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for articles is the 10th of the  
preceding month**

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*✍️ Editor*

invites you to

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**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023**

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Charity of the month: 'Chance for Childhood'

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# Village Diary



## Weekly

- Mon-Sun St. Mary's Edlesborough opening times are currently very limited  
Please see notice board and website
- 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) Totternhoe Pre-school, Totternhoe CE Academy, 01582 662959, totternhoeoffice@tot.dsamat.co.uk
- Mondays Pilates, 10.45am, Totternhoe 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 KFFPA ISTD ballet classes, Edlesborough Memorial Hall 4pm-6.30pm (4years+)  
Contact Kiri 07988161043 or visit Facebook page 'KF PerformingArts/KFFPA' for info
- Mondays Cubs (8-10 ½ years old), 6.30pm - 8pm, 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Hut, High Street, Edlesborough. Contact Liz Coates 01442 842550
- Mondays Yoga, 6:45pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, contact 07837 727302
- Mondays Barre, 8pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, contact 07837 727302
- 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 Totternhoe 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 Jazzercise 9:15-10am, Eaton Bray VH, Annis, annisjazzercise@gmail.com 07447 409666
- Tuesdays Eaton Bray Tennis Club - 6-7.30pm Social play for all adults
- Tuesdays Berkhamsted Taekwon-do Kids, 5.45pm-6.30pm, Dagnall Village Hall, 07813 755785
- Tuesdays Berkhamsted Taekwon-do Adults, 6.30pm, Dagnall Village Hall, 07813 755785
- Tuesdays Movement is Medicine Pilates, 1:30-2:30pm, Billington Hall, moira@stjudesclinic.com
- 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
- Wednesdays Jazzercise 7:30-8:30pm, Eaton Bray VH, Annis, annisjazzercise@gmail.com 07447 409666
- 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 Movement is Medicine Pilates, 7-8pm, & 8:05-9:05pm, Billington Hall, moira@stjudesclinic.com
- Wednesdays Stay & Play toddler group, 'Musical Monkeys' at the Eaton Bray Village Hall, 10am, £4.50 for one adult and child, £1 for extra children/adults, 0-6 months free
- (term)
- Thursdays KFFPA Street dance classes, Edlesborough Memorial Hall 4.15pm-6.30pm (4 years+)  
Contact Kiri 07988161043 or visit Facebook page 'KF PerformingArts/ KFFPA' for info
- Thursdays Berkhamsted Taekwon-do Adults 6.30pm, Dagnall Village Hall, 07813 755785
- Thursdays Beavers (6 to 8 years old), 6.15-7.30pm, 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Hut, High Street, Edlesborough. Contact: ebebeaverleader@ebescouts.co.uk
- Thursdays Explorers Scouts (14-18 years old), 8pm-9.30pm, 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Hut, High Street, Edlesborough. Contact Simon Betts, simon\_betts@hotmail.com.
- Thursdays Eaton Bray Methodist Church Social Afternoons, 2 - 4pm, All Welcome

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- Thursdays Retro Line Dance Class. 11.15am to 12.45pm. Eaton Bray Village Hall. Beginners welcome. [www.jukeboxjunction.co.uk](http://www.jukeboxjunction.co.uk) info@jukeboxjunction.co.uk 07864212171
- 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 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
- Fridays Movement is Medicine Pilates, 10-11am, Great Gaddesdon Parish Hall, moira@stjudesclinic.com
- 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 June, 2pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Graham Chappell 07980 321977
- 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, Edlesborough Pavilion or as stated in Edlesborough Parish Council News
- 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

- 6th Northall & District Age Concern Harvest Festival Auction, 7:30 The Swan Northall
- 8th Dagnall Community Choir Autumn Concert, 7pm, Dagnall Village Hall, Tickets £8 01525 220189
- 14th Appledown Rescue & Rehoming Kennels Fun Dog Show, 10:30, Harling Road, Eaton Bray, LU6 1QY
- 14th Eaton Bray Village Litter Pick day, 10:30am, School Lane Car Park
- 28th Repair Cafe, 9:30-12:30, Pitstone Pavilion

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**Eaton Bray:** The Coffee Tavern

**Northall:** The Swan Public House

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**General Assistance (Recommended Number): 101    Emergency: 999**

### **Bedfordshire Police (Eaton Bray)**

T/Sgt 6268 Amy Ison, Leighton Buzzard Community Policing Team, Duncombe Drive, Leighton Buzzard, Telephone: 01582 473408

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

PCSOs Tina Hobson & Megan Dean

Charlotte Cottage, 73 Leighton Road, Wing LU7 0RD

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

To report non urgent crime: [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)

## Village Hall Booking Contacts

**Northall:** Lorna Cabbage Tel: 07857 318696 [www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk/nvh](http://www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk/nvh)

Email: [northallvhbookings@gmail.com](mailto:northallvhbookings@gmail.com)

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

Email [DVH\\_Bookings@outlook.com](mailto:DVH_Bookings@outlook.com)

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

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

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**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**

The French philosopher Voltaire once said, 'A hundred years from my death the Bible will be a museum piece.' A hundred years after his death the French Bible Society set up its headquarters in Voltaire's old home in Paris! Far from being a museum piece, the Bible is still a worldwide bestseller. The original text was written in Hebrew and Greek, and swiftly translated into Latin. King James commissioned the first official English translation of the Bible and a copy was put in every church in England. Jeremiah Radcliffe, vicar of Eaton Bray from 1583-1586, was invited in 1605 by King James to translate the Bible. He was one of 60 theologians and linguists who used original sources of Hebrew, Greek and Latin texts to produce the Authorised Version, otherwise known as the King James Bible.

The Bible is not like a novel- one book which you read from cover to cover. It is a library of books: 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. The Old Testament includes books on history, law, poetry, proverbs, psalms, lamentation and prophecy. In the New Testament we find biography, letters, history and prophecy. There really is something for everyone. The history of how the Bible came into being is fascinating. We have no record of the composition of any of the books of the Bible. Authorship was not 'a thing' in the ancient world. Professor John Barton in his book 'What is the Bible?' (SPCK 1997) writes: 'In the ancient world ...books- and especially religious books- 'grew' rather than being written by an individual author.' The exception is St Paul 'a named individual whose authentic letters were transmitted in exactly the form he had sent them to the churches he corresponded with.' (Barton p36)

The Bible is not divine dictation but rather 'God-breathed'. It was written by human authors who were influenced by the times they lived in. But Christians believe they were also guided by God's Holy Spirit. There are shafts of beauty and truth breaking through everywhere. The Bible is there to be read. But how do we begin to read such a rich and diverse book? I would start with one of the Gospels- the story of Jesus. Mark is the shortest, with only 16 chapters. If you read one a day it would take just over a fortnight. What then does the Bible say? It has been described in many ways, but one description which resonates with me is 'God's love letter to the world.' Becoming familiar with the whole of Scripture gives us the fullest possible picture of God and his Son, Jesus. As we read the Bible, we discover what God is like. We find a God who never changes; a God who keeps his promises. Amazing as it may seem, the Bible reveals that God always loves humanity and each of us as individuals. He created us in his image and we are precious to him; he listens to us and cares for us. And as we read the Bible, we discover what God's desires are for his world. We learn that Jesus came to save human kind and bring us back into relationship with God; that the way to true fulfilment is to live life



God's way. Jesus tells us that God longs for human beings to care for one another, for God and for the whole of creation.  
 As the nights draw in, how about taking time to read the Bible? You may find it more inspiring than you expect!  
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 Sun. 29th October 3.00 pm Informal Service  
 For any queries, please contact:

Philip Lee on 07977234453 or  
 Dorothy Green on 01442 843237



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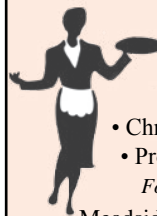
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# EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL

## Eaton Bray Parish Council Focus Report September 2023

*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)

### FixMyStreet

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

### Litter Pick Day - Saturday 14th October 2023



The Parish Council are organising a Litter Pick Day on Saturday 14th October 2023.

We meet in the car park on School Lane around 10.30am. The Parish Council will organise all the necessary safety equipment, such as high viz vests, grabbers, bags and we will arrange for CBC to collect up all the bags when we are done.

To sign up please visit the Parish Council's website or contact the Parish Clerk: <https://www.ebpc.co.uk/village-litter-pick-2023/>

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### EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD ON MONDAY 3rd July 2023, from 7:30pm (no meeting in August)**

**(Minutes ratified at the Parish Council Meeting, Monday 4th September 2023)**

### Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC)

Your Ward Councillor: Cllr Philip Spicer

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- For general Police contact/enquiries: non-emergency call 101
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### Planning Applications & Appeals – July/August 2023

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.

### Mill End Close/Waterside

Essential works are being carried out along the riverbank/island. The area has been cleared and the new fence, and access gate, are currently in the process of being installed.

### Recreation Ground

- Lighting: The Parish Council are continuing to look at suitable designs/costs for fitting additional lighting along the footpaths in School Lane Recreation Ground.

- Seating: The Parish Council are looking at design/costs for additional benches in the recreation grounds.
- Fence: The Parish Council are looking into costs for installing a wooden fence along the bank in Holmans Field.

### **Bower Lane Cemetery**

The Parish Council are looking into design/costs for a small memorial garden in the cemetery.

### **Eaton Bray Parish Council Accounts**

A copy of the Parish Council's Finance & Annual Reports can be viewed on the Parish Council Website.

### **Monthly Payments July/August 2023**

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

### **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)

- Monday 2nd October 2023, from 7:30pm
- Monday 6th November 2023, from 7:30pm

### **Parish Council Open Office (Ground floor)**

**10am-12noon at The Coffee Tavern, High Street, Eaton Bray** (Dates/times subject to change, please check the EBPC Website for updates)

- Tuesday 10th October 2023



**Heidi Head, Parish Clerk**

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## **Appledown Rescue & Rehoming Kennels**

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# **Fun Dog Show**

**Saturday 14th October 2023**

**Showground opens 10:30 am**

**Classes commence 11:30 am**

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# Edlesborough Parish Council News

## Including Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall

### Allotments

The annual allotment rent for 2023/24 is due to be paid at the start of October 2023. The rent due is £2.10 per pole. EPC requests that payments are made by internet banking. Any tenants not able to pay by **internet banking** please contact the Clerk ASAP to discuss an alternative payment method. Please ensure rent is paid by 11th October 2023, late payments will incur a £10 administration fee.

EPC currently holds a waiting list for all allotment sites, anyone wishing to be added to the waiting list should contact the Clerk.

### New Children's Play Area on Edlesborough Green

EPC is *delighted* to announce that the installation of the new play equipment on Edlesborough Green is now complete. Five new items have been installed including an aerial runway (zip wire), cross scales swing and climbing jungle. EPC hopes that the new equipment is a welcome addition to the existing play facilities and will be enjoyed by all for many years to come.

EPC asks parents and carers to ensure that users of the aerial runway (zip-wire) remember the following:

- Only be used by children aged 5 years and above.
- Only one child to ride the zip wire at a time.
- HAVE FUN & ENJOY!



### High Street Build Out Proposal

Thank you to all the parishioners who took time to respond to Buckinghamshire Councils consultation on the proposed build-out near the junction with Good Intent. This is a condition of approval granted in 2022 for a development of 14 houses at the bottom of Good Intent. The intended purpose of the build-out is to improve the visibility splay towards the shops for vehicles exiting Good Intent, which is currently recognised as being sub-standard.

EPC opposed the proposal because it takes the view that whilst the build-out offers a technical solution to the problem, it would make things worse in practice. In addition, it would add to the existing congestion in the vicinity of the shops.

EPC are currently waiting for an update from Buckinghamshire Council and will do all it can to keep parishioners informed about the proposal and decision.

More information can be viewed at <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/highway-projects/edlesborough-high-street-traffic-calming/>.

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

### **Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village 2023**



Edlesborough scored 181 out of a possible 200 points and was awarded a Certificate of Merit from the Best Kept Village Competition 2023.

Edlesborough entered this year's DeFraine Cup for Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village. The judging took place in June and Edlesborough were joint Runner Up.

**EPC thanks the council contractor MW Agri Ltd, the council handyperson Darren Pearce, the EDaN Beautification Team, the volunteer litter pickers and all the residents who help to ensure our village is well looked after.**

VILLAGE/TOWN EDLESBOROUGH – 6 <sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023			Score	Possible Marks
CUP DEFRAINE				
JUDGES CLIVE PARKER, PAT MARTIN, RICHARD MATTHEWS				
1	Cemetery/graveyard (separate or attached to a place of worship)	Evidence of very good care of the Cemetery particularly given its hillside location.	19	20
2	Green, playing field, children's play area, outdoor recreation facilities, designated nature conservation area	The playing field and its facilities were in excellent condition and are obviously well looked after. The relatively new Clubhouse looked good. Children's play area well kept.	34	35
3	Floral displays, hanging baskets, tubs, planters, flower beds etc	The floral displays in evidence were OK.	13	15
4	Community facilities (Village Hall, Community Centre, Church Hall	The Village Hall and other halls are well kept.	18	20
5	General environmental features (hedges, verges, ditches, pond, stream, pump etc.)	The hedges, ditches etc showed evidence of being well cared for. No evidence of litter.	16	20
6	Shops and Pubs	The areas and around the Shops were OK	18	20
7	Bus stops, bus shelters, public seating, dog bins, notice boards, information signs	These features were all very good. Bins were obviously regularly emptied. Notice boards were informative and in good condition.	18	20
8	War memorial (Please include a photograph if the memorial is inside a locked building)	Well cared for.	20	20
9	Quality of Competition entry - up to date and detailed map with features highlighted	The quality of the information provided with the entry form was OK.	7	10
10	Evidence of community engagement (e.g., website, newsletter, magazine, posters, and general community involvement in the Competition)	There was evidence of good community spirit in the village.	16	20
	Additional Notes		179	200

### **Streetlights**

Please report failed streetlights in Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall to the Clerk for repair via [clerk@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk) or 01525 229358

When making a report please ensure you provide the Clerk with the



information displayed on the lamp post.

### 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.

### Council Meetings

The next Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings will take place on:

- Thursday 19th October 2023 – Northall Village Hall
- Thursday 16th November 2023 – Edlesborough Pavilion



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 – 2pm (Excl. Wed)*

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### £££GOOD NEWS£££

## **VCS COST OF LIVING SUPPORT SCHEME GRANT FROM CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL NORTHALL AND DISTRICT DAY CENTRE THE WEDNESDAY CLUB**

In the past two/three years the club has witnessed the extensive cost of living with increases in electricity and basic food staples. The weekly visit has become even more important for our members as spending the day at the club reduces their own heating and food costs to meet their budget.

Our costs of running the club has risen considerably for the purchase of groceries, hall costs, energy and running/maintenance of the minibus.

The Wednesday Club has now received a VCS Cost of Living Support Scheme Grant of £3,600.00 from Central Bedfordshire Council. This grant will help tremendously towards the cost of running the Club this financial year especially towards hall costs and the electricity tariff which will be increasing later this year.

On behalf of the Wednesday Club a massive thank you to Councillor Philip Spicer and the wonderful administration team at Central Bedfordshire Council.



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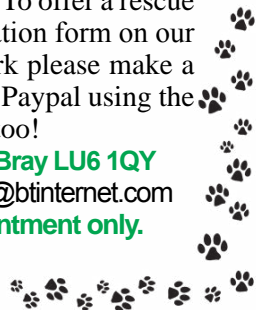
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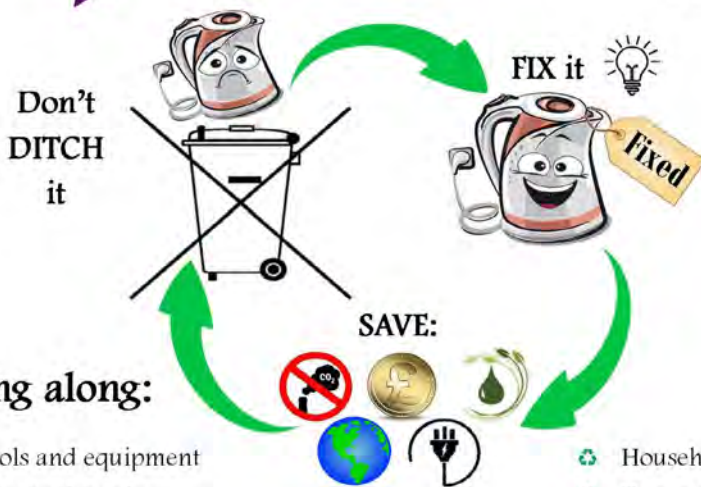


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If you feel unsafe:

- Don't open your door if you're unsure who is there. Use your spyhole, look out of a window, and use your door chain if you do decide to open your door.
- Have a contact number of a close relative or good neighbour to hand by your telephone, just in case you need to phone them.
- If you are part of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, let your coordinator know that you will be on your own at Halloween. If you are a coordinator, please identify people in your scheme that may be vulnerable and offer them reassurance.

Thames Valley Police will not tolerate any anti-social behaviour at any time of the year.

To report anti-social behaviour, call 101, the 24-hour Thames Valley Police non-emergency number. If you feel threatened, if it's an emergency, or if a crime is in progress, call 999.

For more information and to download a 'no trick or treat' poster / card please visit the Thames Valley Police website and search "Halloween"

Follow these tips to help keep everyone happy and safe this Halloween

If you have young children:

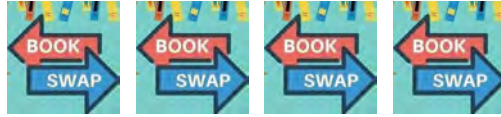
- Never let them go trick or treating on their own.
- Make sure you accompany them and only visit people you know.

If you have teenagers:

- Make sure they don't have access to fireworks, alcohol, eggs or flour.
- Explain why they must not play tricks on strangers.
- Tell them that if nobody answers the door, or a 'No trick or treat' sign is on display, they must leave immediately.
- Only knock on a door with a pumpkin or other Halloween decorations on display.
- Remind them to stay with their friends and make sure they know that they should never enter the home of a stranger.



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Tickets are just £8 each and can be purchased online from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/dagnall-community-choir](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/dagnall-community-choir) or by calling **01525 220189**. (Please note there is a small booking fee of 7%+VAT payable to Ticket Source if purchasing online)

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The choir is looking forward to Christmas, and preparations for our Christmas programme will be starting soon. We have three performances lined up for the festive season: the annual tree lighting at The Five Bells in Stanbridge on Saturday 2nd December; our own concert in Dagnall on Sunday 10th December; and a joint concert with other local choirs in Dunstable on Saturday 16th December. Watch this space for more information or check our website [www.dagnall-community-choir.co.uk](http://www.dagnall-community-choir.co.uk).

If you enjoy singing and would like to join your local choir, then the run up to Christmas might just be the right time for you to do so! All are very welcome to come along to one of our Monday night rehearsals, 7.45pm at Dagnall Church. You won't be asked to audition, and it doesn't matter if you can't read music, a love of singing is all that you need!

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## Nigel's Thoughts

Dear Friends,

Some of you will know that I love music. Whilst never having mastered a musical instrument, I do enjoy singing in a choir.

Much of the music that we sing is charged with meaning. We have just started looking at parts of Bach's Christmas Oratorio, for our concert at Christmas.

It seemed surreal commencing rehearsals for Christmas at the start of September! Nevertheless, there has been a clear sense that something as deep and subtle as our relationship with God cannot be expressed in the use of mere language alone, and is lifted when our voices join together in the jubilant intonations of song.

Saint Augustine said that whoever sings, prays twice. This is because song can express the greatest desires and longings of the human heart.

Whether you think you can sing or not, and although some people might claim to be 'tone deaf', faith can enable your heart and mine to be in tune with the music of God's love.

One of our hymns says "How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound, as worship moved us to a more profound - Alleluia!" ('When in our music God is glorified' by Fred Pratt Green).

As autumn draws on, may we be encouraged and moved by the music we make, and hear, and experience, and may God be glorified.

God bless you,

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Well didn't August just fly by? Time for a review of my last Focus post and updates for the latest goings on - there's been such a lot of behind the scenes activity so please be so kind as to read on. We've only just returned to Club and the Welcome Back chatter was such a delight to hear, on my very brief visit this week.

Wednesday 19th July was our Afternoon Coffee Morning - a well attended event and generously supported by so many local friends - with the donations, cake sales, raffle and bric-a-brac raising approximately £200 - which has been ringfenced for our Winter coach trip booked for mid November. Thank you All.

August was a month of rest (supposedly) for staff and a chance to regroup for the committee. Club AGM was held on the 2nd August and gave us a chance to review, plan and propose ideas moving forward. There's a separate piece from The Committee and Trustees within this edition of Focus. It also seemed appropriate to have a good old fashioned clear out and tidy for the new shelving installation, courtesy of the Northall Village Hall Committee, Thank You.

Making the Most - we have also been appreciating the donation of excess fruit/vegetables from home growers to supplement our traditional home made meals menu. Maybe some of you reading this have a glut of seasonal produce that we could be very grateful for? ... to date we (well a dedicated cook) have prepared 50 sticks of rhubarb and over 30 cooking apples to assist us in making approximately 3 weeks worth of puddings. Please message or simply stop by and join us for a thank you cuppa.

Our new initiative of "Share Your Wares" has 3 confirmed booked slots already for local crafty makers to sell, demonstrate and share their crafts for a couple of hours within our sessions. Please message with contact details if interested on joining our waiting list and Jane shall be in touch.

Please Don't forget to save the very popular Harvest Auction date of 6th October - further details of which can be found within Focus. Thanks in Advance to The team at The Swan, Northall for hosting once again.

The "Music Quiz - II" Team have confirmed the details for Friday 3rd November - further details (again) elsewhere in Focus. Tables/Teams of 8 @ £10 per head for a 2 course Supper - limited number of tickets - please check availability with Lynne on 07887944326.

Next Month ... details for Tea/Coffee Afternoon 29th November

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# A Wood Burning Stove this Winter?

On long, dark days there's nothing nicer than curling up by a real fire and enjoying the warmth and glow of flickering flames. And with fuel bills rocketing, homeowners are increasingly turning to wood-burning stoves as a cheaper alternative to other forms of heating. The Stove Industry Alliance reported a 40% increase of sales in the second quarter of 2022, and this trend shows no signs of abating. Whether you are replacing an older model or purchasing a wood burner for the first time, what are the key considerations?



## Efficiency first and foremost

Since 1st January 2022, all newly manufactured stoves have had to comply with Ecodesign regulations relating to efficiency and emissions. Some stoves, however, are more efficient than others. Look for the clearSkies label, which shows models that go above and beyond the regulations. In fact clearSkies level 5 – the highest – is almost 30% better than the standard Ecodesign requirement. In addition, stoves also have energy efficiency labels, just like fridges or washing machines, which range from A++ to G.

## Smoke control areas

If you live in a smoke control area (find the map online at [uk-air.defra.gov.uk/data/sca/](http://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/data/sca/) or check with your local authority), you may only use a DEFRAexempt wood burner. Look for the round, green logo that says 'DEFRA approved'. The clearSkies accreditations 4 and 5 are automatically suitable to use in smoke control areas. Always discuss these requirements with the manufacturer or retailer.

## What size to buy?

Buy too small a stove and it will place stress on the appliance, while if it is too large it will underrun, which can be damaging to the stove, the flue and the environment in general. "Before purchasing a stove, you should verify the heat requirement for its intended location," says Declan Kingsley-Walsh, managing director at Morsø UK. "To calculate the heating demand of a specific space, simply work out the volume of the room in cubic metres and divide by 14." You'll find that stove capacities vary tremendously, from 3kw to 15kw.



## Storing your wood

Think carefully about where you will store your log supplies. Will you have them delivered in bulk – which takes up a lot of space – or are you able to buy smaller amounts on a regular basis? Some stoves have a small, built-in section in which logs can be stored, and you may have space near your stove or fireplace for a basket or other container. Bear in mind that logs must be kept in a dry and well-ventilated area, and if you are planning to buy or collect 'wet' wood and dry it yourself, this process can take at least two years.

## Comply with regulations

New stove installations must comply with building regulations to do with the flue, the hearth and the distance from combustibles.



Provided you use a 'Competent Person' to install your stove, however, they can certify it for you. They will do a smoke test to check that your chimney is sound – if it leaks you may need a liner. Remember that you must have a carbon monoxide detector in the room, and consider fitting a fireguard to keep pets and young children safe from the heat.

### **Regular maintenance**

A stove can take time and effort to light, needs to be fed with fuel at intervals and the ash has to be cleaned regularly. A removable ash pan will help with this task, a feature worth looking out for when you make your choice. When it's time for a spring clean, polish up the exterior with a lint-free cloth or a clean shoe brush. For the interior, make sure to clean the glass by dipping a damp cloth in the wood ash and using it to clean the door, then vacuum away any soot or remaining ash. When the stove isn't being used in the summer, remove the throat plate and leave the air inlets open to allow a flow of air to prevent rust. Don't forget that you must also budget for having the chimney cleaned at least once a year.

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We meet in the car park on School Lane around 10.30am.

The Parish Council will organise all the necessary safety equipment, such as high viz vests, grabbers, bags and we will arrange for CBC to collect up all the bags when we are done.

We are looking for an expression of interest at this stage to help gauge numbers so we know how much equipment we'll need. **Please fill in your details (website form)** if you would like to join us and we'll contact you nearer the time with some specific details once the numbers of volunteers is confirmed.

**To sign up please visit the Parish Council's website: <https://www.ebpc.co.uk/village-litter-pick-2023/>**  
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A big thank you to all those who took part - exhibitors, volunteers, judges and visitors. This was a real celebration of what it means to be part of a community that values growing, cooking and making things.

✍️Veronica Clarke, Show Secretary

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## Our Memories and Change

Have you ever thought about all the changes in your lifetime since you were small?

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Very few people had telephones (Landlines) and it was years before mobile phones were introduced. The first mobiles were so big, it was debatable how mobile they were! I had my first mobile phone in about 1985.

We were one of the few families who had a car when I was a child, so buses and trains were the general mode of transport. It was as late as 1983 when seat belts became compulsory! One of my childhood memories is walking to school in the winter. Tights had not been invented! Girls were not allowed to wear trousers. The tops of my legs became sore and chapped. Who has heard of that these days?



*Ecclesiastes 3 v 1*

Then there has been a huge change in the range of foods available. Bananas and lots of other foods were more or less non-existent during the war. Now you can buy virtually anything, particularly with the number of shops specifically selling goods from other countries. Peppers and lots of other things are just part of everyday diets.

So, lots of changes are widely welcomed, improve safety and provide so much more choice.

What does the Bible say about change? In common language is the saying 'to everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven'. The Byrds had a hit song in 1965 called Turn, Turn, Turn taking up this theme. Most people don't realise

that this comes from Ecclesiastes 3 v 1 in the Bible.

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Prolonged sitting can lead to "creep", the ligaments that support the spine lengthen and the stability muscles weaken if we don't use them, resulting in poor support and often consequent back or leg pain. Fact, 84% of adults have back pain at some point in their lives (Research data May 2022)

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# Eaton Bray Cricket Club



## Results

July 6th. Eggington 98 a/o. Josh Edwins 3-3. Eaton Bray Outlaws 99-9. Eaton Bray Outlaws won by 1 wicket.

July 8th. MK Warriors 158 a/o. Josh Edwins 3-36. Eaton Bray 1st X1 161-7. Eaton Bray 1st X1 won by 3 wickets.

July 8th. Harrold v Eaton Bray 2nd X1 cancelled rain.

July 9th Wolverton 262-8. Junaid Ashiq 3-56. Eaton Bray Sunday X1 182-9. Junaid Ashiq 75 n/o. Wolverton won by 80 runs.

July 13th. Eaton Bray Outlaws 130-6. Leighton Buzzard Town 102-7. Eaton Bray Outlaws won by 28 runs.

July 15th. New Bradwell 168 a/o. Quinn Wardle 3-25. Eaton Bray 1st X1 142 a/o. New Bradwell won by 26 runs.

July 15th. Eaton Bray 2nd X1 v Caddington cancelled rain.

July 16th. Bletchley Town 170 a/o. Sri Kalai 5-25. Eaton Bray Sunday X1 139-2. Eaton Bray Sunday X1 won By 8 wickets. Rain revised target.

July 22nd. Eaton Bray 1st X1 v North Crawley Cancelled.

July 22nd. Drayton Parslow v Eaton Bray 2nd X1 Cancelled.

July 23rd . Eaton Bray Sunday X1 60 a/o. Luton Town & Indians 62-2. Luton Town & Indians won by 8 wickets.

July 27th. Eaton Bray Outlaws 125-5. Potton End 113-8. Quinn Wardle 3-13. Eaton Bray Outlaws won by 12 runs.

July 29th. Eaton Bray 1st X1 197-7. Andy Norris 99. Olney Town 202-9. Ollie Harris 3-27. Olney Town won by 1 wicket.

July 29th. Milton Keynes 141-8. Stefen Bennett 5-34. Eaton Bray 2nd X1 140 a/o. Milton Keynes won by 1 run.

July 30th. Eaton Bray Sunday X1 v Flitwick Cancelled.

August 5th. Eaton Bray 1st X1 v Thurleigh. Cancelled.

August 5th. Thurleigh v Eaton Bray 2nd X1. Cancelled.

August 6th. Eaton Bray Sunday X1 163 a/o. Junaid Ashiq 56. Dunstable Town 159-8. Eaton Bray Sunday X1 won by 4 runs.

August 12th. Buckland & Aston Clinton 238-9. Eaton Bray 1st X1 190-6. Quinn Wardle 53. Revised target. Buckland & Aston Clinton won by 4 runs.

August 12th. Grumpy Monks 262-6. Ian Jones 3-33. Eaton Bray 2nd X1 62 a/o. Grumpy Monks won by 200 runs.

August 13th. Wolverton 132 a/o. Jaco Jacobs 5-17. Eaton Bray Sunday X1 79 a/o. Wolverton won by 45 runs.

August 19th. Cranfield University 180 a/o. Jaco Jacobs 3-32. Eaton Bray 1stX1 181-7. Andy Norris 58. Eaton Bray 1st X1 won by 3 wickets.

August 19th. Buckland & Aston Clinton 183 a/o. Owen Brown 3-27. Eaton Bray 2nd X1 72 a/o. Buckland & Aston Clinton won by 111 runs.

August 20th. Ickwell 204-6. Eaton Bray Sunday X1 185-7. Andy Norris 92. Ickwell won by 19 runs.

August 26th. Eaton Bray 1st X1 98-9. Westcroft 101-7. Westcroft won by 3 wickets.



Rain affected.

August 26th. St Andrews 226-6. Eaton Bray 2nd X1 179-2. Owen Brown 101 n/o. St Andrews won by 47 runs.

August 27th. Eaton Bray Sunday X1 conceded to Olney Town.

August 28th. Eaton Bray Outlaws 114-7. Buckland & Aston Clinton 115-7. Buckland & Aston Clinton won by 4 wickets.

September 2nd. MK Warriors 160 a/o. Jamie Osborne 5-59. Eaton Bray 1st X1 77 a/o. MK Warriors won by 83 runs.

September 2nd. Milton Keynes 231-7. Eaton Bray 2nd X1 79 a/o. Milton Keynes won by 152 runs.

September 3rd. Eaton Bray Sunday X1 172-4. Quinn Wardle 85 n/o. Flitwick 170-9. Quinn Wardle 4-31. Eaton Bray Sunday X1 won by 2 runs.

We are family friendly club situated in the Rye Eaton Bray. New players of any age or ability are always welcome. We run 2 senior sides in the FCCL on Saturdays and a senior side in the Beds League on Sundays plus a midweek T20 team. We also run 5 junior teams from ages 8-15 and a newly formed ladies team.

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Drop in and have a look.  
Enjoy your cricket with Eaton Bray in 2023.



## Edlesborough W.I.

Our Summer Event in August was a Fish and Chip Supper. Last year it proved very popular and the attendance this year proved again it was a winning choice.

Before we tucked in however, business had to be attended to, commencing with the minutes of the July meeting read and signed. Items of interest shared and birthday cards and plants distributed to the lucky ladies. The flower arranging 'competition' for the July Members' Evening was deemed great fun and lots of giggles.

Once again our Committee excelled themselves and the hall and tables looked very inviting. The hot food was promptly delivered by van. Members brought their own glasses and beverages of choice and a very convivial evening was enjoyed by all. The evening concluded with tea or coffee, after dinner mints and the usual raffle.

Our next meeting will be held on September 12th when the talk will be given by Anne Thomas on Roald Dahl.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. New ladies are always welcome.

✍️Caroline Colleran

## Eaton Bray W.I.



What an amazing day we had at Stowe House on the 21st August 2023.

Stowe House is a Grade 1 listed country house in Stowe, Bucks and has a fascinating history. It is the home of the private Stowe School - owned by the Stowe House Preservation Trust and has a fascinating history.

In 1589 John Temple purchased the Stowe Manor and estate. His father had been leasing the house for 18 years. Their large fortune was built on sheep

farming and wool and, with farms in Oxfordshire and Warwickshire, Stowe made the perfect location for the family home.

It was inherited by Sir Richard Temple in 1653 and stayed within the family for many years.

“In the 18th century, the powerful Temple-Grenville family chose to create an idyllic landscape filled with temples. Amidst these enchanting gardens, they built the most lavish temple of all, Stowe House. This temple was so grand that even Queen Victoria was bewildered by its interiors. Ceilings and walls decorated with hidden messages and mythology hinting at the family’s former power and glory. But wealth and power do not last forever. Excessive spending led to bankruptcy. Extravagant parties, royal visits and Italian Grand Tours gave way to scandal, intrigue and eventually abandonment. The richest family in England became the greatest debtors in the world” Several attempts were made to restore the estate and house but in 1921 the estate was sold to Harry Shaw for £50,000. The estate was eventually bought by the governing body, that later opened Stowe School in 1923. It is still the home of the private Stowe School - owned by the Stowe House Preservation Trust which by 2013, had spent more than £25m on restoration!!

Our Group of 19 members arrived by 10.30 and, after coffee and cake, we were taken on a tour of the House. It was a delight to see all the restoration work that had been done and we could only wonder at the beautiful gold leaf ceilings and the digitally reproduced tapestries on the walls.



Definitely worth a visit.

On Monday 4th September we held our Harvest Supper with a Ploughman’s supper provided by the Committee. Our competition for the evening was a Harvest Themed table arrangement.

Next month we are looking forward to a talk by the East Anglian Air Ambulance Service and in November a talk by Marys Meals. Our birthday lunch will be on Thursday 16th November at the Swan.

Eaton Bray WI meets at the Methodist Church Hall, Totterhoe Road, Eaton Bray at 7.30 p.m .on the first Monday of each Month and ladies of all ages are most welcome. If you are interested in joining our WI please contact Margaret Jones on 01525 220991.



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# Halloween Cake Pops

Prep: 30 mins Cook: 5 mins plus chilling

## Ingredients

100g/4oz madeira cake  
100g chocolate sandwich cookies  
100g bar milk chocolate, melted  
200g bar white chocolate, melted  
Few sugar-coated chocolate beans and icing pens, to decorate

You will also need

10 wooden skewers  
Small pumpkin or butternut squash, deseeded, to stand pops in

## Method

Break the Madeira cake and cookies into the bowl of a food processor, pour in the melted milk chocolate and whizz to combine.

Tip the mixture into a bowl, then use your hands to roll into about 10 walnut-sized balls. Chill for 2 hrs until really firm.

Push a skewer into each ball, then carefully spoon the white chocolate over the cake balls to completely cover. Stand the cake pops in the pumpkin, then press a chocolate bean onto the surface while wet. Chill again until the chocolate has set. Before serving, using the icing pens, add a pupil to each chocolate bean and wiggly red veins to the eyeballs.



# Halloween Toffee Apples

Prep:20 mins, Cook:10 mins

## Ingredients

8 red apples  
400g caster sugar  
1 tsp lemon juice  
4 tbsp golden syrup  
red or black food colouring  
red or black food glitter (optional)

You will need

8 sturdy, clean twigs or lolly sticks

## Method

Pull any stalks off the twigs and push the sharpest end of each stick (or the lolly sticks) into the stalk-end of each apple, making sure it is firmly wedged in. Put a large piece of baking parchment onto a wooden board.

Tip the sugar into a large saucepan and add the lemon juice and 100ml water. Bring to a simmer and cook until the sugar has dissolved. Swirl the pan gently to move the sugar around, but don't stir. Add the golden syrup and bubble the mixture (be careful it doesn't boil over) until it reaches 'hard crack' stage or 150C on a sugar thermometer. If you don't have a thermometer, test the toffee by dropping a small amount into cold water. It

should harden instantly and, when removed, be brittle. If it's soft, continue to boil. When it's ready, drip in some food colouring and swirl to combine. Add the glitter, if using, and turn off the heat.

Working quickly, dip each apple into the toffee, tipping the pan to cover all the skin. Lift out and allow any excess to drip off before putting on the baking parchment. Repeat with the remaining apples. Gently heat the toffee again if you need to. Best eaten on the same day.



# Spiders



## 21 UK spiders you're likely to find in your home this autumn

By Lisa Joyner [www.countryliving.com](http://www.countryliving.com)

UK spiders will often enter our homes in search of somewhere warm to shelter, especially in autumn and winter. From Cellar Spiders to Cupboard Spiders, you may spot these creepy crawlies in corners around the home and garden.

Most British spiders found in UK homes are harmless to humans, but lots of people are scared of them nonetheless. Whether it's in the corner of our living room, in the bath or hanging quietly from the ceiling, these are the most common UK spiders you're likely to spot.

Mike Norton, Trade and Projects Director at Magnet Trade, says: "Like all species, spiders need water and moisture to survive. From sinks and dishwashers to the warmth given off from appliances, it's the kitchen and bathroom that create the perfect moist environment to draw them in."

Take a look at the ones you may spot...

### 1. Cellar Spiders

One of the most common UK spiders is the Cellar Spider, also known as the Daddy Long Leg. The thin, spindly spiders have extremely long legs and are often found in corners of the home, particularly during late summer. During the day, this species will stay incredibly still, however, when they are disturbed, they will vibrate on their web to scare away any attackers.



### 2. False Widow Spider

While these UK spiders aren't usually dangerous to humans, if they get caught in your clothing they might give you a little nip on the skin. These bites don't cause much irritation, but it's always advised to head to your local GP if irritation continues over a prolonged period of time. Most False Widows are a brownish colour with white markings on their back. When the weather cools down, you may notice the eight-legged creatures coming into your home to keep warm.



### 3. Giant House Spider

The Giant House Spider is one of the fastest spiders around, and can impressively run up to half a metre per second. It can be identified by its large, brown body and will commonly be found in UK homes during autumn. Places to spot them include behind the fireplace, in the bath or under the sofa.

### 4. Cupboard Spider

Cupboard spiders got their name because they have adapted to living in our cupboards. They are also known as dark comb-footed spiders. This spider lives in the UK but also abroad where, in places home to more venomous spiders, is often mistaken for the notorious black widow.





### 5. Lace Web Spider

The Lace Web Spider is usually around four to 15mm long and can be spotted living in the holes of walls and bark. These are very common and widespread around the UK, so don't be surprised if you find them around your home during autumn and winter, particularly after it has rained. Their web is made from a fine silk (which is where their name comes from) and has a wooly texture.

### 6. Zebra Spider

The Zebra Spider - or the Jumping Spider - can be identified by its black and white body. This species may be smaller in size compared to others, but they can move very fast (especially when they feel they are being attacked). During April and October is when you are most likely to find them.



### 7. Cardinal Spider

One of the largest spiders in the UK is the Cardinal Spider or the Tegenaria Parietina—which can grow up to 14cm in size. You'll be able to spot this species by its reddish-brown body and find it living mostly in walls of buildings. They're not prone to bite humans, but have been known to react with a bite if they feel threatened. Cardinal spiders can survive for months without food and got their name from a 14th Century



legend claiming that Cardinal Wolsey saw one in Hampton Court and was scared of it.

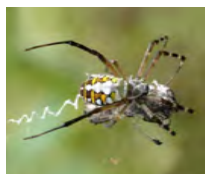
### 8. Money Spider

The Money Spider is a family of very small spiders, which are also often known as Sheet Weavers. They are often spotted close to ground level on garden plants, in long grass or around plant pots outside. Around five millimetres in length, they are small compared to others found in the home. You'll be able to identify the spider by its glossy brown body.



### 9. Orb Weaver Spider

Orb weaver spiders are found between July and October, making webs in gardens around the country (and helping to keep the flies out). They are eight millimetres long and get their name from the large orb-shaped web they spin.



### 10. Buzzing spider

Buzzing spiders get their name thanks to the male behaviour of vibrating on leaves to attract mates.

In the UK, these spiders are predominantly found in the South and prefer to hide in shrubbery and in trees as opposed to on the ground, where they feel more vulnerable.



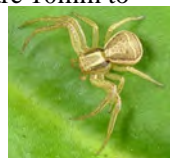
### 11. Cave spider

As the name suggests, you're more likely to find this UK spider in a cave as opposed to in a house. They like dark places with very little light and can be found all over the country. Cave spiders are 10mm to 15mm long.

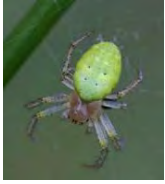


### 12. Crab Spider

This is another UK spider you are more likely to find outdoors than in your home. The common crab spider is most frequently seen from March to August all over the country and their preferred habitat is low-lying



vegetation. When hunting, the crab spider jumps on their prey's back and pierces them from behind.



### 13. Cucumber Green Orb Spider

These UK spiders got their name thanks to their green colouring. They can also be identified by a red mark under their abdomen. Found in shrubbery and hedgerows, cucumber spiders are most commonly seen in the UK from April to October. They catch prey by waiting for flying insects to fall victim to their orb web.

### 14. European Garden Spider

Found all over the UK and Europe, as well as North America, the European Garden Spider has many names, including diadem spider, orangie, cross spider, crowned orb weaver and the pumpkin spider.



### 15. Four Spot Orb Spider

Distinguishable by the four white spots on their orbs, this is one UK spider species where the females are double the size of the males, at 17mm. This is the UK's heaviest spider and they prefer a habitat of gardens, wooded areas, marshes or long grassland.

### 16. Green Huntsman Spider

The huntsman spider is known for being dangerous in other countries but the UK has its own less harmful version – the green huntsman spider. They are very rare but, on occasion, can be found in woodland from May to September and are most common in South England and Ireland. Their green colouring gives them perfect camouflage.



### 17. Jumping spider

Jumping spiders are part of the largest family of spiders in the UK. They have excellent eyesight and use it to help them jump on their prey when hunting. They are mainly identified by their four pairs of eyes. They are also very small.

### 18. Labyrinth spider

The labyrinth spider is most commonly found in Wales and England in hedgerows and long grass. These large spiders are so named because they build sheet webs that lead prey to an intricate labyrinth of tunnels where they can eat in private.

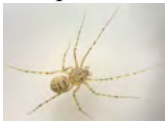


### 19. Running Crab Spider

The running crab spider is very small and are common in Wales and England between April and October.

### 20. Sector Spider or Missing Sector Orb Weaver

The sector spider (also known as the missing sector orb weaver or the silver-sided sector spider) is a UK spider that lives only in houses. They are commonly found hanging in window frames. They are solitary spiders and the female is identifiable by a leaf-like mark on her posterior.



### 21. Spitting Spider

With long, slender legs, the Spitting Spider has a distinctive 'slow walking' behaviour. Rather than catching its prey in a web, it attacks flies and mosquitoes by spitting a mixture of sticky silk to capture them.

## Down the Lane

Last week was a lazy week – far too hot to garden so I enjoyed sitting in the shade, thinking about an autumn tidy up and reviewing some of the planting.

When I planted my tubs with summer bedding, I took out the heucheras from the winter and put them in pots, in a large tray, to plant out in a flower bed until I needed them again. I was very pleased because only a couple had been destroyed by vine weevils whereas the previous winter I had lost them all. Perhaps the cold killed off any weevils. The heucheras are still in their pots (too dry and then too wet to plant them on) and have grown very well as they were easy to water in the dry weather and have grown well. They can go back into the tubs, with some tulips, when the dahlias have finished.



*Heuchera*



*Single dahlia. I love the colour.*

I have had a woeful year growing vegetables. I will use some of the vegetable patch for cut flowers for next year. A seed company sent me a reminder of hardy annuals and perennials which can be sown now and will flower next year. I'm going to try alstroemeria seeds which are planted in pots and left in a cold frame for the winter. They flower for several months over the summer and last well in water. I've also bought snapdragons, larkspur, poppies and mixed aquilegia. I thought it would be fun to see all the different colours and forms of aquilegia. I'm just waiting for the weather to cool down because seeds won't germinate above 25 deg C.

I haven't replaced most of the shrubs I lost in the winter. Some which I cut right back but left the roots are growing from the stumps, including a white jasmine which

has a heavenly smell. I will buy some more pittosporum in the autumn. I took some cuttings of rosemary so I can plant them out and have found lots of lavender seedlings for a new hedge to border a path.

The autumn raspberries have a big crop this year. They are very easy to grow. When the canes have finished fruiting, I cut them down to the ground, no pruning or thinning out. They don't need netting as the birds ignore the fruit but they do have to be supported by wires as the canes are top heavy once the fruit forms. The thornless blackberries have ripened and are very easy to pick. They will need a new support building in the winter as wires aren't sturdy enough to support them.

Lots to keep me busy!

✍️ Sally Taylor



*Blackberries*



# Nanny's Gang



My children love their Nanny, they love their Grandad too,  
They take them out to play you see, they very often do,  
They do things that often scare me now, and worry me a while,  
But always when they wander home, I see a beaming smile.  
I see a smile of innocence, mixed up with mischief too,  
I see a face of mystery of what they've been up to,  
I see a crumb upon their cheek, left over from a treat,  
And I see laughter in their eye, and satisfaction sweet.  
The rules don't work that I impose when Nanny rules the day,  
She throws them from the window, she puts the rules away,  
And Grandad is as bad as them, he lets them run so wild,  
Sometimes I often question here, as to which one is the child.  
They tell me stories, all of them, they form a secret pact,  
The four of them together all perform the same old act,  
I cannot quite imagine the tricks they've taken part,  
But when they tell me sometimes, it warms a Mother's heart.  
"Oh mum what fun we've had today, what places we have been,  
We've been out on the common, and we've paddled in the stream,  
We've wandered in the open air, splashed puddles in the rain,  
And Nanny says that very soon we'll do it all again.  
We built a fort with Grandad, from a great big cardboard box,  
We made a flag, from a piece of string and one of Grandad's socks,  
And Nanny was a princess, who we rescued on this day,  
When Grandad and this brave white pony carried her away.  
We had a feast of bilberries, oh! and a custard pie,  
A picnic in a rainstorm with raindrops in our eye,  
We built a tent and hid inside until the storm had gone,  
All four of us together, just like we are at home.  
We have such fun together when Nanny takes us out,  
We keep each other happy, of that there is no doubt,  
We share we care we are a gang, all children here as one,  
'Cause when we are in Nanny's gang, the fun goes on and on."  
I will never cease to worry, for I love them all you see,  
I love them as a Mother, and a Daughter's memory,  
For the life they lead was the life I led, when I was Nanny's child,  
When my Mom and Dad were raising me and letting me run wild.  
"Run wild", they said. "Let nature lead you in the open air,  
And give to you a legacy of its freedom everywhere".  
And this I see repeated now and this I understand,  
And as long as they're in 'Nanny's gang', then they will rule the land.

By Mick Westwood

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# Eaton Bray History

## The Labour in Vain Beerhouse Eaton Bray

66 Totternhoe Road (formerly Westcott Square), Eaton Bray  
(courtesy of the Bedfordshire Archives)



*66 Totternhoe Road July 2012*

The countywide licensing register of 1876 states that the Labour in Vain beerhouse opened in 1852. The owner in 1876 was John Batchelor of Dagnall. He was still the owner at the time of the countywide licensing register of 1891.

By the time of the countywide register of 1903, the owners were Fuller, Smith & Company of Chiswick [Middlesex]. The property was: “clean and in good repair” and was 560 yards from the nearest licensed premises. The beerhouse had one back, one side and one front door. The beerhouse closed in 1914.

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. The valuer visiting 66 Totternhoe Road found that it was owned and occupied as a small farm by A. Pryer.

The brick and slate, detached premises comprised three living rooms, a kitchen and a dairy on the ground floor with four bedrooms above. A later hand has noted that the dairy became an office and that one of the bedrooms was replaced by a bathroom and WC. A brick and slate coal shed and a brick and corrugated iron earth closet stood outside. The valuer commented: “Double front, big square type”.

The farm buildings comprised a north and a south block. The north block included: a brick, weather-boarded and tiled cow house for six, an old brick, weather-boarded and corrugated iron cow house used as an open shed (a later hand has noted that this later became used as a garage), a brick, weather-boarded and tiled barn, store shed (later used as a meal house) and a cooling place. At the rear stood a weather-boarded and corrugated iron hen house and four piggeries. The south block comprised a weather-boarded and slated open trap shed. Pryer had two grass fields measuring 1.246 acres and 3.757 acres respectively and an orchard (“poor”) measuring 1.103 acres.

Licensees: note that this is not a complete list and that dates in italics are not necessarily beginning or end dates, merely the first/last date which can be confirmed from sources such as directories and deeds:

*1876-1904*: Richard Gadsden; *1904-1906*: John Facer; *1906*: David Andrews;  
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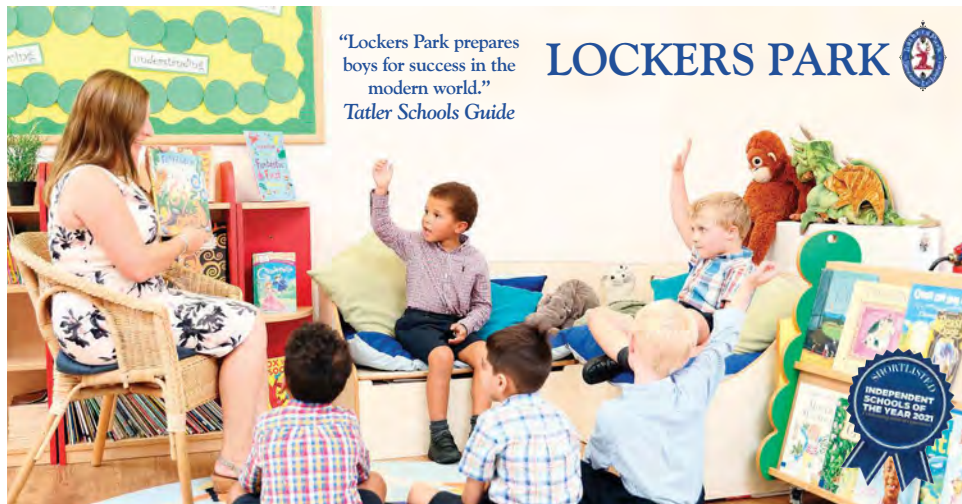
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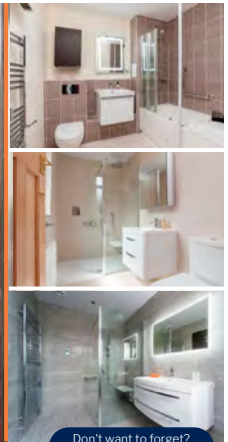
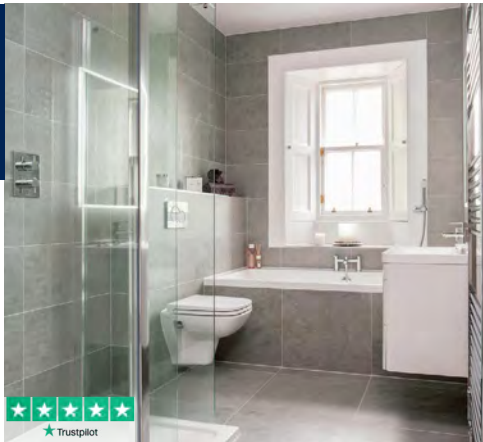
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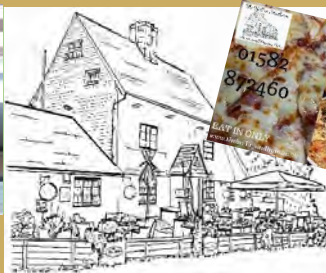
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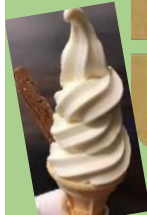


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A Francoise langur baby pokes his amber head out from his mum's tender embrace, as Whipsnade zookeepers celebrate the new birth as part of a successful European breeding programme for the Endangered species. Born at the conservation zoo in the early hours of August to parents Lee Lee and Wang, the tiny male weighed just over 450g at birth.

Zookeeper Hayley Jakeman said "We knew that Lee Lee was pregnant and have been caring for her while patiently waiting for the birth for six months. We are over the moon that he is here - growing stronger and more confident by the day - and that visitors can now see him and be inspired to learn more about this Endangered species. The team have nicknamed the little

one 'Citrus', due to his brightly-coloured fur, but the team are waiting to get to know the newborn's personality before deciding on a permanent name."

"While his distinct fur will help visitors to spot Citrus, over the next few months his bright locks will start fading to black. In the meantime, Lee Lee is being the perfect mother, supported by the other females in the troop. Francoise langurs live in a matriarchal society. Whipsnade Zoo is home to one male langur, Wang, and three females who are essentially the bosses. Visitors will be able to see aunts Nguyen and Lulu helping to care for the youngster, grooming and carrying him around their wooded home."

Francoise langurs (*Trachypithecus francoisi*) are listed as Endangered on the IUCN Red List of threatened species. Native to China and northern Vietnam, their numbers continue to fall in the wild, making the birth internationally important. Conservationists estimate there are only 2,000 of these incredible primates left in the wild as a result of illegal hunting for their meat and for traditional medicinal purposes. Caring for a back-up population in zoos is vital to protecting their future.

ZSL, the conservation charity behind Whipsnade Zoo, works across the world to tackle the illegal wildlife trade, including in Thailand - the largest transport point for the illegal wildlife trade in Southeast Asia. In April, ZSL signed a ground-breaking agreement with the Land Transport Federation of Thailand to help stop the illegal trade of threatened animals - including Francoise langurs and other mammals, birds and reptiles, being taken from the wild.

Alongside monitoring activities along trade routes, ZSL experts will work with the LTFT to increase environmental awareness among the 20,000 companies represented by their 10 member associations, encouraging the adoption of zero-tolerance to illegal wildlife trade practices across the country.

Visit Whipsnade Zoo this October to get closer to nature and help protect threatened species. Every ticket supports ZSL's vital science and conservation work around the globe: [www.whipsnadezoo.org](http://www.whipsnadezoo.org)



# Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)



## Weather Conditions for July 2023

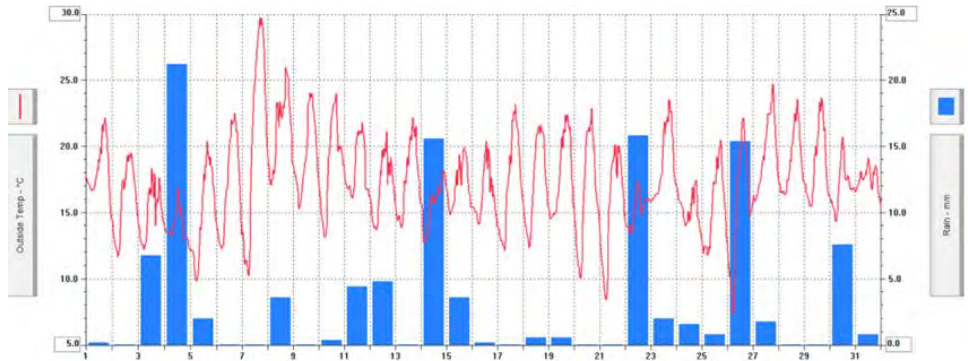
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July was an unsettled month: frequently on the cool side, windy, dull, and wet with 21 days when rain was recorded. At times, it felt more like autumn, which was such a contrast to June. We had 109.8mm of rain, double the average for July, with the 4th being the wettest day at 21.2mm of rainfall. There was a brief period of better, warmer weather around the 7th-9th when we had the highest temperature for the month at 29.8°C.

	High	Date/Time		Low	Date/Time
Temperature:	29.8°C	7 July 16.30		7.3°C	26 July 05.30
Mean Temperature	17.3°C				
Dewpoint:	19.1c	8 July 09.30		6.3°C	26 July 05.30
Humidity:	97%	26 July 06.30		35%	July 16.00
Barometer:	1019.9mb	18 July 00.00		997.5 mb	14 July 14.30
Wind Speed	37 mph ssw	15 July 13.00		Months avg.	6.2 mph
Wind Chill:	29.4°C	7 July 16.00		7.4°C	26 July 05.30
Dominant Wind:	W				
<b>Rainfall</b> * T = total rain days and moisture. R = Actual rain					
*Rain Days: 2(T), 21(R)	Wettest Day 4 July			21.2 mm	0.835 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	July		109.8 mm	4.323 ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	7 Months		483.9 mm	19.031 ins

## July 2023

21 days of rain totalling 109.8mm  
Much lower temperatures than normal



## Weather Conditions for August 2023

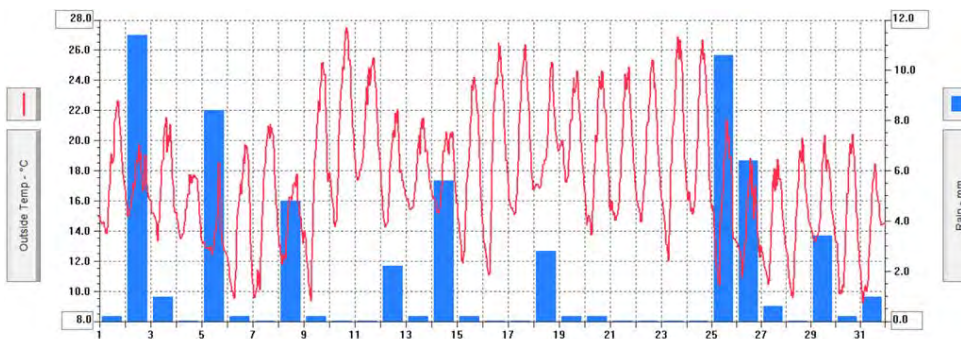
August was an unsettled month, similar to July, but with a lot less rain. The month started cool with some days not reaching 18°C. On the 9th, the temperature started to rise and reached 27.7°C. However, that only lasted for three days. As we continued through the month, we only averaged 25°C and ended with another cool spell. It was disappointing for August. The only good thing to say is that the rain, at 59.8mm, was 80% of the average.



# Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

	High	Date/Time		Low	Date/Time
Temperature:	27.7°C	10 August 16.00		9.2°C	31 August 02.30
Mean Temperature	17.3°C				
Dewpoint:	19.8°C	19 August 02.30		7.8°C	31 August 02.30
Humidity:	99%	9 August 07.30		48%	17 August 15.00
Barometer:	1023.4 mb	21 August 08.30		983.6 mb	2 August 16.30
Wind Speed	28 mph S	12 August 16.30		Months avg.	4.1 mph
Wind Chill:	27.5°C	10 August 16.00		8.2°C	6 August 05.30
Dominant Wind:	NW				
<b>Rainfall</b> * T= total rain days and moisture. R= Actual rain					
*Rain Days: 7(T), 7(R)	Wettest Day 2 August			11.4 mm	0.449ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	August		59.8 mm	2.354 ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	8 Months		543.8 mm	21.409 ins

## August 2023 Temperature is on the low side



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## Dunstable Probus Club

Dunstable PROBUS Club meets on the second Monday of the month at Tilsworth Golf Centre and membership is open to retired or semi-retired professional and business people. The Club's main purpose is the promotion of good fellowship. Members enjoy some social activities and the occasional organised visit throughout the year and after their regular monthly lunch meetings are entertained by speakers who give talks on a wide range of topics. If you are interested in joining the Club, please contact the Secretary, Philip Savage on 01582 662462.



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Books – I've just finished reading a book entitled "Adventures of the Yorkshire Shepherdess" by Amanda Owen (you may have seen her programme on T.V.) Sheep are "silly" creatures, so often they get into difficulties and usually they are unable to help themselves out of a situation. It is therefore easy to see why humans are often classed as sheep in the Bible. Psalm 100 says "The Lord is God, he hath made us, we are his people and the sheep of his pasture". Humans, like sheep, have problems, but we can call on God for help, He alone has the power and ability to set us free from the ensnaring sins that hold us.

There were ninety and nine that safely lay in the shelter of the fold. But one was out on the hills away, far off from the gates of gold – away on the mountains wild and bare, away from the Shepherd's tender care. How deep were the waters crossed, how dark was the night that the Lord passed through, ere he found the sheep that was lost. Out in the desert, he heard its cry, sick and helpless, ready to die. "Lord, whence are those blood drops all the way, that mark out the mountain track?" They were shed for the one who had gone astray. Ere the Shephard could bring him back, "Lord, whence are thy hands so rent and torn?" They are pierced tonight with many a thorn. –Then rose a cry to the gate of heaven-Rejoice I have found my sheep and the angels echoed round the throne. Rejoice, for the Lord brings back his own!

Psalm 23 – The Lord is my Shephard who leads me down to quiet pools and soft green ground, He feeds, restores, beholds, relieves me, shows the right road, then precedes me! Yea, though I cross the valley of dying, I do not fear, I am not crying. Thy rod for the beast, Thy staff for my learning, Thou art my present, beginning and ending. The oil that I feel on my forehead descending, The goodness that follows my every endeavour, The temple I'll dwell in for ever and ever.

Time for harvest once again,  
When we think of fruits and golden grain,  
Yet we reap all through the year,  
The harvest of the Lord's presence near,  
From Him we have the gifts of friends,  
Fellowship and fun,  
Days spent relaxing under summer's sun,  
The rich tapestry of autumn colours blend,  
And lead us to the stillness,  
Of snow-covered years end,  
Onwards into springtime rain,  
Harvest we reap once again,  
For there with all the new- born things,  
Another cycle of life begins,  
All year round, sight and sound,

Scent and touch,  
The good Lord gives to us so much,  
Harvest is not just the thing we gain,  
By sowing seeds on God's good plain,  
The fruits of life whether within our work  
or play,  
Are there to gather every day,  
So Lord, for the beauty of this place,  
Your creation of time and space,  
I thank you. How can I not see,  
And feel within the heart of me,  
The greatness of Your hand,  
When I behold the harvest,  
As I walk this beloved land.

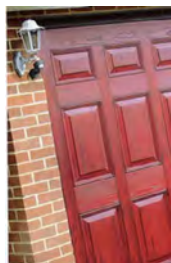


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