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wish you a Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year*

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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
- 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
- Tuesdays Keep Fit class, Edlesborough Memorial Hall 11 - 12noon
- Tuesdays Jazzercise 9:15-10am, Eaton Bray VH, Annis, annisjazzercise@gmail.com 07447 409666
- 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
- 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
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- Wednesdays Eaton Bray Tennis Club - 5-6 pm 9-11 years old tennis coaching & U16 Beginners tennis
- Wednesdays Pilates 6-7pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Heather Holmes, 07305 023077 pilateswithheather@mail.com
- Wednesdays Warm Hub, 10:45am-1pm, St Mary's Church Eaton Bray
- 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
- Thursdays Warm Hub, 1:30am-3:30pm, Eaton Bray Methodist Church

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- Fridays Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray VH, 07800 518654
- Fridays Jazzercise 9:15-10am, Eaton Bray VH, Annis, annisjazzercise@gmail.com 07447 409666
- Fridays Stay & Play toddler group, 'Musical Monkeys' at the Eaton Bray Village Hall, 10-11.30am, £4.50 for one adult and child, £1 for extra children/adults, 0-6 months free
- Fridays Scouts, (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
- 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**
- 2nd Dec Dagnall lights switch on with Santa, 7pm, Dagnall Village Hall
- 3rd Dec Dagnall Village Hall & Dagnall Under Fives Pre-school Christmas Fete, 2-4pm, Dagnall Village Hall
- 9th Dec Bingo, 7pm, Dagnall Village Hall
- 22nd Dec Eaton Bray Parish Council Christmas Carols & Brass Ensemble around the village, 7:30pm Three Corners, 8:15pm, Market Square/White Horse
- 31st Dec New Years Party, 8pm to 1am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Adults £17.50, U18s £12.50 including buffet, [www.curtaincalltheatregroup.co.uk](http://www.curtaincalltheatregroup.co.uk), 07412 640936

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**Dagnall:** Bev Way 07875 462128 & Trish Owen 07762 151364

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**Edlesborough Memorial Hall:** Penny Pataky, Tel: 01525 229358

Email: [manager@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk](mailto:manager@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk)

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Typetalk: 18001 01582 473418

**Thames Valley Police (Edlesborough, Dagnall & Northall)**

PCSO Jackie Dodson

Email: [greatbrickhillwingivinghoenhpt@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:greatbrickhillwingivinghoenhpt@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

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# Merry CHRISTMAS





Celebrate Christmas with  
EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL



Christmas Carols &  
Brass Ensemble Around The Village  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 - From 7:30pm



To help us all get in the Christmas spirit,  
the Parish Council have again arranged for the  
brass ensemble to play Christmas Carols around  
Eaton Bray on the evening of Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.



The evening commences from 7:30pm  
at Three Corners moving to  
Market Square/White Horse at 8:15 pm.









All adults & children are urged to come outside and  
have a good old Christmas sing-a-long.

*(song sheets will be available but please bring your own torch/lantern)*

## CELEBRATE IN STYLE

(subject to weather conditions)



# **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](http://www.stmaryseatonbray.org.uk) Facebook: St Mary's Eaton Bray**

So Christmas is coming! This year has certainly been a rather odd one. Having got through the worst of the coronavirus pandemic, I think most of us were hoping for less stressful times; but we have seen the war in Ukraine, difficult rises in the cost of living, governmental instability, as well as the passing of our much-loved Queen. It has been a testing year for many, and I hope and pray for better times ahead. As a church we continue to support our local foodbank, to pray for all those in Ukraine and to pray for those struggling with tight finances. To help, a number of places in our villages are offering spaces for warm hubs during the day – please do look at local information for more about these.

It is something of a comfort to me to remember that Jesus was born into a world that was equally stressful. Politically, the region of the Holy Land had been conquered by the Romans and the Jewish people had been subjugated, ruled by a weak vassal state that paid tributes to the Roman occupiers. Socially, the influence of Greek culture was growing among those living in the Holy Land, which some saw a threat to Jewish identity. And religiously, within the Jewish community there were tensions between different factions, each seeking to win over the local Jewish population to their way of doing things. So, when Jesus was born in that stable all those years ago, tensions were high, and there was likely to be a sense of deep unease and anxiety. However, there was also a great sense of hope for the coming of the Messiah, who would come and free the Jewish people from their oppressors and usher in a new era of peace and prosperity. As it says in the prophecy of Isaiah, “For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isa 9:6).

Jesus is the Prince of Peace born into a world that was full of anxiety and he brought calm. He gives us hope for a better world. The peace which Jesus brings is something that Jesus continues to share with us. Jesus wants us to feel safe and secure in the knowledge of his unending love for us, and he is with us and shares with us all our fears, our anxieties, as well as all our joys and celebrations. The problem for us is that when we are worried or afraid it can sometimes seem hard to find and feel the peace and love that Jesus has for us. At times we need to stop what is that we are doing to allow ourselves the time to find Jesus and the calm that he brings – by sitting silently, through prayer and with patience.

This year *Churches Together* have organized an Advent Trail around the village, with shops, houses and churches putting up Christmas carol themed displays. Each display will also show a small picture of the baby Jesus – do take the time to try and find the baby Jesus in each display! I hope that that you are able to take part and get a chance



to wander through our beautiful villages and find the baby Jesus, not just in the displays on show in the windows, but in your own lives too. I pray that at this time of Advent, and especially when Christmas eventually comes, you may all be able to feel the love of the Prince of Peace. I wish you all a happy and holy Christmas, filled with the joy of the Christ-child.

✉ Rev'd Stephen Burge



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Christmas Day	10.30 am	Family Communion
Sun. 15th Jan	10.30 am	Holy Communion
Sun 22nd Jan	3.00 pm	United Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



For any queries please contact

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guarding invisible gardens.  
Buildings are smudged, windows opaque, people ghostly.

The fog stills nature,  
birds are silent, animals hidden.  
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✍ Richard Woodhead

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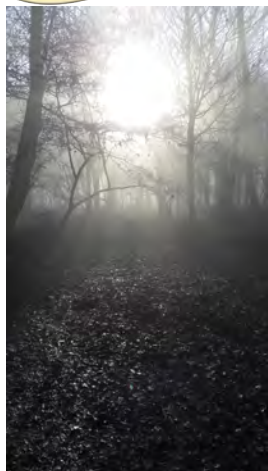


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# Dagnall Christmas

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



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Saturday 3rd December - Dagnall Village School and Dagnall Under 5's Preschool Christmas Fete 2-4pm

A family fun afternoon with stalls and a chance to see Santa in his grotto at Dagnall Village Hall.

Friday 9th December - Let's play BINGO! 7pm

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Sunday 11th December- Dagnall Village Carol Service 3pm

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Copies of the Puzzle can be accessed from the web at [www.christmaspuzzle.co.uk](http://www.christmaspuzzle.co.uk). You can register early to receive a copy on the issue date of 8 December.



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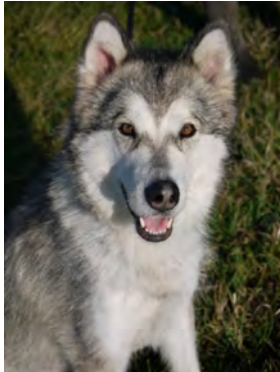
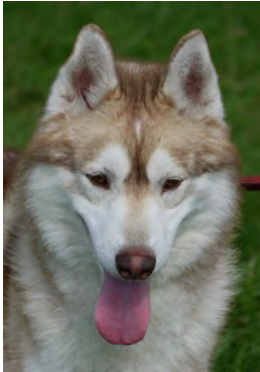
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# Edlesborough Parish Council News

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## *Cost of Living Crisis and Support*

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- the online form [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/helping-hand](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/helping-hand) or by scanning this QR code
- by phone on 01296 531 151 (Monday to Thursday 9am to 5:30pm; Friday 9am to 5pm)
- Help for Households website: <https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>
- Energy saving advice: <https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/help-with-your-bills/energy-saving-advice/>



## *Improvements to the Children’s Play Area on Edlesborough Green*

EPC is pleased to inform parishioners that following the site visit the Planning Inspectorate has granted permission for EPC to progress with the installation of new play equipment on Edlesborough Green. In his report the Inspector concluded “that the proposed works are beneficial to the neighbourhood and that there are no issues of public interest preventing consent being given.” EPC will now look to progressing to the next stage of the project.



## *MVAS*

Unfortunately EPC continue to experience 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.

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.

## *South End Lane, Northall – 20mph Project*

EPC is currently trialling the BC scheme for implementing a 20mph zone on South End Lane, Northall.

A recent speed survey confirmed that the road met the requirements as set out by BC to progress to the next stage of the application:

- A very significant proportion (41%) of vehicle movements exceed 20 mph adjacent to the Play Area entrance. This justifies installation of 20 mph signs.
- The average speed is below 24 mph and therefore no additional traffic calming



measures beyond installation of 20 mph signs will be necessary. Our BC Councillors Chris Poll, Peter Brazier and Derek Town support EPC's application and EPC agreed to fund 50% of the costs as set out in the original application guidance. EPC will now submit a formal letter of application for the implementation of a 20mph speed limit on the road.

### ***Edlesborough Pavilion***

ECSC Trustees believe that the village now has somewhere to meet your friends and perhaps share a drink and good food, and hope that every inhabitant shares that belief. The ECSC Trustees wish to remind parishioners that the pavilion is operated by a charity. It is run in conjunction with village sports, and other clubs with the purpose of furthering the objectives of the charity, including education and the improvement of social & mental well-being.

In light of this they would like to remind everyone that the pavilion is available to all registered members to come and enjoy the warm and cosy club and meeting rooms, hopefully sharing the company of friends, both old and new, and partaking of all that the pavilion has to offer. They are planning to hold further events, for the enjoyment of all their members.

To help support this they are repeating their request for help. If you feel you might be able to give some time to enhance the provision for our community, please contact [pav.manager@edthepav.org](mailto:pav.manager@edthepav.org)

Membership information can be found at [www.escomembers.azurewebsites.net](http://www.escomembers.azurewebsites.net)

### ***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***

- 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](mailto:alan.williams@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk) or on 07828 398371

### ***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.

### ***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.

### ***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](mailto: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](mailto:chris@brooklyns.org.uk)

### ***Council Meetings***

The next Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings will take place on

- Thursday 15th December 2022 – in Edlesborough Memorial Hall
- Thursday 19th January 2023 – 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.



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On Wednesday 7th December join us at 11am for **Home-made Christmas**.

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✉ Revd Joy Cousans





## **Eaton Bray Poppy Appeal 2022 New Organiser Needed**

This year's Poppy Appeal in Eaton Bray looks to be almost matching last year's total of just over £3000, split approximately two-thirds from the house to house collectors and one third from the boxes in the shops and businesses. Exact figures won't be ready until after the deadline for this December edition of Focus.

However – a huge thank you to all our house to house collectors for their hard work knocking on doors over so many years, and also to the shops and businesses that have a box on their premises. A special mention must be made of Eaton Bray Academy. All the staff and pupils make an enormous effort every year to support the appeal – so please take a well-earned bow. My wife and I have been collectors for eighteen years and this year is our thirteenth as organisers in the village. Our four grandchildren (aged 2 to 9) are growing fast and we are now missing out on lots of family time together, particularly at half term time when we all want to go away together. So, this is our last year organising the appeal in Eaton Bray.

If anyone reading this would like to take on organising the appeal in Eaton Bray, please contact us on 221137 and we can tell you what's involved. We have been honoured to be involved for the last eighteen years and sincerely hope that someone can pick up after us and carry on supporting this incredibly worthwhile charity – The Royal British Legion.

✍ Roger and Helen Wilkinson

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## **Royal British Legion 2022 Poppy Collection in Northall and Edlesborough**

This year, I am delighted to report that the Poppy Collection in Northall and Edlesborough was very well supported, and although we haven't quite topped last year's record, we have come pretty close. An impressive £868.79 has been raised by the two villages comprising a village collection of £698.79 and a Parish Council and W.I. donation of £170.00 for poppy wreaths. A big thank you to you all for supporting the British Legion so generously.

A special thank you to the staff and customers of Edlesborough Newsagent who raised £258.73 over the two weeks of Remembrancetide, to the customers and staff at "The Swan", Northall who raised £150.87, and to the staff and pupils of Edlesborough School who raised an amazing £207.86!! I can't think what you all do with all those snap bands and wrist bands – you must all be wearing at least a dozen each!!

This year we were also supported by the members of Edlesborough Sports and Social Club at the Pavilion who took a small box of poppies and raised a wonderful total of £81.33!

Thank you all so much for your generous support.

Next year, being an "odd" year, the Remembrance service will be held in Edlesborough at the War Memorial on the main road by the Church at the top of the High Street. The main road will be closed for an hour during the service with the usual diversion in place and nearer the time I shall be looking for willing people to help with the barriers. Be warned!!

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*Robin by Richard Woodhead*



*Snowy bush by John Hockey*



*Edlesborough Church Memorial  
by Agnieszka Brozek*



# Advent Trail for 2022!



## Churches Together - Eaton Bray/Edlesborough Advent Trail.

Last year some of us from the village churches designed an advent trail with numbered pictures in windows of houses, shops and churches in Eaton Bray and Edlesborough. This year we have developed the trail by displaying pictures linked to Christmas carols and each picture will have this baby in it.



### This year's challenge is to guess the carol and spot the baby!

Each day throughout December a new picture will appear in a different window. The trail will start at **Eaton Bray Methodist church** on Dec 1st. Pictures will stay on display until Wednesday Jan 4th 2022 so you can also view them during the school Christmas holidays.

Below is a map showing where to look for a picture on the relevant date. Locations are approximate to increase the challenge! You can also find the trail on St Mary's facebook page and the website of Eaton Bray Methodist Church [www.eatonbraymethodists.org.blog](http://www.eatonbraymethodists.org.blog)

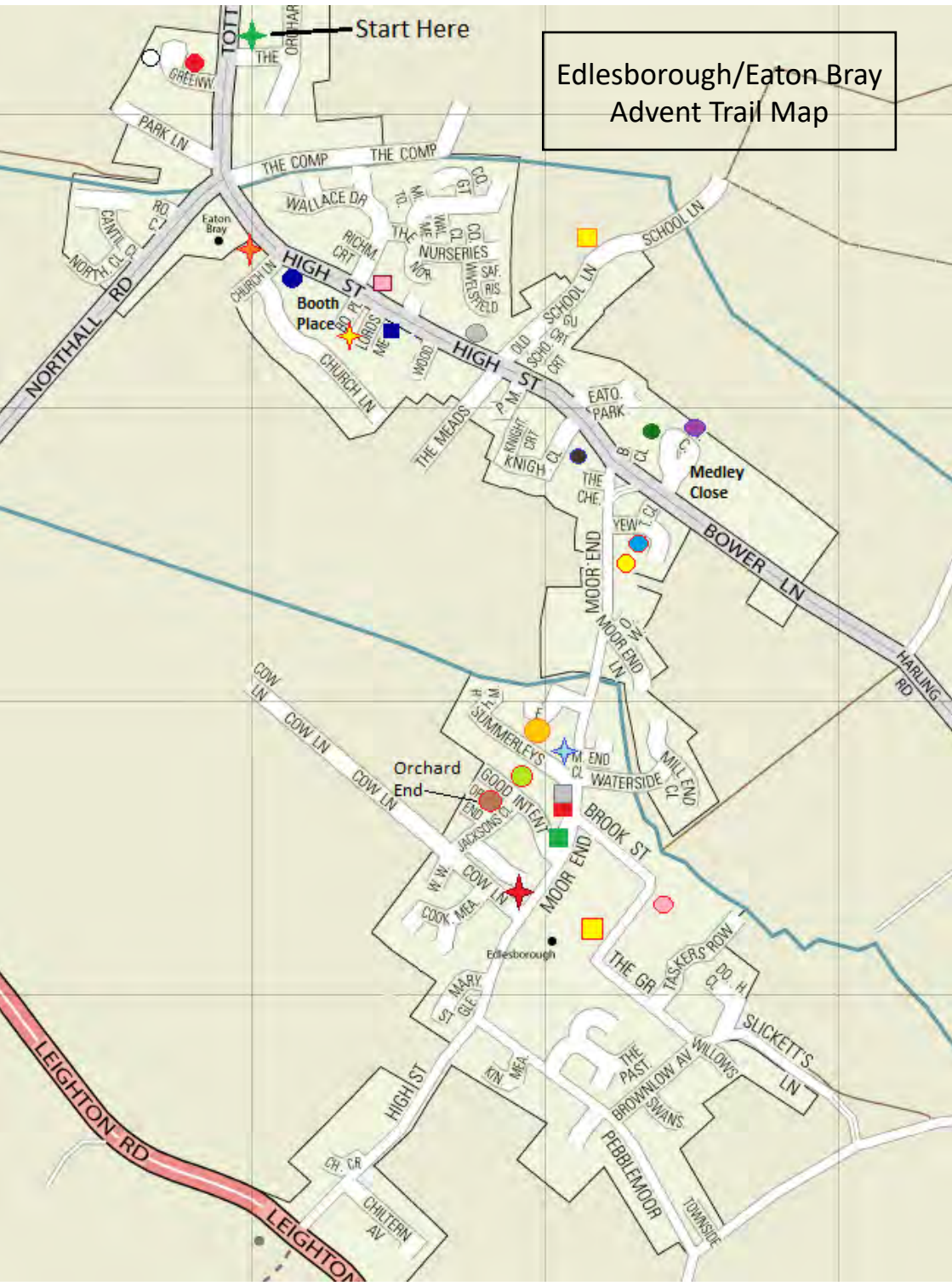
Take time this December to follow the Advent trail and spot the baby Jesus! and for those who like to look things up you can find the story in the Bible - Matthew chapters 1 and 2 and Luke chapter 1.

(All the carols will be listed in the last window on Christmas Day so you can check if you guessed correctly!)

### Key to Advent trail map 2022

1		Eaton Bray Methodist Church – trail starts here!	14		Yew Tree Close
2		Greenways	15		Moor End
3		Greenways	16		Summerleys
4		High St	17		Edlesborough Flowers
5		St Marys	18		Edlesborough Baptist Church
6		Eaton Bray Academy	19		Good Intent
7		Flicks and Bangs	20		Janes carpet shop
8		Salvation Army Hall Booth Place	21		Orchard End
9		High Street	22		Heirloom café
10		Gibblins	23		The Green
11		Knights Close	24		Edlesborough Pavilion
12		Medley Close	25		Edlesborough Methodist Church
13		Medley Close			

# Edlesborough/Eaton Bray Advent Trail Map



Start Here

Booth Place

Medley Close

Orchard End

Edlesborough

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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](http://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](http://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/>

### Royal British Legion



The current volunteer for the Royal British Legion is standing down and are looking for a replacement volunteer to organise the Royal British Legion poppy appeal for the village. If you are interested in taking on this role, please apply to the Parish Clerk. Thank you.

### Reminder - Parish Allotments: Allotment Tenancy Renewals 2022-2023

Allotment tenancy renewals are now due, payments to be made via one of the following two options:

1. Bank transfer (if this is your chosen method, please email the Parish Clerk for details)
2. Cash or cheque (cheques made payable to Eaton Bray Parish Council): cheques can be posted to the Parish Clerk or hand delivered to the Parish Clerk at the Parish Council open office - for dates/times, please visit the Parish Council website <https://www.ebpc.co.uk/parish-council-surgery/>

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**Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held on Monday 3rd October 2022, from 7:30pm**  
*(Minutes ratified at PC Meeting, 07/11/2022)*

### Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC)

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- Work starting on footpaths in the parish - first starting in Bower Lane.

- Community Grant Application: Waiting decision.  
\*UPDATE: 07/11/2022 – Eaton Bray Parish Council’s application was not successful.
- Road patching – emergency patching has been carried out at the Billington end of The Rye.

### **Bedfordshire Police**

For general Police contact/enquiries: **non-emergency call 101 - emergencies 999**

### **Planning Applications & Appeals – September/October 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 September/October 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.

Completion of Audited Accounts, Y/E 31 March 2022

A copy of the completed audited accounts for year ending 31 March 2022 can be seen on the Parish Council website or obtained by applying to the Parish Clerk.

### **Recreation Grounds**

- School Lane: Groundwork Improvements – tenders received for the playground improvements were presented to the Parish Council. It was proposed to accept the quotation from Abacus playgrounds for the improvement works.  
\*UPDATE: 07/11/2022 – proposed start date for groundworks is Monday 28th November for an estimated two weeks (weather dependent). The play area will be closed during the improvement works.
- School Lane: Play area fencing – repair works to be fencing is due to be carried out, from Wednesday 23rd November 2022 for three days (weather dependent).
- The Rye ground: Quotations for the car park were considered, it was proposed to accept the quotation from Simon Edwards Ltd to carry out the work.  
\*UPDATE: 07/11/2022 – improvement works have been carried out to the car park.

### **Parish Allotments**

- 2022-2023 Allotment Tenancy payments are now due.
- Allotment Inspection: The next allotment inspection is due to be conducted in May 2023.

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

Details can be obtained from the EBPC website, [www.ebpc.co.uk](http://www.ebpc.co.uk)

- Parish Council Meeting, Monday 5th December 2022, from 7:30pm

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

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

- Tuesday 13th December 2022
- Tuesday 17th January 2023



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# Busy On 'The Hill'



Lots of different events coming up for your delectation.

'This is my Theatre' the travelling theatre group will be performing 'The Nutcracker and the Mouse King' on Wednesday December 7th at 7 p.m.

Running time is approximately 80 minutes, wrap up warmly and bring a small cushion to sit on if you wish. Tickets available from [thisismytheatre.com](http://thisismytheatre.com)

**The Players Theatre Company Edlesborough** are auditioning for their performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' to be held on The Hill in Spring. The Churchyard will be a Forest in Athens as the audience follows the characters in different sites before returning to the Church. The backdrop on a lovely sunny evening will be stunning.

Contact [theplayerstce@gmail.com](mailto:theplayerstce@gmail.com) or the Facebook Group 'The Players Theatre Company Edlesborough'.

'Carols by Candlelight' on Saturday December 17th at 3 p.m. Bells by kind permission of Mike Pearson from 2pm. Wrap up warmly and hopefully there will be a hot drink to send you home.

'The Crown' returns to Netflix from November 9th. When you see the start of the fire in the Windsor Castle Chapel, remember that this scene was filmed in our Church.

**EdleFest2023** has been confirmed for June 9/10th. We have already contracted 'Rusty Shackles' and the full two-night line-up is pencilled in. We hope to open our Ticket Agency before Christmas for 'Early Bird' purchasers, search Ticket Source for the event when open, or [www.edlesboroughchurch.org.uk](http://www.edlesboroughchurch.org.uk) and Fb Friends of the Church



*Nativity window insitu*



*Nativity card*

on the Hill, Edlesborough.

Edlesborough Parish Council and the Churches Conservation Trust (CCT) have given their support for the Churchyard to be awarded Local Wildlife Site status. The Selection Panel meets on December 7th.

We seem to be making progress with the CCT regarding the restoration and re-installation of our beautiful broken West Window. This one-light window was made in 1867 depicting the Nativity. Estimates are becoming more precise, and planning is starting. We are still a long way off hence any fundraising to date has been low key. We apply the EdleFest surplus to our reserve, also any specific donations.

In aid of the fund, we have a limited number of Christmas Cards for sale featuring our other Nativity Window in 'Arts and Crafts' style being dedicated to Helen Frazer Rock. Contact us via Facebook or email [wyn.johns@gmail.com](mailto:wyn.johns@gmail.com)



# Christmas Services 2022

The pupils of Eaton Bray Academy were invited to draw a design showing the Good News of Jesus' Birth which would feature in the Christmas 'Pull Out'.

Congratulations to Jake our winner



Jake - Class: Otters

*The churches in the four villages join together in wishing you joy and peace this Christmas and invite you to join them at their Christmas Services*

**St Mary's Church, Eaton Bray (Anglican)**

Sunday 18th December	8.00am	Holy Communion.
	10.00am	Children's Nativity Service.
	6.00pm	Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies.
Saturday 24th December	4.15pm	Candle Services - for all ages, especially children ( <i>The earlier service is attended by younger children and is usually busy</i> ).
	& 6.00pm	
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass. Blessing of the Crib and First Communion of Christmas.
Christmas Day	10.00am	Christmas Family Communion Service.

**St Mary's Church, Edlesborough (Anglican)**

*(by permission of Churches Conservation Trust)*

Saturday 17th December	3.00pm	Carols by candlelight followed by mulled wine and mince pies.
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**All Saints' Church, Dagnall (Anglican)**

Sunday 11th December	3.00pm	Village Carol Service.
Christmas Day	10.30am	Family Service with communion.

**Edlesborough Methodists**

Sunday 11th December	6.00pm	Family Carol Service with the choir of Edlesborough Primary Academy.
Sunday 18th December	10.30am	United Worship at Kensworth Methodist Church.
Christmas Day	10.30am	United Christmas Morning Worship at Eaton Bray Methodist Church.
New Year's Day	10.30am	Covenant Service of Recommitment with Holy Communion.

## **Eaton Bray Methodists**

Friday 9th December	7.30pm	Christmas Concert with U3A Choir
Sunday 18th December	10.30am	Family Carol Service.
Christmas Day	10.30am	Christmas Morning Family Worship.
New Year's Day	10.30am	Start the New Year with us as we consider New Beginnings!

## **Northall Baptist Church, Chapel Lane, Northall**

Thursday 15th December	8.00pm	Carol singing at <b>The Swan Inn, Northall.</b>
Sunday 18th December	4.30pm	Carols by Candlelight followed by Refreshments.
Christmas Day	No Service today	Christmas Blessings to you and yours!
New Year's Day	11.00am - 12.00pm	Service with a New Year's Theme

## **The Salvation Army, Booth Place, Eaton Bray**

Sunday 11th December	4.00pm	Christingle and Carol Service.
Sunday 18th December	11.00am	Carols, coffee and mince pies.
Sunday 25th December	10.30am	United Christmas Worship at Leighton Buzzard Salvation Army, Llamas Walk. LU7 1JA

## **St Mary's Church, West Street, Dunstable (Roman Catholic)**

For services at St Mary's, please contact the church for information

Website: <https://www.stmarys-dunstable.org/>

## **Sacred Heart, Church, Beaudesert, Leighton Buzzard (Roman Catholic)**

For services at Sacred Heart, please contact the church for information

Website: [www.sacredheartlb.org.uk](http://www.sacredheartlb.org.uk)

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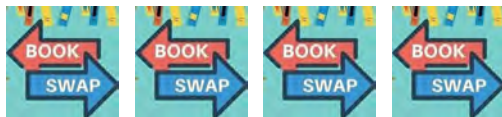
During the last month we have held our AGM. It was good to meet up with some of our volunteers who attended. Two of our volunteers have come forward to join our Steering Group. Our Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary were elected or re-elected.

We continue to receive many requests from our community to take them to hospital, doctor's surgeries or collect medication. We also help with local shopping collections. 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. If you would like to volunteer to befriend someone by phone in the village, please let us know.

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Eaton Bray Good Neighbours



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**The next Book Swap date for this year at St Mary's Church will take place on Saturday December 3rd from 10.30 – 12.00 am.**

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 or the Rhyme Time please contact:

Chris Sanders

Email: [chris.sanders45@gmail.com](mailto:chris.sanders45@gmail.com)

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Glad Tidings We Bring ...

The Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy, Super Raffle & Baked Goods was held on the 12th October & we were so pleased to see some familiar faces returning to this event - our total raised was around £100 which will go some way to funding events & activities for the members, thank you to all that attended.

That same morning we welcomed some of the children, their teacher & assistants from Dagnall School – this is a relationship that continues to bring much joy to our members over the years. It was a busy visit with singing & the distribution of beautifully decorated Harvest Festival boxes brimming over with edible goodies - thank you all children & their families for taking the time, effort & care to think of us.

We are hoping to see you all very soon for your Christmas performance (rehearsal) so thank you for inviting us - we are sure everything will be a joy to behold.

On Wednesday 16th November we'll have had our Christmas Outing coach trip for members, volunteers & guests. 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, 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 very much appreciate the start to festivities.

We have our Christmas meal arranged at Club for Wednesday 14th December, which will also be our last meeting of 2022 - advance thanks must go to the cook's team that prepare, cook, serve us with Turkey & all the Trimmings.

We Wish You a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year... We return on Wednesday 4th January, we already have a date for The Quiz Night Friday 10th March & an Outing is booked for Wednesday 31st May! Happy 2023 to us All.

We're now on the lookout for anyone interested in sharing with us a talent, skill, hobby - through a visit, talk, musical interlude ... we've hosted solo & duo musicians, floristry demonstrations in the past & would love to hear your ideas to expand our portfolio of talent - just a half hour slot in return for copious tea & cake, rapturous applause & genuine appreciation for your offer to entertain us all - please see below for contact details. Who knows I may even be persuaded to share my recent trip to Mafia Island, Tanzania, Snorkelling with Whale Sharks for a research project ... especially now the Hall's new Media Centre is available for hirer's!

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Phone 07854 230243 - please leave a message & contact details - our leader Dee will get back to you ASAP.

We're also on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/WednesdayClubNorthall/> for following and any last minute updates e.g. any errors I may make in dates published here in Focus.

# Christmas Nachos

By Cassie Best

Try this clever way to use up your Christmas leftovers.

## Ingredients

1 red onion, halved and thinly sliced  
1 lime, juiced, pinch of sugar  
4 sausages, 6 rashers streaky bacon  
200g tortilla chips  
200g cooked chicken or turkey, chopped  
100g cranberry sauce  
150g melty cheese, use anything from the cheeseboard such as cheddar, brie, red leicester or stilton  
1 tsp olive oil  
small bunch of sage, leaves picked

## Method

**Step 1** - Mix the onion, lime juice, sugar and a generous pinch of salt in a small bowl. Set aside.

**Step 2** - Heat the grill to medium-high and line a large baking tray with foil. Squeeze the sausagemeat from its skin and roll into small meatballs, you should get 5-6 per sausage. Arrange over the tray and grill for 8-10 mins, turning halfway through cooking, until browned and

cooked through. Tip into a dish and set aside.

**Step 3** - Arrange the bacon on the same baking tray and grill until crisp, about 5 mins on each side. Remove to a plate and leave to cool. Turn off the grill and set the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6.

**Step 4** - Pour away any juice or fat from the tray, but don't worry about washing it. Spread half the tortilla chips over the tray. Top with half the sausage balls, half the turkey, a few blobs of cranberry sauce and half the cheese. Scatter the rest of the tortilla chips, sausage, turkey, sauce and cheese on top then bake for 15 mins, until the cheese has melted.

**Step 5** - Meanwhile, heat the oil in a pan over a medium-high heat and fry the sage leaves until crisp. Serve the nachos scattered with the pickled red onions, fried sage leaves and crumbled crispy bacon.



# Christmas Crinkle Cookies

By Liberty Mendez

## Ingredients

60g cocoa powder, sieved  
200g caster sugar  
60ml vegetable oil  
2 large eggs  
180g plain flour  
1 tsp baking powder  
2 oranges, zested  
2 tsp mixed spice  
1 tsp cinnamon  
50g icing sugar

## Method

**Step 1** - Mix the cocoa, caster sugar and oil together. Add the eggs one at a time, whisking until fully combined.

**Step 2** - Combine the flour, baking powder,

orange zest, mixed spice, cinnamon and a pinch of salt in a separate bowl, then add to the cocoa mixture and mix until a soft dough forms. If it feels too soft, put in the fridge to chill for 1 hr.

**Step 3** - Heat the oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5 and tip the icing sugar into a shallow dish. Roll heaped teaspoons of the dough into balls (about 20g each), then roll in the icing sugar to coat. Put the balls on one large or two medium baking trays lined with baking parchment, ensuring they're evenly spaced apart.

**Step 4** - Bake on the middle rack of the oven for 10 mins, then transfer to a wire rack to cool – they will firm up as they cool, but still be fudgy in the centre. Will keep for up to four days in an airtight container.



Courtesy of BBC goodfood [www.bbcgoodfood.com](http://www.bbcgoodfood.com)

# A Christmas Garland

I have made a Christmas Garland to hang on my front door every year for forty years. The idea was given to me by Sue Parker, who lives in Edlesborough. Originally, Sue wrote an article for Focus, which I kept for many years but can't find now.

## Materials

1 potato weight about 200g (a bigger potato will make a bigger garland). This supplies moisture to the greenery

A piece of aluminium foil to wrap the potato

A small net bag, the sort lemons and other fruit are sold in

Ribbon



Evergreens such as holly, ivy, laurel, pine, herbs and yew

Baubles, bells and artificial flowers

A skewer or pointed tool to make holes in the potato

Secateurs or sharp scissors

Florists' wire

## Instructions

Wrap the potato in the aluminium foil and put it in the net bag. Tie the bag with a piece of ribbon. The garland will hang from this ribbon so it needs to be long enough to attach to the door (when my garland is finished I attach the ribbon to the top surface of the door with drawing pins).

Put the potato on a flat surface. Using the skewer to

make holes, stick 4 large pieces of greenery into the potato to give the approximate size of the finished garland (top, bottom and sides). Fill in the sides and front with more greenery, cutting to size as necessary, enough to hide the aluminium foil.

You can then add your decorations – a big bow of ribbon, attached to wire which will go into the potato, bells and baubles, also wired, and artificial flowers. Use odd numbers i.e. 3s or 5s.

Other suggestions are feathers, sprays of berries and splashes of white paint.

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✍️ Sally Taylor





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## Eaton Bray Methodist Church

October opened with a visit from a minister new to our services. The Rev Joanne Sherwood led our Communion service with a thoughtful sermon about God's beneficence; there is so much need in our world and we should give generously because God has given generously to us. On the second Sunday, our Café Service, Richard Armiger made a welcome return. Our table discussions were on the theme of God's love, how and when we have most experienced it. Geoff Best came to lead us on the third Sunday, giving us a powerful message; we are on a journey, inspired by the life of Jesus Christ who gives us a vision of a world transformed. Our current world is in a bad way, prayers for world peace are more urgent than ever so we need to hold onto our vision of hope. God loved us in the beginning and still does. On the fourth Sunday, Reg Phillips, a member of our congregation and a very experienced local lay preacher, led our service for the first time. His sermon was based on a passage from John's Gospel, urging us to become 'doers' rather than 'talkers' in Jesus' cause and thereby gain real joy in service. On our final Sunday, the fifth in the month, we had our usual joint Service held in Edlesborough Methodist Church together with the Salvation Army.

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# Eaton Bray History

## The Old Forge - 3 Market Place, Eaton Bray

(courtesy of the Bedfordshire Archives)



*The Old Forge  
1905 & 2008*

The Old Forge was, of course, formerly a blacksmith's premises. In 1915 it formed part of Pedley Settled Estates. Originally it was probably part of the Manor of Eaton Bray. When Pedley Settled Estates were auctioned by the executors of Arthur Macnamara in 1915 the sale particulars described The Old Forge as follows:

### LOT 4

#### **A FREEHOLD SMITHY**

In the Village of Eaton Bray, adjoining Lot 3 [Comp Farm], and including

#### **A brick and Slated Two-Storied Dwelling House**

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#### **Brick and Tiled Forge**

adjoining together with a

#### **Good Garden and a Grass Orchard**

Having Frontages to the Market Place and Comp Road, and comprising in all about

**1a. 0r. 19p.**

And being Part No. 133 on Plan.

Let to Mr. George Brown on a Yearly (Michaelmas) tenancy, at the rent of

**£22 10s. per annum.**

The particulars are annotated at the rear and note that George Brown bought the place for £315. Directories for Eaton Bray were not published every year but every few years until 1940. Kelly's Directory for the county lists Brown as a blacksmith in Eaton Bray between 1898 and 1940. William Brown is listed in earlier directories, which are not Kelly's, of 1847, 1853, 1854, 1862, 1864, 1869 and 1871.

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 much of the county, was assessed in 1927. The valuer visiting 3 Market Place recorded that it comprised a living room, two sculleries and three bedrooms above. He commented: "good house" as well as "bedroom over trap shed" and "Double front". The smithy measured 12 feet by 16 feet and 4 feet 6 inches by 5 feet 6 inches; a shoeing shop was 16 feet by 17 feet 6 inches. There was also a brick and slate trap shed adjoining the house, a weather-boarded and tiled store shed ("used hens"), a weather-boarded and corrugated iron store shed in the orchard and a weather-boarded and tiled hen house. The valuer summed up: "Useful place in Eaton Bray".

# Eaton Bray Football Club Memorabilia

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Linesman: D. Cole (Luton)

A warm welcome to our match Officials and opponents Langford F.C.

Our visitors are having a similar season to us and we are level on points, with Bray holding two games in hand.

Records to date:-

Bray P22 W6 D3 L13 F23 A52 - PTS 21

Langford P24 W5 D6 L13 F22 A35 - PTS 21

It is virtually a three pointer today so we hope the lads do the business!

Last week we lost controversially at Totternhoe after being denied two penalties. When your luck is out that's how it goes.

The evening games are with us, on Thursday 2nd April the Reserves are at home to Pitstone and Ivinghoe - 6.00 p.m.

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# Charlotte Lyons Physiotherapy

## Tips for when you develop new aches and pains

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The most important thing to remember is that the body has a great capacity to recover. For low back pain early management has overlap with well established post-traumatic injury advice of rest, ice, compression and elevation. Careful application of ice can help to reduce inflammation and encourage tissue healing. However, an essential thing to be aware of is that rest needs to be balanced with movement. For back pain, overwhelming research suggests that those who keep moving recover more quickly. This is also the case for most injuries. Regular gentle movements of the painful area can help blood flow and reduce inflammation and stiffness. A key tip is not to sit still for more than 15-20 minutes. Elevation and compression will not be possible to apply to the lower back, but it can be applied to knee and ankle injuries. Other strategies to help keep you moving include gentle heat application, massage and stretches.

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Charlotte qualified as a Physiotherapist in 2004 and completed her Master's Degree in Advanced Physiotherapy in 2020. She is joined by Matthew Long, who also qualified as a Physiotherapist in 2004. He has developed expertise in the management of musculoskeletal conditions and dizziness. You can book an appointment via [www.charlottelyonsphysiotherapy.com](http://www.charlottelyonsphysiotherapy.com) or telephone 07446 765945, or email [charlottelyonsphysio@gmail.com](mailto:charlottelyonsphysio@gmail.com).





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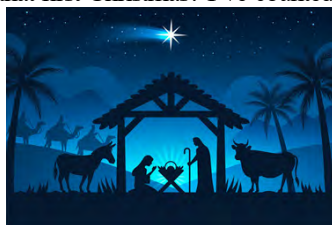
When we visited New Zealand in November 2010 after the huge earthquake, there was great concern from all the small children. The earthquake had toppled so many of the chimneys. How was Father Christmas going to get down the chimney with their presents?

We later realise that it wasn't a miracle at all but we continue to play this out with our own children.

Who is more excited? The children or the parents at the prospect of some lovely new presents?

Have you ever thought about how many miracles there were that first Christmas? I've counted eight!

1. Mary, a young unmarried girl saw an Angel who told her that she was going to have a baby, Jesus, who was God's son.
2. Mary's Cousin Elizabeth, an elderly lady was going to have a son called John.
3. An Angel appeared to Joseph in a dream, telling him to marry Mary, rather than be ashamed of the situation.
4. Jesus was born. Not in a palace as would have been fitting for such an important child, but in a stable and his bed was the animals' feeding trough.
5. Suddenly some shepherds arrived. They had been told by a whole choir of Angels that a precious parcel had arrived and where he was. They went to discover if this was true and found Joseph, Mary and Jesus as they had been told.
6. Some while later the little family were visited by some Wise Men from the East who decided to investigate a new star, following it until they found this very special child. They brought gifts and realised how special he was.
7. Then another Angel turned up in Joseph's dream and warned him that they had to escape to avoid great danger. They hurriedly left and were saved from King Herod's plan to kill all the baby boys.
8. After King Herod had died another Angel appeared in Joseph's dream telling him it was safe to return.



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As you open your presents this Christmas remember all the exciting miracles from 2,000 years ago.

**Come and join us sing Christmas Carols in the Swan Inn, Northall at 8pm on Thursday 15th December and at our Carols by Candlelight Service on Sunday 18th at Northall Baptist Church at 4.30pm.**

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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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## Nigel's Thoughts

Dear Friends,

We have lived with the story of the first Christmas for so long that we think that we know and understand it.

Because we each respond to narratives in our own unique and individual ways, different characters and elements of the Christmas story will appeal to every one of us.

All, however were watching and wondering, waiting to see the new thing that God was about to do and pondering as to what it all might mean.

This December, in what the church calls Advent, is a waiting time. We wait with expectancy for the coming of the infant Christ, the baby Jesus, who is God's great gift for a world in turmoil. He communicates God's love and identification with each one of us whatever our circumstances, for Jesus, God's Son, was born as helpless as we are, and so often feel ourselves to be.

In him the light of God "shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood (or overcome) it". (John 1 v 9)

I don't know about you, but there seems to me to be much darkness in the life of the world, and in human hearts today. How might it be if we could let this Christmas story of 'God with us' find us again?

A few years ago, Ian Adams wrote:

"Allow it to happen around you. Don't force it.

But when the story finds you allow yourself to find your place within it. The story is also your story. Become the person it is calling into being. God with us. God with you. You with God. Let the story find you."

May the story of God's love make this the happiest of Christmases and the most perfect of starts to your New Year.

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At our November meeting Edlesborough WI were pleased to welcome as our guest speaker, Rev Dr N Henderson. His topic was entitled 'Fulfilment and Farce. Jane Seymour and Anne of Cleves' two of the six wives of Henry VIII.

In a fascinating, wide ranging and very amusing talk he led us in an overview of Henry's marriages, his quest for legitimate male heirs and political and religious allies. After Anne Boleyn had given birth to the future Elizabeth I but subsequently failed to deliver a male heir she was beheaded. Within 24 hours of Anne's death Henry and Jane Seymour were betrothed. It is worth noting that in those times betrothed meant living together not marriage and Jane was never crowned. Despite this, after the birth of Edward in October 1537 Henry described her as his 'one true wife'. She died – possibly of sepsis – 12 days after the birth. Henry gave her a queen's funeral and she is buried in his tomb in Windsor.

Two years elapsed before Henry married for the fourth time. Thomas Cromwell decided he needed a wife and a royal court needs a queen. Anne of Cleves was born in Dusseldorf and fulfilled a preferred political alliance with Northern Europe. Alas, a combination of their mutual dislike for each other; Henry is alleged to have said – "I like her not! I like her not!" and his apparent inability to consummate the union resulted in the marriage being annulled after six months. She was undoubtedly humiliated but retained her head and received a generous financial settlement.

The evening concluded with refreshments and many people commenting they wished Dr Henderson had taught them history at school!

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✍️ Rosalyn Froggatt

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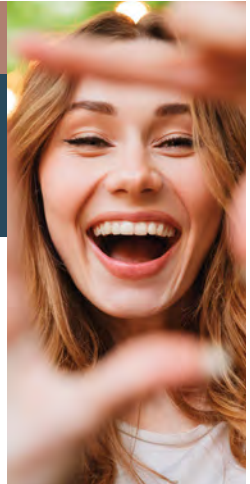
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# Eaton Bray Cricket Club



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All in all the future looks bright and April 2023 can't come soon enough.

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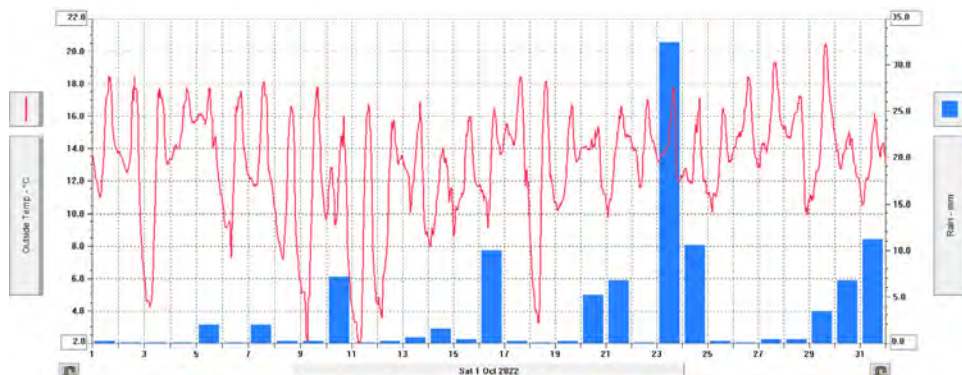
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I am pleased to report that in October we, at long last, had some proper rain. But it still wasn't enough. The month started mild, becoming unsettled in the second week with the night temperature dropping to 1.8°C on the 9th and 11th, while day time temperatures consistently stayed just below 18°C. For the rest of the month, we recorded rain almost every day, even if it was just drizzle, with plenty of sunny periods. As we came to the last week of the month, the temperatures started to rise and reached an unseasonably warm 20.9°C on the 29th. The wettest day was the 23rd with 32.41mm (1.3ins) of rain, contributing to a month total of 102.5mm, which is the average for October. The plot below shows the daytime temperature kept stable for all of the month, which was much higher than would normally be expected.

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature:	20.9°C	29 Oct 15.00	1.8°C	9 Oct 06.00
Mean Temperature	12.9°C			
Dewpoint:	17.1°C	29 Oct 15.00	1.0°C	11 Oct 07.30
Humidity:	96%	21 Oct 10.00	52%	6 - 11 Oct
Barometer:	1028.3 mb	18 Oct 11.00	992.0 mb	24 Oct 02.00
Wind Speed	34 mph SSW	5 Oct 06.00	Months avg.	5.7 mph
Wind Chill:	19.8°C	29 Oct 16.00	0.9°C	9 Oct 06.30
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<b>Rainfall</b> * T = total rain days and moisture. R = Actual rain				
* Rain Days: 23(T), 23(R)	Wettest Day 23 Oct		32.41 mm	1.276 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	Oct 2021	102.5 mm	4.035 ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	10 Months	499.6 mm	19.669 ins

### October 2022 Rain and Temperature



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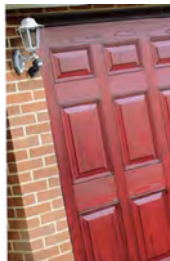


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