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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 KFPA ISTD ballet classes, Edlesborough Memorial Hall 4pm-6.30pm (4years+)
- Mondays Contact Kiri 07988161043 or visit Facebook page 'KF PerformingArts/KFPA' 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
- Mondays Eaton Bray Tennis Club - 4-7pm mini / junior tennis coaching
- Mondays Eaton Bray Tennis Club - 7-8pm Adult Coaching 'Get Back Into Tennis'
- 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 Keep Fit class, Edlesborough Memorial Hall 11 - 12noon
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- Tuesdays 12-3pm, Chiltern Art Club, St Giles Church Hall, Tottemhoe, Contact 01582 607315/872115
- Tuesdays Eaton Bray Tennis Club - 6-7.30pm Social play for all adults
- Tuesdays (term) Vinyasa yoga, 7:30-8:30pm The Coffee Tavern eleanorlangton@outlook.com 07969 315384
- Wednesdays Pilates, 8pm, Northall Village Hall, Lisa: 07832 230774
- Wednesdays Northall & District Age Concern Wednesday Club, 10am - 3pm, Northall Village Hall, Contact Dee on 07854 230243
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- Wednesdays Pilates 6-7pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Heather Holmes, 07305 023077 pilateswithheather@mail.com
- Thursdays KFPA 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
- Thursdays Retro Line Dance Class. 11.15am to 12.45pm. Eaton Bray Village Hall. Beginners welcome. www.jukeboxjunction.co.uk info@jukeboxjunction.co.uk 07864212171

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Fridays "Little Luvvies" baby ballet classes, 10am-11.30am, Northall Village Hall. Contact Emma Whittemore on 01525 376124
Saturdays Jazzercise 9-10am, Eaton Bray VH, Annis, annisjazzercise@gmail.com 07447 409666
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 Karate for kids & adults, 2:30-4pm & 4:30-6pm, Eaton Bray VH, Contact 07500 007779
Sundays Eaton Bray Tennis Club - 10am -12pm Social play for all adults

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)
1st Saturday Book Swap at St Mary's Eaton Bray, 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
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

- 12th Poppy Prom, 7:30pm, St. Mary's Eaton Bray, £12.50, Bookings: 01525 222283
19th St.Mary's Christmas Fair, 12-3pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall
20th Dagnall Village Hall Craft Fair, 10am-3pm
20th Eaton Bray Academy Christmas Fair, 11am-2pm
26th Steam in Beds Model Railway Show, 10am-4pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall & Church

Eaton Bray Memories Calendar 2022 - Error

Kindly note the lady presenting the cup to Dick Wood in the October page of the calendar should have read Edie Gray not Mrs Winifred May Oates. My apologies for this mistake. £530 was raised for the Dunstable Food Bank from the sales of the Calendar.

Kathy Ellison

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

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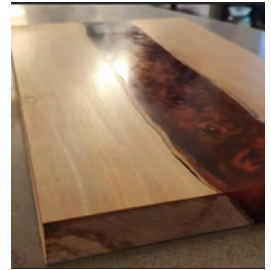
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Eaton Bray with Edlesborough Parish News

Vicar: Rev'd Joy Cousins

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

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

My sister has bought me a new bread maker for my birthday, so I am enjoying trying out the different programmes and tasting the bread. With my bread maker it is important to follow the recipe precisely and to include sugar to react with the yeast and salt to give the bread flavour. Bread is the staple diet of many cultures throughout the world. This is still the case today as it was in Jesus' day.

Jesus in his teaching used images that were familiar to his audience. Images of seeds and harvest, of birds and flowers, of sheep and goats, of women making bread, and men building barns. He told stories (called Parables) as ways of teaching the truths of Christian living. The most famous of these is the parable of the good Samaritan. In addition to teaching by parables, Jesus asked his listeners to think about common everyday items such as bread, yeast and salt. For example, in Matthew's gospel chapter 5 Jesus tells his followers: 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored?' The Greeks called salt 'divine' because of its importance in the ancient world. It was highly valued for its properties of preservation. Before refrigeration, it was important to be able to keep food from going off. Salt was the commonest of all preservatives to prevent things from going bad. Also salt gives taste to food. You only need a small amount to flavour a whole dish. Jesus is saying that one of his followers can make a difference to a whole community in the same way as a teaspoon of salt flavours a whole meal. But if Christians do not live in a Christ like way, how can that saltiness remain?

There is a story of an American teacher employed in Japan on the understanding that during school hours he should not utter a word on the subject of Christianity. The teacher was true to his word. He never spoke a word about his faith to his students. Yet his character was so attractive and his faith shone through in the way he lived his life that his students were keen to discover more. 25 of them entered the Kyoto Christian Training School and some of them went on to preach the Gospel which their teacher had shown them. All that time, he never uttered a word about his Christian faith.

Christians are to be salt to the world. Our task is to preserve and to reconcile. We are to 'add taste' to our communities, giving hope and meaning to others in need. We are to be those who uphold good values and who lift up our world and our neighbours to God in prayer. St Mary's has a prayer leaflet called 'Pray for the community day by day'. On each date of the month there are suggestions for prayer in three categories. We pray for our village communities street by street, remembering those who live and work there. We pray for the church and the life of our community. And we pray for the

wider world and its needs. If you would like a copy of the leaflet to guide your prayers, please get in touch. Or if you would like us to pray for you or your particular situation, let us know. This can be kept confidential if you wish it to be.

With all good wishes,

☞ Revd Joy Cousans, Vicar of Eaton Bray with Edlesborough



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3rd December 😊

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But we need a theme for the Quiz as it's nearly Xmas!

“So get your Jumpers out the bottom drawer and wear with style”

We need to get you in the mood so I've got some Xmas questions for you below.

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Look forward to seeing you all real soon

✍️ Robert Taylor

Questions (answers on page 24)

1. When Ross can't find a Santa outfit in time for Christmas in Friends, what does he dress up as instead to impress his son Ben?
2. Who proposes to who in the 2008 Gavin and Stacey Christmas special?
3. Which celebrity won the first ever Strictly Come Dancing in December 2004?
4. Who was killed off in 2012's Downton Abbey's Christmas special cliffhanger?
5. The Snowman was shown on TV for the first time on Boxing Day of which year?
6. Which British monarch delivered the first ever Christmas message?
7. Which Doctor made his debut in the show's 2005 festive special called The Christmas Invasion?
8. In The Vicar of Dibley's 1996 Christmas special, which actor guest starred as Tristan Campbell, who ended up proposing to Geraldine on Christmas Day?
9. Who will be returning as Sister Mildred for the Call the Midwife Christmas special this year?
10. Which Simpsons family member delivered Channel 4's annual alternative Christmas message in 2004?

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Unfortunately EPC is receiving an increasing number of complaints about dog fouling on Edlesborough Green, Dagnall Rec and the Allotments.

EPC reminds all parishioners to:

- **Keep dogs under control. If your dog does not have excellent recall it must be kept on lead** to ensure that it does not spoil the enjoyment of other parishioners.

Please Clean up after your dog!

Buckinghamshire Council is responsible for the emptying of the dog bins in Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall. These are currently scheduled to be emptied on a Friday.

- If a bin is overflowing please call the number on the bin and quote the reference number on the bin.
- If a bin is broken please inform EPC as soon as possible to enable a swift repair or bin replacement as necessary.
- *Now that the evenings are darker please be extra vigilant when walking your dog to ensure you clear up after them.*



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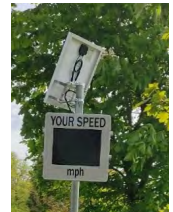


Improvements to the Children's Play Area on Edlesborough Green

At the time of writing this report the Planning Inspector site visit has been rescheduled for October. EPC hopes to receive a swift decision on the application after this visit. EPC representatives have been invited to attend the visit. The Inspector will not accept any representations on the merits of the application at the site visit, although he/she may ask factual questions to confirm his/her understanding of the physical features of the site.

MVAS

Unfortunately EPC is currently experiencing difficulties acquiring the required licence from Buckinghamshire Council to install the required supporting poles for the new Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS) within the parish. Once this issue has been resolved EPC will be able to deploy the three MAVS units at 12 different locations in the Parish. The purpose of these signs is to remind drivers of the speed limit and to encourage them to reduce their speed through our villages. Data collected by the signs can also be used as evidence for other traffic calming measures.



Salt Bins

The responsibility for filling these bins is with Transport for Buckinghamshire. When supplies are running low a refill request should be submitted via their website

<https://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/> It is more appropriate if a parishioner living close to the salt bin makes the request but in practice anyone can make the request.



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

Act of Remembrance

This year's Act of Remembrance will take place at Eaton Bray War Memorial on November 13, 10:50am – 11:10am.



Best Kept Village 2022

Edlesborough scored 181 out of a possible 200 points and was awarded a Certificate of Merit from the Best Kept Village Competition 2022.

The marks and judges' comments are available on the EPC website.

EPC Small Grant Scheme

Two organisations have already benefitted from this scheme.

This is a great opportunity for local groups, local charities and local organisations to get a grant of up to £500 in this new scheme.



The main terms of the grant are very straightforward.

- The purpose for which the grant is made must be in the interest of Edlesborough Parish that covers the residents of Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall.
- EPC will determine the size of the award up to a maximum of £500.
- We will not award funds for activities that have already taken place.
- Any publicity covering the activity funded must mention EPC's involvement.
- Following the award, recipients must make a short presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Applications will be reviewed at any time during the year and awards to successful applications made in each quarter beginning in April of each year. The total funding available is limited.

Full details of the terms of the scheme can be found here on the EPC website.

Please remember the key requirement is that it must benefit the Parish of Edlesborough that covers the residents of Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall.

Speedwatch & EDaN Traffic Management

Thames Valley Police have relaunched and restarted their Community Speedwatch – more information can be found at [Restart and relaunch for Community Speedwatch in 2021 · Thames Valley Police & Crime Commissioner \(thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk\)](#) 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



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.



Council Meetings

The next Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings will take place on:

- [Thursday 17th November 2022 – Edlesborough Memorial Hall](#)
- [Thursday 15th December 2022 – Edlesborough Memorial Hall](#)

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.

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

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Quiz Answers - See Page 21

1. Holiday Armadillo
2. Dave proposes to Nessa
3. Natasha Kaplinsky with Brendan Cole
4. Dan Stevens' Matthew Crawley
5. 1982
6. George V in 1932
7. David Tennant
8. Peter Capaldi
9. Miriam Margolyes
10. Marge Simpson

Without coffee, I'm always walking into rooms and forgetting why I went in there. With coffee, I still don't remember, but at least I have something to sip while I try to figure it out.

-Nanea Hoffman-



Dagnall Christmas

Sunday 20th November -
Christmas Craft Fair 10-3pm



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Friday 2nd December - Lights switch
on with Santa 7pm

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whilst the grown ups enjoy mulled wine, hot
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Friday 9th December - Let's play
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Sunday 11th December- Dagnall
Church Family Service 3pm

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Saturday 17th December- Dagnall
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“Timing is Everything”

It seems no sooner had I written last month’s piece for The Focus, then waited patiently by the letterbox for the printed evidence to arrive, after the start of the month - it’s now time to attack the keyboard again!

(I didn’t actually spend the entire 3 weeks waiting by the letterbox)

We’ve welcomed a few new pairs of helping hands & smiling faces to our volunteer teams this month, which is great for all at The Club – Thank You. Please see below for the voluntary roles we can currently offer.

Last month I promised an update follow up on the Harvest Auction, hosted admirably by The Swan at Northall, massive thanks again to the entire teams of the Pub, Club & Committee - Total raised on the night by All supporters & Donors a fantastic £2068! This will go such a long way towards the Club events & activities on offer over the coming months.

This coming November (on Wednesday 11th) we have a coach trip planned for members, volunteers & even some guest spaces may be available ... once again we’ll be onboard a trusty Motts coach for our short trip to a local Garden Centre for a chance to get a Christmas Shopping experience in, wander in awe through the beautiful decorations & lighting displays, enjoy a 2 course hot meal & prepare us all for getting into the Festive mood. Having been on a number of these in the past I can safely say it’s a joy to share the day with the group as they appreciate the festive vibe.

Nearer the date we may have some coach spaces on offer so it may be advantageous to look out for our posts on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/WednesdayClubNorthall/> just in case there’s the chance of a seat.

Apologies it will have to be in December issue when I am able to report the Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy, Super Raffle & Baked Goods.

Timing strikes again ...

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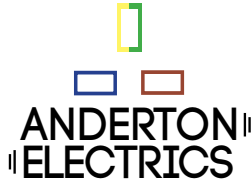
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The evening combines the solemnity of words and music from The Festival of Remembrance with the joyful music of The Last Night of the Proms. This year's musicians will be the South Beds Concert Band, and Dagnall Community Choir along with soloist Michelle Norton,

The programme includes music by Rod Stewart, John Rutter, Neil Diamond, Rogers & Hammerstein, and will include favourites from The Last Night of the Proms by Elgar, Henry Wood, Arne and Parry that you may have missed as a result of the cancellation of the event in the Royal Albert Hall as a result of the death of our late Queen Elizabeth II.

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Northall & District Wednesday Club Members and Committee would like to thank all the businesses who supported us with donations for the Harvest Auction September 2022.

We also want to thank all the individual donors and generous bidders who contributed to the event.

£2068 was raised

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Appledown Rescue Dog of the Month



Meet our Fat Amy! She is a Staffy/American Bulldog cross who was born in June 2021. Amy came to us as a stray that had received no training at all. She didn't know what was expected of her which made her very anxious. She will need experienced owners who are willing to build on her training, particularly with her on-lead walking and socialisation. We think she will be a cracking dog in the right home. Fat Amy needs to be an only pet in a home where any children are 16+ and she has company most of the time. For more information please see her album on our Facebook page or email the kennels. Visit

our website for details about adoption and an application form. To support our work you can make a one-off donation of £3 by texting APPLE to 70111, or donate via Paypal using the 'DONATE Support a Cause' option. Cheques are very welcome too!

Appledown Rescue & Rehoming Kennels Harling Road, Eaton Bray LU6 1QY

01525 220383 (10am-1pm & 2-4 pm) E-mail: appledown.kennels@btinternet.com

Website: www.appledownrescue.co.uk **Viewings are by appointment only.**

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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/>

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 5th September 2022, from 7:30pm

(Minutes ratified at PC Meeting, 03/10/2022)

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

- Match Funding Application: EBPC waiting to hear on decision from CBC.
- Water Leak/High Street: CBC are aware of the problem; they contacted the water company who propose to carry out repair works 8th September (weather dependent).

*UPDATE: 03/10/2022: Repair to water leak has been carried out.

Planning Applications & Appeals – August/September 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 August/September 2022

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

Recreation Grounds

- School Lane: Groundwork Improvements – quotations received by Parish Council for further consideration.
- School Lane: Play area fencing – due to excessive heat/dry weather in summer the area around the fence posts have become loose. The Parish Council to look into costs to carry out repair works. Until then, the Parish Council wished to ask recreation ground users to not lean/

- climb on the fencing due to it being unstable.
- School Lane: Skatepark – the Parish Council wished to note that from the last Playground Inspection no major works to this facility are needed. It is a skatepark suitable to all users and all ages.
- The Rye ground: Quotations are being obtained for improvement works to the car park.

Parish Allotments

- An Allotment Inspection is due to be carried out this month.
*UPDATE 03/10/2022: Due to the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II the annual allotment inspection was postponed and will now be carried out in October.

Highway Matters

V.A.S. (Vehicle Activation Sign: Quotations were presented to the Parish Council and the parish council approved the purchase/installation of two V.A.S. signs to replace the current old signs in the parish. The Parish Council are also looking into the option of purchasing an additional sign in another location, costs/suitability to be investigated.

Social Media

The Parish Council wished to remind residents that they do not make comments on issues raised via Facebook and that if residents have any parish issues there are several ways in which to contact the Parish Council – email the Parish Clerk, Parish Council monthly meetings, Parish Council open office/surgery – all details to be found on the Parish Council website.

Parish Council Meeting (1st Floor, The Coffee Tavern, Eaton Bray)

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

- Monday 7th November 2022, from 7:30pm

Parish Council Open Office: 10am-12noon, The Coffee Tavern, High Street, Eaton Bray

(Dates/times subject to change, please check the EBPC Website for full details/updates)

- Tuesday 15th November 2022



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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Keep up to date with what is going on in your parish



Edlesborough Carpet Bowls Club

The Club was formed in 1988 by a group of villagers to meet, socialize and enjoy a friendly game of carpet bowls. A Committee was formed and it took some time and effort to accumulate the necessary finance to buy a carpet and sets of bowls, they held car boot sales and various activities to achieve this goal.

The Club has been running successfully ever since and we still have members who have been with us from the start.

We are looking for new members to join us on a Tuesday evening in the Memorial Hall for an evening of lighthearted enjoyment.

If you would like to have a trial game please ring Gill Paton on 01525 220589 or email: gilbrian@waitrose.com



Dagnall Community Choir

Our Christmas concert this year takes place on Saturday 17th December, 3.00pm at Dagnall Village Hall. As usual we will be singing a selection of well-known Christmas songs and carols, as well as some less familiar ones that we hope you'll enjoy. There will be festive refreshments, and of course, a visit from Father Christmas, so this is an event that the whole family can enjoy.

Entry is free, and a collection will be made to support a local good cause – we hope to see you there!

Before this, we will be performing at the Poppy Prom which is on Saturday 12th November at 7.30pm. This is always an excellent event, which is both reflective and celebratory, with a variety of music from ourselves and our friends in the South Beds Concert Band. Tickets are £12.50, available by calling 01525 222283.

For more information about the choir or to get in touch, please visit our website www.dagnall-community-choir.co.uk. We meet every Monday from 7.45pm at Dagnall Church, and always welcome new members.



Nigel's Thoughts

Dear Friends,

November is the month of Remembrance.

Of heartfelt longing, and thanksgiving for the lives of those who have walked with us and gone before us, into the eternal rest of God who loves us all so very much.

On the 5th November, we remember, “gunpowder, treason and plot”, with bonfires (and bonfire toffee!), ‘guys’ and fireworks.

Then on 11th November, and on Sunday 13th this year, we gather to solemnly and gratefully remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedoms and way of life.

There is much sadness around this month, as the days grow shorter and the colder weather moves in.

I have recently been reading a new book by Clover Stroud (‘The Red of My Blood’), in which she describes the gut wrenching reality of how it felt to lose her elder sister to cancer. Whilst her book is certainly no easy read, she moves between darkness and light, and acknowledges that “I had begun to feel that the only way to affirm life was to affirm the darkness of it at exactly the same time as I felt its bright warmth”. She continues later that “Maybe a good life is not one that’s easy, but one in which we’re called out into the realms of hard adventure and unknown new horizons more times than we think we might be able to bear”.

This year, the season of Advent begins on the last Sunday of November (27th). It is, for most people, a joyful time of preparation for Christmas. It is also, however, a time for remembering that in the birth of Jesus God came into the world with the light of a love that the darkness can never extinguish – however hard it tries, and in spite of the struggles along the way.

With much love to you and yours.

✍️ Nigel



During the summer, Eaton Bray Good Neighbours have actively helped many people in the village. We have received calls from 42 individual residents in the last 3 months, of which 11 were for the first time.

We had 68 requests for lifts to hospitals and medical appointments; whilst 34 journeys were made to social or well being areas. We collected and delivered 46 prescriptions along with 25 shopping deliveries.

Through our Befriending and In touch by telephone, we have, on average, befriended 10 members of the community, each week. We also had requests to provide company on walks, or help with dog walks. During the 3 months, visiting, befriending by telephone or taking walks totalled 72.

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

We would welcome new drivers to join our team. During holiday time we sometimes find difficulty in helping everyone. The regularity of help is entirely up to the driver.

Our telephone is manned from 9 am til 5 pm during weekdays. More Volunteers to help with the telephone calls or local deliveries would also be welcome.

We look forward to hearing from you. Please call us if you can help Eaton Bray Good Neighbours. Telephone no: 07930 0987064

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We’re pleased to invite you back to ‘Art At Wingrave’ from **Friday 18th – Sunday 20th November, 10.30 am – 4.30 pm**, just in time to find those elusive and different Christmas gifts.

During the weekend Julie Pugh’s lovely Studio will be open for her successful, annual pre-Christmas showing of ‘**One of One’ Jewellery at Home Farm, Castle Street.** And at **Field View, Castle Street** we will be hosting an exciting collection of works from a dozen local Artists and Makers – and expect to meet the Artists too!

From the beginning of November, A6 booklets detailing the artists and showing examples of their work will be available at the Wingrave Shop. Look forward to seeing Ceramics, Ceramic and Paper Sculptures, Textiles, Glass Art, Designer Lamps, Pencil and Pastel Portraiture, Mixed Media Paintings. So here’s the perfect opportunity for a spot of enjoyable browsing; keep the dates free, bring a friend, head down Castle Street and pay us a visit – a warm welcome guaranteed along

with something mulled to drink and yummy cake of course (Proceeds from refreshments to Cancer Research UK).

See you there – well ‘here’ in fact...

Andrew and Margaret Liversidge, Field View Studio

(Check out and follow Julie’s Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/oneofonejewellery>) and our Instagram page (<https://www.instagram.com/art.at.wingrave/>) for updates featuring participating artists and their lovely work.)



ST MARY'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS



Eaton Bray Village Hall

Saturday 19th November

12.00 - 3.00pm

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7.30pm

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Dagnall Community Choir



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Year 2 visited the Northall and Dagnall Wednesday Club to hand out our Harvest box donations to the members and to sing some lovely Harvest songs. Both the members and children thoroughly enjoyed it.



Please contact the school office if you would like to come and visit our school.

Dagnall C of E School, 01442 842473, office@dagnall.bucks.sch.uk



Eaton Bray Methodist Church

September was a challenging month for us but, as is often the case, challenges led to some interesting and inspiring experiences. On the first Sunday, our scheduled preacher went down with Covid at the last minute but we were able to join in the service at Edlesborough, where our fellow Methodists made us very welcome. The second Sunday was a Café Worship and we took the opportunity to have valuable discussions about the future of our church and explore some of the possibilities that God might have in mind for us. On the third Sunday, Ivor Mitchelmore made a welcome return to our pulpit. He reminded us that a Christian life should be open to others and their needs, recommending that we should always be prepared to engage with people and show an interest in them, whatever the circumstances. September closed with a joyful Harvest Festival; the church was beautifully decorated with displays of flowers, fruits and leaves. A good selection of produce was collected for the Dunstable Food Bank. After a stirring sermon on inclusivity and the sharing of abundance by our Minister, Rev Nigel Bibbings, we all sat down to a simple but delicious harvest lunch.

A Warm Invitation

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



Take a book you want to read - Leave a book you want to share

The next Book Swap dates at St Mary's Church will take place on Saturday November 5th and Saturday December 3rd from 10.30 – 12.00 am.

The Book Swap takes place on the 1st Saturday of the month to coincide with the church coffee morning. We have now been going for 8 months and we are very pleased to see new visitors every month as well as many familiar faces. The content of our shelves is continually changing, with books that people have recently enjoyed, so we hope that by bringing a book they have enjoyed people will, in turn find something in the library they will enjoy reading. The Book Swap is free and open to all adults. If you like reading, please bring a book to swap and come and join us.

We are pleased to announce that we are holding a Christmas Story and Rhyme Time for pre-school children at St Mary's Church on Thursday 15th December from 2 – 2.30 pm. Children must be accompanied by a suitable adult who must stay with them throughout the event.

For more information about Book Swap please contact:

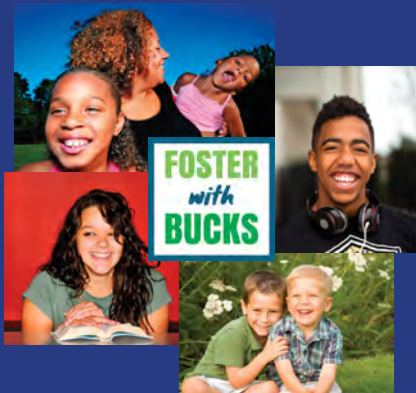
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Northall Baptist Church

200 years and still going

A little Church with strong local links

Long Live the King

Although we are sad about the death of Queen Elizabeth II in September, there was so much to celebrate about her life. Most of us only remembered the Queen as our Sovereign. I was only aged 2 and don't remember her father as King. Her funeral brought this country together and more or less to a standstill.

The outpouring of respect for her long life and service to this country! The pageant of the funeral procession was breath taking. But what was impressive was the Christian witness she made during her life – a life well-lived - and the amazing Christian focus both in Westminster Abbey and St. George's Chapel, Windsor. We are told that the Queen planned the whole of the events. She was determined to leave us all with a lasting impression of how she lived her life of commitment to her faith in Jesus.

She was ever conscious of the Bible verse written by St. Paul to the Romans, saying that 'there is no authority, except that which God has established'. The Queen was respected for her position as head of the Church of England and as head of this country and many others around the world and knew that God gave her that authority.

There were many Kings and Queens during the Bible years. It says about some that they did 'good' in the sight of God. Others did not. Many made mistakes but asked God for forgiveness. One of the best-known Kings in the Old Testament was King David. He was anointed by the prophet Samuel after God specifically pointed him out. He was the youngest of 7 sons of Jesse. God was looking at their hearts and rejected the older ones. After his anointing David challenged and won against Goliath, the giant. King Saul at that time told David that he was too young to fight as he was only a boy. But God was with him. God had given even a boy, the authority.



We sing the hymn 'Hail to the Lord's Anointed! Great David's greater son'. Jesus' earthly family tree can be traced back to King David. The hymn continues - For those who believe on Jesus, he will take away their transgressions and rule in equity.

That will be the day when all the trials and difficulties, wars and strife will end and peace will reign.

King Charles III has now been given the authority from God. We pray that he will take it as seriously as his Mother did and blessings will follow.

Our Sunday services are at 11 am. We'd love you to join us for our worship and song. You will get a warm welcome. 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/>

✉ Ruth Cox Tel: 07791 425625

Bonfire Night Baked Potatoes

By Barney Desmazery



Ingredients

4 medium baking potatoes
2 tbsp olive oil, 25g butter
1 large onion, finely sliced
6 slices smoked streaky bacon, chopped
2 tbsp double cream
200g mixed good melting cheese, such as reblochon, raclette or gruyère
chopped parsley, to serve

Method

1. Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Prick the potatoes all over with a fork, then rub with half the oil, some sea salt and black pepper. Place on a baking tray and bake in the oven for about 1 hr 15 mins, until their skins are crisp and they are completely tender when prodded.
2. Meanwhile, heat the remaining oil and half

the butter in a frying pan.

Add the onion and gently cook for 15-20 mins until softened and golden. Remove from the pan and set aside, add the chopped bacon and fry until just crisp. Remove and place on kitchen paper.

3. Halve each potato lengthways, scoop out most of the potato into a bowl, leaving a potato skin shell with a thin layer of potato. In the bowl, crush the potato with the remaining butter and the double cream. Season with salt and pepper. Fold through the onion, bacon, three-quarters of the cheeses and half the parsley. Spoon back into the potato shells and top with the remaining cheese. Return to the oven for 10-15 mins, until melting and golden. Sprinkle with the remaining parsley and serve with a sharply dressed crisp salad.

Bonfire Night Cookies

By Liberty Mendez



Ingredients

75g unsalted butter, softened, 100g caster sugar
1 large egg, 250g plain flour
2 tbsp cocoa powder, sifted
1 tsp ground cinnamon, 1 tsp ground ginger

For the icing

1 large egg white
250g icing sugar, sifted
½ tsp lemon juice
gel food colourings, star sprinkles (optional)

Method

1. Beat the butter and sugar together with an electric whisk for 4-5 mins until light and fluffy. Beat in the egg until combined. Add the flour, cocoa powder, cinnamon and ginger, and continue to beat until the mixture comes together into a dough. Put the dough between two pieces of baking parchment and roll out to a 6mm thickness using a rolling pin.
2. Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Remove the top layer of parchment and cut out cookies using a 6cm round or star cutter. Re-roll

the offcuts and cut out cookies until all the dough has been used.

3. Arrange the cookies on a 2 baking sheets lined with baking parchment, spacing them at least 2cm apart. Bake for 7-10 mins until slightly golden at the edges. Leave to cool on the baking sheet for 10 mins, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.
4. Once cool, beat the egg white with an electric whisk until just starting to froth up, about 1 min. Add the icing sugar, 1 tbsp at a time, whisking continuously at a medium-high speed until combined. Add the lemon juice and whisk to stiff peaks, about 5 mins – the icing should be shiny. Add more icing sugar if needed to help it stiffen.
5. Divide the icing into bowls and colour with the food colourings. Spoon into separate piping bags. Pipe lines on the biscuits to create firework-like 'burst' patterns and decorate with star sprinkles. Leave to set slightly, then serve. Will keep in an airtight container for up to a week.

Courtesy of BBC goodfood www.bbcgoodfood.com

Ladybirds

Courtesy of www.discoverwildlife.com



Ladybirds (known as ladybugs in some countries) or Coccinellidae are one of the 103 families of beetles in Britain. Ladybirds are very familiar species to most of us. The bright colouration of some species

means we easily spot them, particularly when they come out to bask in the sunshine after hibernation.

How many species of ladybirds are there?

It's likely you've seen or heard of some of our UK ladybirds such as the 7-spot and 2-spot, but there are 47 species of ladybird currently resident in Britain. There have been a few new arrivals over the last few decades including the large and brightly coloured bryony and harlequin ladybird but also a few of the tiny and so-called inconspicuous ladybirds. There are thousands of ladybird species worldwide with recent studies suggesting there are more than 6000!

Why do ladybirds have spots?

Ladybirds are indeed varied, ranging in appearance from dull brown to bright yellow and black. Though some ladybirds have patterns verging on checks and streaks, a spot is the simplest pattern for them to develop. Spots occur throughout all animal groups, from freckles to a full dapple. All it requires are central points creating the pigment, and these are usually fixed at the embryo stage under genetic control.

From an evolutionary perspective, all aposematic ladybirds (those whose markings warn predators of a foul taste) should look the same, thereby giving a consistent message. Yet great variation exists, not only between species but between individuals of the same species.

Take the two-spot ladybird. Typically red with two black spots, it can also be black with four or six red spots. Studies have shown that it is more palatable than other species and thus mimics its more toxic relatives as a form of defence.



What is the ladybird life cycle?

Ladybirds, like butterflies, undergo complete metamorphosis. That is their life cycle comprises a pupal stage, in which the grub-like larva transforms into the adult beetle. In Britain, adult ladybirds spend the winter months in a dormant state. In spring as the weather gets warmer and the days longer the ladybirds begin to stir. At first they feed on a variety of high-energy foods including pollen and nectar but also they begin to seek out their favourite foods too. In some cases that's aphids or scale insects and for other ladybirds its plants or mildew. They then begin to pair up and mate.

Ladybird eggs, bright yellow ovoid structures, are often seen from March and throughout the summer months. These hatch after a few days to a week into tiny little larvae.

These larvae will go through four stages, increasing dramatically in size, before pupating. The new generation adults appear from April or May onwards depending on the weather. The time taken for a ladybird to complete its life cycle is dependent on the temperature. The warmer it is the faster the development of the ladybirds.

Do ladybirds bite?

Like all beetles, ladybirds have biting mouthparts and so they can bite. However, mostly ladybirds are occupied with finding a mate or food or a place to lay eggs or a place to spend winter and so even when they land on a person they rarely bite.

In hot summers when ladybirds are extremely abundant and their food is scarce the incidence of biting increases. Some people have observed ladybirds taking moisture from their skin in very hot weather. Ladybird bites are not painful – they have very tiny mouthparts!

What do ladybirds eat?

Different species of ladybird have different food preferences. Many are predators feeding on pest insects such as aphids or scale insects but others feed on plants and some on mildew on the surface of leaves. The larvae and adults tend to feed on the same food types. The seven-spot ladybird can devour more than 5,000 aphids in its lifetime.

What eats ladybirds?

The wing cases of many species of ladybird exhibit bright warning colours – signalling to predators that they taste horrible. Some birds that feed in flight, such as swallows, swifts and house martins, sometimes consume ladybirds. Some other birds have also been observed feeding on ladybirds or with the remains of ladybirds in their nests.

However, predation of ladybirds by birds is thought to be quite rare. Ladybirds are sometimes caught up in spiders webs and spiders have been seen feeding on them.

Ladybirds exude a sticky yellow substance called reflex blood when attacked and this can make feeding on them tricky. Indeed predators have been seen frantically trying to clean the substance from their beaks or mouthparts after grappling with a ladybird.

Do ladybirds have parasites?

The braconid wasp, is one of the best known laying an egg into the adult ladybird. The egg hatches inside the ladybird and the larva feeds on the inside of the ladybird. There are various other parasites that also attack ladybirds including some flies.

Ladybirds are also susceptible to fungal pathogens. There is no evidence that predators, parasites or pathogens have any overall effect on the population size of ladybirds.

Are ladybirds poisonous?

Ladybirds contain a cocktail of chemicals in their haemolymph (insect blood) and these taste really unpleasant but they are not very toxic. A bird would have to eat many, many ladybirds to feel any adverse effects but the sticky reflex blood that the ladybird exudes would deter the predator well before it reached dangerous levels of ladybird toxins!

Where do ladybirds go during winter?

It is a tricky time for ladybirds in winter. Not only are the cold temperatures far from ideal but food is scarce. So they take the fading light and falling temperatures as a trigger to find a sheltered place to become dormant.

Some species bury themselves under leaf litter and others disappear into bark crevices. A few species favour buildings as their preferred winter hideout; harlequin ladybirds form large groups in the corners of window frames from autumn onwards.

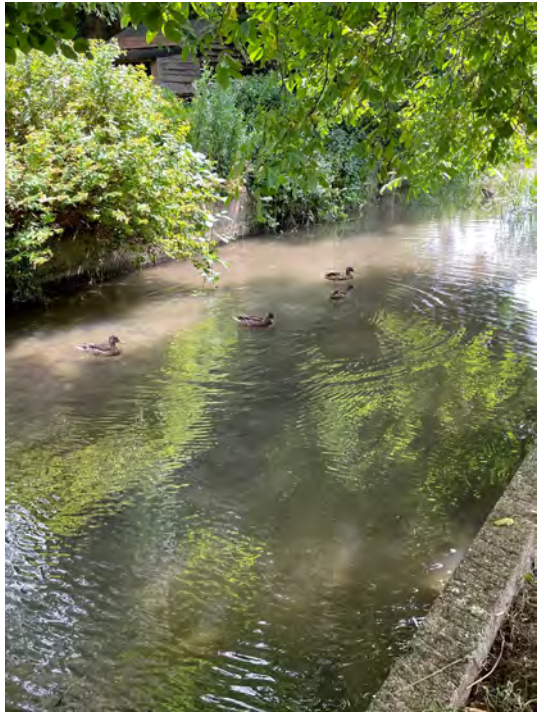


Your Photos

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*Below left: November morning by
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*Below right: November evening
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Good

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Eaton Bray History

The Volunteer Beerhouse Eaton Bray (courtesy of the Bedfordshire Archives)



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The Volunteer Beerhouse (formerly The Rifleman and The Rifle Volunteer): 28 High Street, Eaton Bray

The countywide licensing register of 1876 states that the beerhouse was first licensed, as the Rifleman, in 1860. The rifle volunteers were formed nationally in 1859/60 as a local defence force in case of French invasion. A number of newly opened licensed premises in the country were named after them in a small wave of patriotic fervour. The owner in 1876 was John Clemence of Hemel Hempstead and he leased it to brewers Hales & Company of Hemel Hempstead thus the publican, Thomas Davison, was a sub-tenant.

At some point after this the name changed to the Rifle Volunteer or just The Volunteer. The Rifle Volunteers became simply the Volunteers attached to the Regular army in 1887, the local unit becoming 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment.

By the time of the countywide licensing register of 1891 the property was owned by Chesham brewers T.& J. Nash. The countywide register of 1903 gives the owner as Dunstable brewer Benjamin Bennett. The beerhouse was “clean and in good repair” and lay 220 yards from the next licensed premises; it had one front and two back doors. The Volunteer finally closed on 24th June 1915.

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 and the valuer visiting 28 High Street found the property still owned by the executors of Benjamin Bennett. The tenant was G. Rollings who paid rent of 26/- per month.

The property comprised three living rooms, a washhouse and a cellar with three bedrooms on the first floor. The valuer commented: “Poor place” and “was pub, all passages”. Outside stood a weather-boarded and corrugated iron barn and two henhouses as well as a brick and slate WC.

Attractions Near Our Villages

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Ivinghoe Beacon

Standing at 764 feet (233 m), Ivinghoe Beacon towers over the surrounding countryside. Offering views of Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire, and Bedfordshire, it is named after the fires that were once lit at the summit for navigation and communication. Due to the wind blowing up the hill, you'll often see model aircraft enthusiasts engaged in 'slope soaring' when the weather is good.



Bridgewater Monument at Ashridge Estate

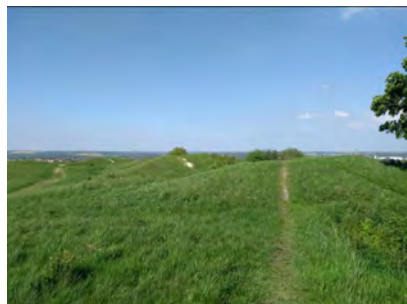
This resplendent granite monument is found in the beautiful Ashridge Estate. Standing at 33m (108ft) tall, from April to October you can actually climb it's 172 steps.

It's dedicated rather grandly to the "the father of navigation" as it was built in 1832 in memory of Francis Edgerton, the third Duke of Bridgewater, famous for commissioning canals during the Industrial Revolution.

On a clear day, you can over 30 miles across the surrounding countryside with views as far as Canary Wharf in central London.

Aldbury

A beautiful chocolate-box village with half-timbered cottages, Aldbury is a gem. In the village centre, stocks and a well-preserved whipping-post stand next to a green pond, paying homage to days gone by. The village also has an alehouse dating back to 1752 - The Valiant Trooper. There are also various manor houses in the village.



Five Knolls

The Five Knolls are prehistoric burial mounds or barrows. There are two pond barrows, which are circular flat areas surrounded by raised banks. The mounds are believed to be from the later Neolithic and early Bronze Age period, around 4,000 years ago. Excavations have found the remains of a middle-aged woman buried with a polished flint knife, as well as Bronze Age cremated remains in an urn. It is also believed

that during the 5th and 6th centuries gallows were placed at this spot for Saxon invaders as a warning to others.

Marsworth reservoirs near Grand Union Canal



The Marsworth Reservoirs act as a magnet for anglers, dog walkers, boaters, birdwatchers and walkers, especially over a sunny weekend.

A walk can begin with a flight of locks along the Grand Union Canal, before heading down a stretch of the partially restored Wendover Arm. The route then diverts into open countryside before regaling the walker with a magnificent view of the large Wilstone Reservoir, one

of four on this walk.

Here there is an option to enter a bird hide to view the many species who call this water their home at different times of the year. The other reservoirs follow, making this a relaxing six miles of relatively easy walking following a circular route. Allow a good couple of hours to complete the walk, longer if you want to linger.

Pitstone Windmill.

Approaching Pitstone post mill from the surrounding Chiltern countryside, gives you magical views which change with the seasons, making it worth a visit even when the mill is closed.

Pitstone Windmill is an early post mill so, unlike similar mills in East Anglia, it was turned to face the wind on top of a huge wooden post using a tail pole instead of a fantail or shuttered sails.



The date of 1627 is the earliest of several dates found inscribed in the woodwork of Pitstone Windmill, although it is generally thought that the mill was built earlier.

Remarkably the mill served its community for three centuries until a freak storm in 1902 caused extensive damage.

Ashridge House

This is a fantastic house and was the former home of 7th Earl of Bridgewater, the father of the English canal system. It was built in the classic Gothic Revival style and largely completed in 1814.

See future issues of Focus for more attractions



Plants for Bees in your Garden

Commercially bees play a key role in pollinating many crops and are estimated to be worth millions of pounds to the UK economy. Some 35% of our diet depends on pollination of crops by bees and it is often said that if bees died out, humans would follow just four years later, a view sometimes attributed to Albert Einstein. Bees also play a key role in our gardens, particularly in the vegetable plot, and in pollinating flowers which would be unable to produce seed without pollination.

There are two main types of bee; the Bumblebee and the Honeybee. Populations of both have suffered huge declines in recent years for a number of different reasons so it is worth knowing the difference.

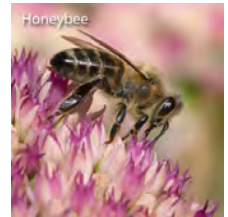
Bumblebees

There are 24 species of Bumblebee living wild in the UK. They are easily recognised by their characteristic fluffy bodies. Different species of Bumblebee have different length tongues because they feed from different shaped flowers. Our wild Bumblebees have suffered declines due to bad weather, the use of insecticides and a reduction in wildflower rich grassland for feeding and nesting.



Honeybees

There is only 1 species of Honeybee in Europe and these bees live in hives that are cultivated and tended by beekeepers in order to produce honey. Britain's cultivated honeybee population has been largely affected by the varroa mite, which has spread rapidly through bee hives since arriving in Britain in 1992. Honeybees are slimmer and smaller than Bumblebees, having a closer appearance to a wasp. They all have short tongues which are best suited to feeding from open flower shapes.



Encouraging Bumblebees in the Garden

Although Honeybees are often found in gardens, it is our wild Bumblebees that are of greatest interest to the gardener. Given that collectively gardens equate to over a million acres in the UK, there is much that we can do as gardeners to help save Bumblebees from decline. If every garden contained a bee house and a range of bee friendly flowers, trees and shrubs then this would significantly increase both food and shelter for our native Bumblebees, and help to reverse their decline.

If you are encouraging bees into your garden then it is important to avoid using insecticides as these will kill helpful pollinating insects (including bees) as well as the target insects.



Make a Bee House

Remember that different species require different habitats. Mason Bees enjoy nesting holes in wood or thick stems. You can make your own simple bee house or you can buy a commercially made bee house. Use hollow bamboo canes, dried Japanese knotweed stems or even thick bramble stems. Fix bee boxes in a south-facing spot but not in direct sunlight. Also make sure the entrance points downwards so that rain does not get in.

Many other species of bumblebee will prefer a wood pile in your garden. Simply create a pile of logs, stems and branches and leave it be - the more untidy, the better! Other species will enjoy a grassy bank to nest in - let the grass grow tall and plant pollen rich plants along the edge of the bank.

Planting Flowers for Bees

It's best to aim for a good variety of pollen rich flowers that have different flower shapes and a range of flowering periods from early spring to late summer. Try to ensure at least two different plant species in flower at any time throughout this period to prevent your bees from going hungry. Most double flower forms are lacking in pollen or nectar and likely to be inaccessible to bees so these are best avoided.

If you wanted to choose just one or two varieties to grow to help the bees, we suggest any variety of Scabiosa or a wild flower would be ideal.

Bee-friendly Flowers

Annuals

Borage; Buckwheat; Californian Poppy; Candytuft; China Aster; Cornflower; Cosmos bipinnatus; Forget-me-not; Gilia capitata; godetia; Heliotrope; Nigella; Mignonette; Nemophila; Phacelia; Poached Egg Plant; Sunflower; Sweet Sultan; Zinnia

Biennials

French honeysuckle; Hollyhock (single flowered varieties only); Honesty; Wallflower

Herbaceous Perennials

Agastache; Alyssum; Anchusa azurea; Arabis ; Aubrieta; Campanula; Nepeta; Cranesbill; Dahlia single-flowered varieties only; Erigeron; Geum; Globe Artichoke; Globe Thistle; Golden Rod; Gypsophila; Helenium; Hellebores; Sedum; Jacob's Ladder; Japanese anemone; Lambs' Ears; Leopard's Bane; Liatris; Lungwort; Michaelmas Daisies; Oriental Poppy; Monarda; Persicaria amplexicaulis; Rudbeckia; Salvia; Scabious; Sea Hollies; Sidalcea; Thrift; Veronica; Marrubium; Verbena

Bulbs and Corms

Allium; Autumn Crocus; Crocus; Fritillaries; Glory of the Snow; Muscari; Hyacinth; Siberian squill; Snowdrops; Winter Aconite

Vegetables and Culinary Herbs

Asparagus; Brassicas (left to flower); Broad Bean; Hyssop; Marjoram ; Marrow, Cucumber and Courgette; MintRosemary; Runner Bean; Sage; Thyme

Trees and Shrubs

Almond; Apple (including ornamental Malus); Berberis; Blackberry; Blackthorn; Boston Ivy; Box; Broom; Caryopteris; Ceanothus; Cherry including single-flowered ornamental types; Cherry Laurel; Christmas box; Clematis cirrhosa; Cotoneaster; Currants; Olearia; Daphne mezereum; Dogwood; Enkianthus campanulatus; Escallonia; False Acacia; Pyracantha; Fuchsia; Gooseberry; Gorse; Hawthorn; Hazel; Heather; Hebe; Holly; Horse Chestnuts; Hypericum; Indian Bean Tree; Ivy; Japanese Quince; Judas Tree; Koelreuteria paniculata; Lavender; Loganberry; Lonicera purpusii; Mahonia; Maples (Acer); Mountain Ash; Buddleja globosa; Pear; Perovskia atriplicifolia; Plums; Potentilla; Raspberry; Rock Rose; Rose (single-flowered species); Snowberry; Strawberry Tree; Sycamore; Sweet Bay; Tetradium daniellii; Virginia Creeper; Weigela; Willows, male forms, especially goat willow (Salix caprea).

Courtesy of www.thompson-morgan.com

Edlesborough W.I.



Edlesborough W.I. held their annual birthday evening in October which was well attended and enjoyed by all. The committee all worked very hard and delivered a really fun evening for all our members.

Before we started our celebration the minutes of the September meeting were agreed and signed. Our birthday ladies received beautiful cyclamen plants, always gratefully received after which the fun began.

Our committee served us tasty cold platters, lovely cakes accompanied by plenty of wine, cold drinks, finishing with tea or coffee. They also provided entertainment and a very clever gentleman, David Tomkins a magician and ventriloquist who left us spellbound with his magic tricks and songs from stars like Roy Orbison and Elvis Presley. Some of our members showed us their "Debbie McGee" talents as David plucked them from the audience to assist him. There was a lot of laughter as they weren't quite sure what they were letting themselves in for!!!! They all survived and weren't sawn in half!!!!

W I meetings are held in Edlesborough Memorial hall on the second Tuesday of the month. Please come and join us ladies as new members are always welcome. We have a varied programme of speakers on a range of interesting subjects, meals in the hall and sometimes at another venue. We also have exciting summer trips by coach to various gardens and places of interest, and lastly quizzes and sometimes self entertainment - a very varied programme and good fun.

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Baby Elephant Named 'Queen' at UK's Largest Zoo

Elephant calf named in honour of Queen Elizabeth II, who met the calf's mum on her last visit to ZSL Whipsnade Zoo

A baby Asian elephant has been named the Thai word for 'Queen' at the UK's largest Zoo, in honour of ZSL Whipsnade Zoo's patron, Queen Elizabeth II, who once met the calf's mum.

The conservation Zoo gave the privilege of naming the not-so-tiny infant to ZSL conservationists who work in Thailand, protecting endangered, Asian elephants in the wild. The conservationists chose the name Nang Phaya (pronounced 'nang-pie-yah'), which is an animal-related Thai word meaning 'queen, or strong, female monarch.'

The female elephant calf was born at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo on Monday 22 August, to mum Donna, who HM Queen Elizabeth II met when she opened the Zoo's Centre for Elephant Care in 2017. A photograph of HM The Queen feeding Donna a banana featured on her official Christmas card that year.

ZSL's Elephant Project Officer, Saravane Namsupak said: "When we saw photos of the adorable elephant calf, we fell in love instantly, and were so delighted to be asked to name her. We wanted a name that represented who she is as a future matriarch of the Whipsnade herd, but also her part in the wider story of endangered Asian elephants, like those we work to protect in Thailand.

"Naming her Nang Phaya, which is a Thai word for queen or matriarch, seemed like the perfect way to pay tribute to HM The Queen for her work as ZSL's patron and honour Donna's famous encounter with her, while symbolically connecting the calf to the herds of Asian elephants in Thailand that are under threat from increasing habitat disturbance and loss which escalates human-elephant conflict and the wellbeing of both elephants and communities."

Asian elephants are classified as Endangered by the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species and recent estimates suggest that as few as 7000 are left in South-East Asia. ZSL's Thailand Elephant Project works in the southern Western Forest Complex (sWEFCOM) to mitigate human-elephant conflict in the region. This work forms a key component of ZSL's wider elephant conservation programme that spans across Africa and Asia.

Elephant Team Leader at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo, Stefan Groeneveld said: "Nang Phaya is a really important addition to the endangered species breeding programme for Asian elephants, and as the boisterous, youngest female in a matriarchal family line, her new name is perfect.

"Definitely a leader-in-the-making, Nang Phaya is energetic and playful, climbing on anything and everything and racing around the elephant habitat while her mum Donna, grandma Kaylee and the rest of the herd try to keep up. Although not on solid food yet, she has been experimenting with using her trunk to pick up twigs and is gradually getting the knack of using it! She's currently weighing in at a healthy 152kg and putting on about a kilo a day."

Visitors are able to see Nang Phaya with her mum Donna and the rest of the herd at Whipsnade Zoo, as well as the conservation zoo's 10,000 other animals. To book a ticket and support the Zoo's global elephant conservation work, visit www.zsl.org/Whipsnade



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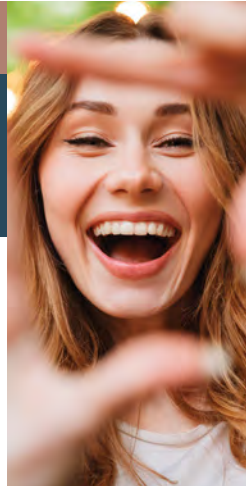
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Eaton Bray Cricket Club



50+ members guests and family attended the Annual Dinner and Presentation evening at the Rye Gardens on 8th of October. After tucking in and partaking in a few beverages the following awards were presented.

Ernest Gray Cup. 1st X1 Players Player. Andy Norris.
George French Trophy. 1st X1 Batting. Andy Norris
Ken Bearton Trophy. 1st X1 Bowling. Josh Edwins
Nick Pearson Trophy. 2nd X1 Players Player. Peter Robinson.
Martin Quinn Trophy. 2nd X1 Batting. Peter Robinson.
Dave Wheeler Trophy. 2nd X1 Bowling. Jamie Osborne.
Edna Quinn Trophy. Clubman of the year. Mr & Mrs Jones. Nick Pearson.
John Cole Trophy. Most improved player. Dave Callen.
Dave Whittaker Trophy. Most catches. Adam Raspass.
Lee Bearton Trophy. Sunday Batting. Junaid Ashiq.
Ian Jones Award. Sunday Bowling. Junaid Ashiq.
Captains Awards. 1st X1 Richard Osborne, 2nd X1 Darren Kerrins. Sunday X1 Adam Raspass.
Outlaws Batting. Wes Hosking.
Outlaws Bowling. Euan Palmer.
Lionesses. Players Player. Tamsin Norris.
Lionesses. Most Improved. Sarah Rosser.
Lionesses. Coaches Player. Leanne Morris.



A word for our Chairman Martin Quinn who is retiring as an umpire. Martin has been with the club as player, treasurer and chairman for 56 years. Now that's a decent shift. Cheers Quinno. Eaton Bray Cricket Club are always on the hunt for new players of any age or ability. 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. Also new to this season is a Ladies Softball Team.

The club would like to thank our sponsors Meadow Marquees, Mlily Mattress, Fine & Country Estate Agents, Westrope Butchery, Topps Tiles, SMSS Ltd and the Focus Magazine for their continued support.

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Weather Conditions for September 2022

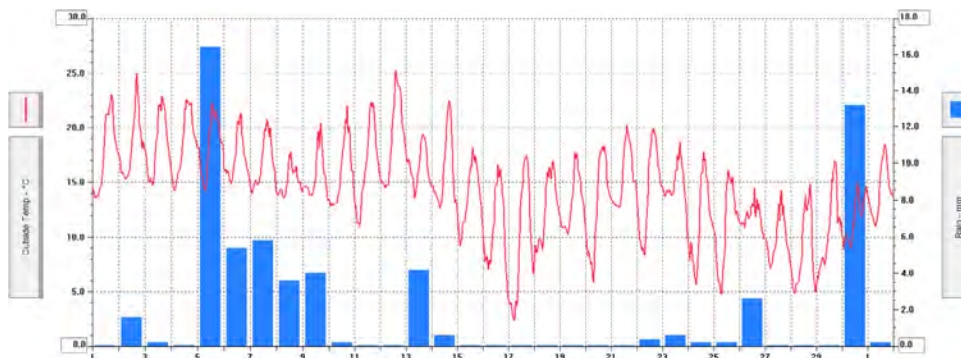
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September started on the warm side and was mainly dry for the first four days. On the 5th, we had our wettest day with 16.41mm of rain. It remained unsettled and warm with sunny periods and spells of rain for the next ten days. On the 12th, we recorded the highest temperature of the month: 25.3°C. For the next fourteen days, it turned dry and cooler with a few very light showers. During this time we had one cold night on the 17th when the temperature dropped to 2.2°C – it was a shock waking up to frost on the shed roof! We finished the month with another rainy day. September had a little more rain than August with 59.2mm which is just over the monthly average.

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature:	25.3°C	12 Sept 14.00	2.2°C	17 Sept 05.30
Mean Temperature	14.4°C			
Dewpoint:	17.4°C	5 Sept 13.30	3.2°C	28 Sept 22.30
Humidity:	95%	14 days Sept	44%	17 Sept 17.00
Barometer:	1026.4 mb	20 Sept 23.00	996.6 mb	Sept 22.00
Wind Speed	31 mph SSW	30 Sept 19.00	Months avg.	3.9 mph
Wind Chill:	23.4°C	12 Sept 17.00	2.1°C	17 Sept 05.30
Dominant Wind:	SSE			
Rainfall * <i>T</i> = total rain days and moisture. <i>R</i> = Actual rain				
* Rain Days: 16(T), 16(R)		Wettest Day 5 Sept	16.41 mm	0.646 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	Sept 2021	59.2 mm	2.331 ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	9 Months	397.1 mm	15.364 ins

September 2022 Rain and Temperature



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6 Things You Didn't Know About Whipsnade Zoo

Over 90 years ago on 23 May 1931, Whipsnade Zoo opened its doors for the first time. Here are some facts that might surprise you about the UK's largest Zoo.



1. Whipsnade Zoo has helped return several species of 'extinct' animals to the wild, including the last wild horse.

When animals become extinct in the wild, zoos are often their last hope – and Whipsnade Zoo's keepers are experts at breeding rare animals to support reintroduction efforts. "The Zoo has helped to return several species of animal back to the wild," says Joy Lear, Whipsnade Zoo's current longest serving zookeeper. "One of the standouts for me is the Przewalski's horse, a beautiful animal from Asia's vast grasslands of Mongolia, Russia and China. It's considered the last remaining wild horse and when it went extinct in the wild we worked with several zoos to breed a new population of them and help reintroduce them to China."

2. The lake in Passage through Asia was made by a World War II bomb.

During WW2, many of London Zoo's animals were moved to Whipsnade to escape the Blitz, and the building where Viewpoint Kitchen and Deli stands today was turned into an air raid lookout post. Whipsnade's chalk lion was even covered up by wood, manure and nets because there were concerns it would be a good marker for enemy bombers. However, in 1940, 41 bombs fell on the Zoo, thought to have been intended for the nearby industrial towns of Luton or Dunstable, sadly killing a spur-winged goose and a young giraffe. Some of the craters were left to fill with water and became ponds for the animals – and one of these can still be seen in Passage through Asia.

3. Pantalaimon in the hit BBC Series 'His Dark Materials' is based on Whipsnade's red pandas.

During production of the BBC's TV adaption of Philip Pullman's trilogy His Dark Materials, a film crew spent hours collecting footage of Whipsnade Zoo's red pandas to help them depict Lyra's daemon Pantalaimon when he took on a red panda form. He isn't the first star to be inspired by Whipsnade though – David Attenborough, Steve Buchanan and even Harry Hill have all filmed at the Zoo!



4. Whipsnade has helped establish the world's zoo populations of Southern white rhinos

Former Zookeeper Craig White, whose family has worked at Whipsnade Zoo for four generations, remembers when the Zoo was the second largest breeder of Southern white rhinos in the world. "In the 1970s 21 white rhinos came to the Zoo from South Africa," says Craig. "At that time, we were the second largest breeder of white rhinos in the world, and we helped to establish breeding populations in zoos across the world."

5. You can look into four counties

It's no wonder that the building where our Viewpoint Kitchen and Deli stands today was turned into an air raid lookout post during WW2, says Team Leader of Dear and Antelope, Don Glyn. "If you stand on the hill on a clear day and scan the horizon you'll be able to see Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire," says Don. "On a really clear day you might even be able to see Northamptonshire!" (Ok, we're not sure **about this last one – why don't you try it and see?**)

6. Whipsnade Zoo is a haven for British wildlife

The Zoo might be home to some of the world's most exotic and exciting animals, but it's also a haven for British wildlife thanks to its remote and untouched location, says Don. "We have a breeding flock of about 20 pairs of lapwings, and the best place to see red kites is over the cheetah and lion paddocks – we get huge flocks of them floating on thermals over the Zoo. We also have several rare bat species living in the old bear enclosures. We even have a breeding colony of slow worms on Pere David's hill. In June they emerge from their deep burrows and I find them behind our team's office basking in the sun!"



Salvation Sound



I am really pleased to be able to introduce myself through 'Focus' as my wife Sarah and I have recently taken over the responsibility for The Salvation Army at Eaton Bray, from Major Allison Gaudion, who recently retired. For Sarah and I, Eaton Bray

will be a shared ministry with The Salvation Army at Leighton Buzzard. Our colleagues in other denominations, who have several churches they are responsible for, must smile that at last The Salvation Army is catching up. Sarah and I look forward to meeting you all at some time.

Our first Sunday at Eaton Bray, was our installation, which was conducted by our Divisional Commander (SA 'bishop) and I tried to arrive spruced up and well prepared. Songbook, Bible, laptop, clicker. Worship software with audio and video tracks all placed and ready to go. 'Well that's the theory', I said muttering to myself, 20 minutes before the Sunday morning worship began. 'It all worked perfectly well last night,' as I sort out computer resolutions and get one audio track, to play in time with the lyrics. The Divisional Commander looked on with the expectation, and with moments to spare, it worked. Talk about let your fingers 'do the walking,' well steam was coming off mine.

Moving from Hemel Hempstead earlier in the summer, we didn't exactly come from a grim inner city, yet since moving to take charge of The Salvation Army's work in Leighton Buzzard in July, and in addition, to take over Eaton Bray, in October, we have become more aware of the wonder and beauty of our natural world, and it still catches us by surprise. Out of nowhere come glorious panoramic snap shots of the glory of nature. I have always understood as a Christian, that we are stewards of what I describe as God's creation.

Recently, at the late Queen Elizabeth's funeral service, the power of the rainbow, was a potent symbol of hope, shining through a national time of sadness and reflection, to remind us of the power of hope. As a Christian, I see a rainbow as source of optimism and encouragement to face whatever new challenges life will inevitably bring.

Heavenly Father, help us all to spread your light of hope and faith. In difficult situations, when we may feel out of our depth, remind us that we are not on our own. You are with us and you have provided us with a network of friends who are always there for us. Yet only you Lord, can recharge our batteries, rekindle hope, and empower us to make a difference, in our local community. Amen.

Sarah and I hope to meet you all sometime in the future. God bless you all.

✍David

Please note that our weekly timetable hasn't changed



The Salvation Army, Eaton Bray

Programme

Morning Worship	Sunday 11.am
Coffee Morning (alternate weeks)	Tuesday 10.-11.30am
Home League (Ladies meeting)	Wednesday 2.30-3.30pm
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Girls Night Out (1st Thurs of the month)	Thursdays 7.45 pm

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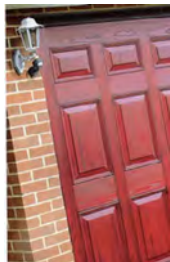


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