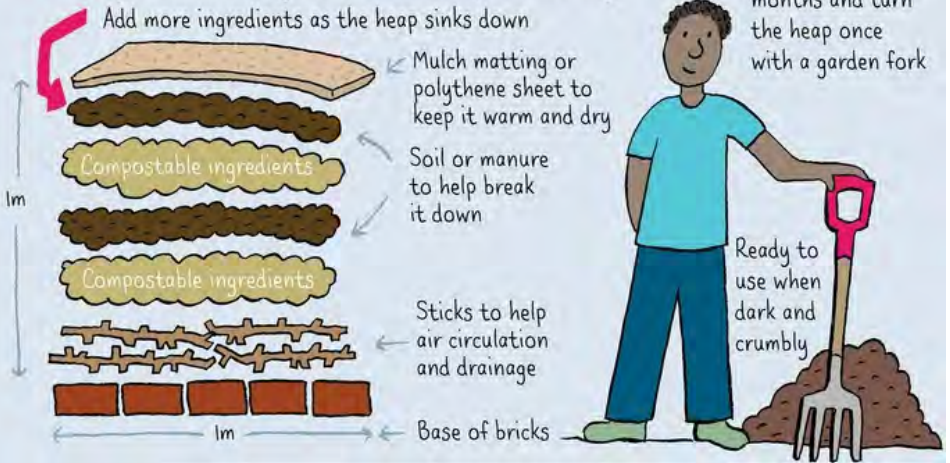
Cooked food, coal and coke ash, meat and fish, bones, cat litter, dog poo, disposable nappies or human poo, glossy paper, weeds, woody stems, or diseased plants.

Remember! Be careful when you turn or fork your compost, especially in winter, as there may be animals hiding or hibernating in there – everything from smooth newts to hedgehogs!

How to Make Your Own Compost

Save up enough ingredients for a week or two until you have enough to build a heap in one day.

Wait at least 3 months and turn the heap once with a garden fork



How to Make Simple Compost

1 Carefully make holes in the base of your bin if it doesn't have any. Then place it on or close to bare soil to let worms wiggle in.



3 Stick a fork in and turn over the contents of the bin (ideally once a month) to let more air in. The more you turn it, the quicker you make compost.

2 Start putting stuff in... mix brown materials, like straw and paper, with nitrogen-rich ones like veggies and tea bags.



Check out the worms that have moved in!



4 It can take from six months to two years, but when it's ready you'll find rich, dark, fabulous compost. Use it!

Don't worry if there are lumps, bumps and bits of eggshells.



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grass cuttings

straw

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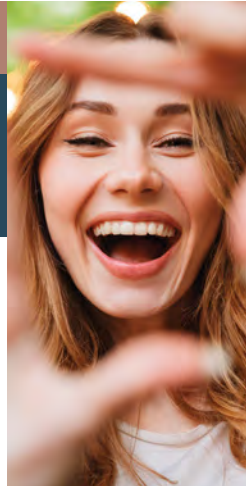
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Down the Lane

March is here and I have cowslips flowering in the garden! Perhaps they are a domesticated variety as not even the leaves of the ones in rough grass have appeared yet. Where I grew up there was a meadow with a stream running through it so it was left as pasture and was full of flowers in the spring; ladies smock, early purple orchids, cowslips, meadow sweet, irises by the water and bluebells, foxgloves and primroses under the trees. I'm sure that it's still in the same state, a rarity these days. Seeing cowslips always reminds me of the field.

Many of my perennials die back completely in winter. Now that the soil is warming up, they are sprouting again. Some will need splitting as new growth is usually on the outside of the plant and the middle dies leaving a bare patch, very noticeable with irises. Paeonies are showing their red shoots. I soon learnt that they need staking early as the flowers are always top heavy and would otherwise disappear under the foliage! I have some scented ones which are lovely when cut and displayed in the house.



The wildlife pond in the kitchen garden at Houghton Hall Park

Last month I visited Houghton Hall Park in Houghton Regis. It covers about 40 acres, mainly parkland with trees but has a glorious walled garden for fruit and vegetables. Most of the gardening is carried out by volunteers organized by a member of staff. There are fruit trees trained against the walls, a cutting garden for flowers and raised beds, made from oak sleepers, for growing an amazing variety of vegetables. If you are interested in growing fruit and vegetables, it's well worth a visit. I took a picture of the wildlife pond in the

garden – an important feature for attracting predators and pollinators.

The hellebores (known as Christmas Roses though they don't flower until January) in the garden, are looking splendid at present and, when the weather is warm enough, are attracting bees. When the flowers are finished new foliage grows and gives good ground cover for the rest of the year. I have lots of foxglove seedlings in the garden so I will move some to grow up through the hellebores.

The birds are singing and building their nests. I was watching a long-tailed tit through the kitchen window. It had a feather in its beak which flew away. The bird managed to catch the feather only to lose it again and re-catch it and dive into a shrub where, I presume it's building a nest.

✍️ Sally Taylor



hellebores

Eaton Bray Cricket Club



Work party's have begun to prepare the ground and facilities for the upcoming season.

The Ladies Softball Team is coming on a pace with preliminary fixtures being discussed with Dunstable, Lutonians and Luton Town & Indians though as yet no dates have been finalised. We will also be starting a Girls Section under Dynamos Cricket to be on Saturday Mornings from 10.30 for 8 weeks starting on June 4th.

Saturday Fixtures

1stX1 FCCL Div1

April 30th Milton Keynes Away

May 7th Olney Town Away

May 14th Thurleigh Home

May 21st Elstow Away

May 28th New Bradwell Home

June 11th Cranfield University Away

June 18th Printers Home

June 25th Westcroft Away

July 2nd North Crawley Home

July 9th Milton Keynes Home

July 16th Thurleigh Away

July 23rd Olney Town Home

July 30th New Bradwell Away

August 6th Elstow Home

August 13th Cranfield University Home

August 20th Printers Away

August 27th Westcroft Home

September 3rd North Crawley Away

2nd X1 FCCL Div6

Westcroft Home

Milton Bryan Home

Panthers Away

Grumpy MKs Home

New City Away

Wolverton Town Home

Sher-E-Punjab Away

Shenley Church End Home

Eggington Forresters Away

Westcroft Away

Panthers Home

Milton Bryan Away

New City Home

Grumpy MKs Away

Wolverton Town Away

Sher-E-Punjab Home

Shenley Church End Away

Eggington Forresters Home

Eaton Bray Cricket Club are always on the hunt for new players of any age ability or gender. We run 2 senior teams in the FCCL on Saturdays and 1 in the Beds Sunday League. We also have a side in the newly formed Village T20 League played midweek.

The club have a very good junior section with 6 teams at age group U9 2xU11 2xU13 and u15.

The club would like to thank our sponsors Meadow Marquees, ECL Howard Watson Smith LLP, Topps Tiles, SMSS Ltd and the Focus Magazine for their continued support.

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Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

Weather Conditions for February 2022

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



The month started dry, mild and a little cloudy at times. It rained from the 4th to the 6th, followed by a dry spell and then three days of rain from the 13th.

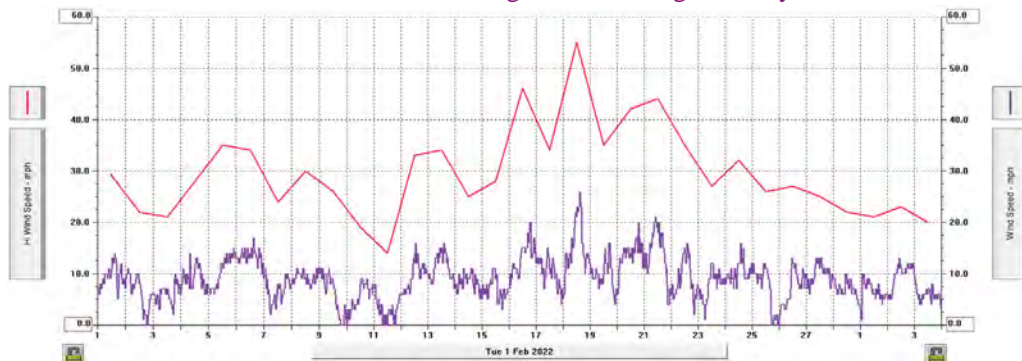
As Storm Dudley moved in from the west, winds started to increase and the temperature rose to 14.1°C. Strangely, that night the temperature only fell to 8.3°C – unusual for February. On the 18th, Storm Eunice blew in with some force bringing high winds all day, which peaked at 55mph. I was sitting at my computer at that time, watching the weather station dials changing all the while. The 19th and 20th were rainy days followed by high pressure bringing calmer weather and colder mornings. February was a warmer month than average - the temperature only dropped below zero for 3½ hours the whole month. We had much more rain than last month with 84mm, which is 138% of the February average.

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature:	14.3°C	1 Feb 14.00	-0.9°C	26 Feb 05.30
Mean Temperature	7.1°C			
Dewpoint:	12.2c	16Feb 15.30	-1.8°C	26 Feb 05.30
Humidity:	98%	25 Feb 05.00	44%	27 Feb 15.00
Barometer:	1033.2mb	11 Feb 11.30	982.5 mb	18 Feb 12.00
Wind Speed	55mph W	18 Feb 11.58	Months avg.	9.2mph
Wind Chill:	11.6°C	1 Feb 14.30	-2.7°C	26 Feb 06.30
Dominant Wind:	W			
Rainfall * T = total rain days and moisture. R = Actual rain				
* Rain Days: 16(T), 16(R)		Wettest Day 20 Feb	14.60 mm	0.575ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	February 2022	84.00 mm	3.307 ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	2 Months	106.4 mm	14.189ins

February 2022

Red shows the high winds

Mauve shows the average winds during each day



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Easter Nest Cake

By Cassie Best - Courtesy of BBC goodfood

Ingredients

For the chocolate sponges

200ml vegetable oil, plus extra for the tin

250g plain flour

6 tbsp cocoa powder

2 tsp baking powder

1 tsp bicarbonate of soda

280g soft light brown sugar

250ml buttermilk

2 tsp vanilla extract

3 large eggs

For the nest

200g marshmallows

100g butter, chopped into chunks

2 tbsp cocoa powder

75g salted pretzels, crushed

4 shredded wheat biscuits, crushed

chocolate eggs, to decorate

For the icing

150g slightly salted butter, softened

2 tbsp cocoa powder

300g icing sugar

4 tbsp milk

Method

STEP 1

Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Oil and line two 20cm round cake tins. Add the flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, bicarb, sugar and a large pinch of salt to a bowl. Mix with a whisk, squeezing any large lumps of sugar through your fingers, until you have a fine, sandy mix.

STEP 2

Whisk the oil with the buttermilk in a jug. Stir in the vanilla and eggs, then pour the wet ingredients into the dry and mix until there are no more streaks of flour. Divide the mixture between the tins and bake for 25 mins. Test the cakes by inserting a skewer into the centre – if there is any wet mixture on the skewer, return the cakes to the oven for 5 mins more, then check again. Leave

the cakes to cool in the tins for 15 mins, then transfer to wire racks to cool fully.

STEP 3

Next, make the nest. Clean one tin and line it with some oiled baking parchment. Put the marshmallows and butter in a heatproof bowl and microwave on high for 1 min, stirring halfway through (or heat gently in a pan on the hob). Continue microwaving in 20-second blasts until you get a runny mixture. Stir in the cocoa, pretzels and shredded wheat until well combined. Tip the mixture into your lined tin and use the back of your spoon to create a nest shape. Leave to cool at room temperature for a few hrs, or chill in the fridge if you need it to set faster.

STEP 4

To make the icing, beat the butter, cocoa, icing sugar and milk together until smooth, adding a splash more milk if the mixture is too stiff. Assemble the cake by stacking the sponges with icing in between, topping with more icing and the nest. Fill your nest with as many chocolate eggs as it will hold, then serve. It may be easier to cut the cake if you remove the nest – you can then chop the nest into chunks and serve alongside the cake.





Salvation Sound

'Mission Impossible!'



When this issue will be sent out we will just have celebrated the greatest event of all time, 'The death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ!' The celebration of Easter is the most important event in the Christian calendar, we celebrate that Jesus Christ who was given to the Roman authorities by the Jewish religious authorities, tortured, crucified, came back to life on that Resurrection morning.

IT seems incredible. It reads like a thriller story that we watch even from a film like Mission Impossible. A group of agents are given a secret task from the government. Even the message self destructs so that no one else knows the mission.

But Jesus did tell His disciples three times what was going to happen to Him, but it was only after the event, after the pain and suffering did the disciples grasp the significance of his words to them.

But how do we comprehend this incredible story?

A Sunday School teacher finished telling her Sunday school class about how Jesus was crucified and placed in a tomb with a great stone sealing off the only way in or out. Then, wanting to share the excitement of the resurrection, and the surprise of Easter morning, she asked: "And what do you think were Jesus' first words when he came bursting out of that tomb alive." A hand shot up into the air from the rear of the classroom. It belonged to a most excited little girl. Leaping out of her chair she shouted out excitedly, "I know, I know, I know." "Good," said the teacher, "Tell us." Extending her arms high in the air she sang out: "TA - DA!" A funny story, but how do you explain what Jesus did for each one of us.

It is not about easter bunnies or chocolate eggs although they are fun to eat. It is not about spending more money on flowers because it is Easter Sunday. It is not about recognising the first public holiday of the year. It is about the depth of Jesus' love seen in His death and Resurrection. Jesus was prepared to go to the Cross for each one of us. It was about the lengths that Jesus showed His love for us by dying in our place, for forgiving our sins and for giving us the opportunity if we accept Him as Lord and saviour, that we will spend eternity with Him.

God loved the world of sinners lost,
And ruined by the fall;
Salvation full, at highest cost,
He offers free to all.

*Chorus O 'twas love, 'twas wondrous love,
The love of God to me;
It brought my Saviour from above
To die on Calvary.*

The Easter message is this...Come into the presence of God. See what God has done. And then go into the world and tell others. It's a peculiar movement of coming and going, always coming and going. The temptation has always been for God's people to come, but then just to sit at the feet of Jesus.

Once you experience the life changing power of Jesus, you just can't keep quiet. You are either holding it in with all your might or you really haven't seen what He's done. The Easter message is a message that tells us to Come and See...what God is doing...what God wants to do in your life. And then Go and Tell... that's what you were made to do...that's what walking across the room is all about...and it will bring you unspeakable joy.

I pray that Easter will always remain special, that the real meaning of easter will always remain paramount in our lives.

Prayer: Thank you Jesu for defeating the 'Mission Impossible.' Thank you that you were willing to die on the Cross but that you rose again and defeated death. We lift our voices to you. We celebrate the greatest day in history, when Jesus rose from death, defeated darkness and bathed the world in stunning resurrection light. May we ever live to praise you! Amen.

✍️Allison Gaudion (Major)

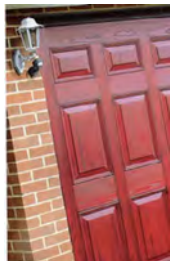


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