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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 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

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Contact Kiri 07988161043 or visit Facebook page 'KF PerformingArts/KFPA' for info

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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,

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Wednesdays Northall & District Age Concern Wednesday Club, 10am - 3pm, Northall Village Hall, Contact

Anna on 07854 230243

Wednesdays Art Course online 9.30 -11.30 am, contact Lorna Moore 07896 619660

Wednesdays Art Course, Bellows Mill Eaton Bray, 2-4.30pm, contact Loma Moore 07896 619660
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Fridays "Little Luvvies" baby ballet classes, 10am-11.30am, Northall Village Hall. Contact Emma

Whittemore on 01525 376124

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Sunday Worship at 11am, Edlesborough Baptist Church, Moor End, LU6 2FL. Contact: 01525 Sundays

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Sundays Yoga, 9:30am-10:30am, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, contact eleanorlangton@outlook.com

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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 Sundays

Monthly

3rd Sunday

Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, The Coffee Tavern (except Jan-2nd Monday) 1st Monday 1st Monday

Eaton Bray W.I. Meeting, 7.30pm, Eaton Bray Methodist Church Hall, Contact Margaret Jones

on 01525 220991

Dunstable & District Orbit (social and charitable) Club meet at Dunstable Rugby Club at 8pm. 1st & 3rd Tues

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)

St Mary's Book Swap, 10:30am -12 noon (July held on 2nd Saturday 1st 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

St.Mary's Ladies Guild, 2pm, St.Mary's, Eaton Bray 2nd Wednesday

Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Lions Club, 7.30pm, The Coffee Tavern 2nd Wednesday

2nd Saturday Workshops Dynamic Yoga 9.30-11am £10 Eaton Bray Coffee Tavern, Keira 07936 693696

Cafe Community, 11am-1pm, Eaton Bray Methodist Church,, October to May only 2nd Saturday

Edlesborough Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall 3rd Thursday

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

Lunch club 11.30 to 2.00pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Chris Hewitt 222288

Coffee Morning, 10:00-12 noon, Edlesborough Methodist Church Last Saturday

This Month's One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

St.Mary's Village Carnival, from 11am, Edlesborough Green 2nd July

Open Gardens, 11am-5pm, £7.50 from gazebo in St. Mary's churchyard, Eaton Bray 17th July Summer Messy Church Morning, 10:30am - 12:30pm, St. Mary's Church, Eaton Bray 26th July

30th July Dagnall Village Hall Summer Craft Fair, 11am-3pm







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Village Hall Booking Contacts

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Email:northallvhbookings@gmail.com

Eaton Bray: Norman Lee Tel: 07975 797202

Email: bookings@ebvh.co.uk Website www.ebvh.co.uk **Dagnall**: Bev Way 07875 462128 & Trish Owen 07762 151364

Email DVH_Bookings@outlook.com

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Associate Priest: Rev'd Stephen Burge

Church Warden & Pastoral Matters: Catherine Hayden (01525 220527)

Reader: Gordon Gray (01525 220136)

Website: www.stmaryseatonbray.org.uk Facebook: St Mary's Eaton Bray

It doesn't seem that long ago that we were chiming in the New Year, but here we are already in July with Carnival time upon us! Looking through the programme for this year's Carnival it is amazing how many different things are going on, from craft and book stalls to BBQs, from a tug of war to bird of prey, as well as classic car displays, live music and our very own royal procession – it's all very exciting!

The Carnival is such a wonderful time because we all come together as a community to celebrate and have fun. After the covid pandemic, but also now with issues around the cost of living there has never been a more important time for us all to come together, to support each other and to be a community. Throughout his ministry, Jesus taught about the importance of including everyone in the celebration of God's love, as well as the need for us to look out and look after those who are in difficulty, especially those who may have been forgotten and left behind. St Peter and important figures in the early Church, also recognised the great benefits of being in a community: being together not only helps our spiritual lives, but by working together we are also able to help others more effectively and in greater numbers. A big part of our Carnival is the fact that it raises money for charities, both locally and nationally. So, by joining in the fun, we will also be helping others.

This year's Carnival also has a theme: Love our Planet. This carnival time I encourage you all to think about our planet and our local environment. In Genesis, it says that when God created the world, he looked at what he had created and saw that it was good. Over the years, humans have made the planet less good, polluting the waters, harming wildlife and their habitats, and pumping harmful gases into the atmosphere. I think we can all ask ourselves what can we do to help make our local environment better? The effects of pollution will have an impact on many generations to come and God calls all of us to try and do what we can to help create a better world for the children of tomorrow.

So this Carnival time I hope that you have some time to enjoy the festivities, and that

you can join in with all the fun. But, as you tuck into some home-made cake or enjoy the live music, I hope that we can remember the power and value of coming together as a community. I hope that you we can all find a moment to think about some of the people in need that our charities will be supporting. And I hope that, come rain or shine, we can all give thanks for our beautiful world and think about those things that we can do to make our environment and our world a better place for all.



ÆRev'd Stephen Burge

Services at St Mary's Church

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Dagnall Church Services



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

All welcome.

We encourage people to wear a face covering.

Any queries please contact Phillip Lee on 07977234453.

Dagnall Church, Ringshall Road HP4 1RL

John Hockey - 1950 to 2022

Jacky and family would like to thank everyone for their wonderful messages of support and tributes to John in the past few months, and also for their attendance at his funeral. He loved living in the area and will be fondly remembered and missed by many, especially me.

All Saints Dagnall Flower Festival, 16 - 18 September 2022

All Saints Dagnall will be holding a Flower festival in September. We have already invited many local organisations to take part, but if your organisation has been missed out and you would like to contribute, please contact Barbara Morton as soon as possible.

In addition to this, we will be creating a number of individual arrangements which can be sponsored in memory of a loved one. For these we would ask for a donation of £25, and your loved one's name would be displayed below the arrangement. There are only 8 of these arrangements available. Again, please contact Barbara if you would like to sponsor one of these.

The weekend will begin on Friday evening with a special preview, with wine and canapes, accompanied by live music. This should be a really lovely occasion. Then the festival will run from 10am till 5pm on Saturday and from 12 noon till 5pm on Sunday, followed at 6pm by a special service of thanksgiving. Contact details are as follows:

Barbara Morton Telephone 01525 852368 email barbara.morton1@gmail.com









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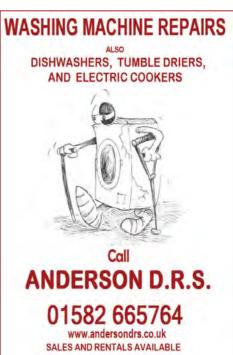
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Fundraising for



Cordon Gray BIM

At the start of our celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we received the exciting news that Gordon Gray had been awarded the British Empire Medal in the Birthday Honours!

All who know Gordon, recognise him to be a remarkable man, not only with adventurous ideas, but also the energy and enthusiasm to see them through. From the late 1980s when he moved here, Gordon has worked with tireless energy on many projects which have not only raised funds for local and regional charities but have also brought people together and created community fun.



St Mary's Village Carnival, which is such an important community occasion, grew out of St Mary

important community occasion, grew out of St Mary's Church Fair, a small, traditional fete. After Gordon took a leadership role in 1990, the 'Fair' became 'Carnival' and grew to be the extravaganza that we know, when up to 10,000 people from far and wide, visit Edlesborough Green for a family day out.

Of the funds raised by Carnival, half goes to St Mary's Church Eaton Bray, specifically to keep in good repair the beautiful Grade 1 listed building that belongs to the whole community. The rest of the money is donated to local charities and community groups. In the past, Florence Nightingale, Rennie Grove & Keech hospices, Luton & Dunstable neo-natal Unit, Bedfordshire Farm Crisis Network, East Anglia Air Ambulance, Medical Detection Dogs, The Wildlife Trust and many others have benefited. Since 1995, an amazing quarter of a million pounds has been raised and distributed!

Without doubt, Carnival depends upon the efforts of dozens of people but it is clear that the imagination, drive, energy and determination that brings it all together originated with Gordon Gray.

Christmas Puzzle

In addition to his other fundraising, Gordon Gray has for 30 years compiled an annual Christmas Puzzle. This is not a general knowledge quiz but the kind of puzzle that appeals to people who like solving difficult cryptic crosswords. Because of its complexity, it takes Gordon almost the whole year to devise the clues and as soon as one puzzle has been marked and prize winners notified, he starts work on the next year's clues.

Participants are asked to make a donation in appreciation of the fun it has given them; this is then passed on to a range of good causes chosen annually. In this way, over the 30 years, the Puzzle has raised an amazing sum of money now verging on £120,000.

Music@St Mary's

Before Gordon took the lead on fundraising at St Mary's Church, there were occasional concerts, but under his leadership these blossomed into an annual programme of musical events. The Poppy Prom deserves particular mention as this was entirely the brain-child of Gordon, combining elements of the Festival of Remembrance and The Last Night of the Proms, bringing commemoration of those lost in war, to the people

of our local community, and supporting the work of The British Legion.

Open Gardens

Many communities have Open Gardens in the summer months but the idea of holding such an event here, originated with Gordon. It raises funds for St Mary's but is also an extremely enjoyable day, looked forward to by the whole community.

Gordon says that organising all these events has given him great pleasure, but we know they involve hours of effort in planning and also in building up the teams which join him in achieving what are in many cases highly adventurous objectives. And I think this is an important point – Gordon is not only a 'doer' but also an 'enabler'; he gets the idea, but enables others to achieve the objectives with him.

Lay Reader at St Mary's Church

Gordon was licensed as Lay Reader in the Diocese of St Albans in 1998. He has worked throughout the whole of the North Chilterns Group of nine churches. The congregation of St Mary's can give testimony to the fact that he puts into this work the same energy and zeal as into his community fund-raising.

Christmas is a special time and many people who are not regular church goers, make attending their local church part of their family tradition. Gordon Gray took charge of the Christmas Eve Candle Service at St Mary's many years ago, and with strong lateral thinking, he combined the joy of the traditional Carol Service with fun, congregation participation and his usual energetic delivery. In consequence, so many families started to attend, that the Candle Service had to be split into two services. In normal non-Covid times, 500-600 people attend each year. Pleasingly, young adults who first attended as little children, return every Christmas Eve; it is clearly an important part of what Christmas means to them.

Many congratulations to Gordon on his so well deserved award!

Appledown Rescue Dog of the Month



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Edlesborough Parish Council News

Including Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall

Annual Meeting of Edlesborough Parish Council

This meeting was held on 19th May 2022. Cllr Alan Williams was elected as Chairperson for a further year. Cllr Rosie Booth was elected as Vice-Chairperson.

Council reviewed and agreed roles and responsibilities for a further year. The full minutes of the meeting can be viewed on the EPC website.

Annual Parish Meeting 2022

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 24th May in Edlesborough Memorial. Despite the Council's best efforts to advertise this meeting *only 16 parishioners* attended.

During the meeting the audience listened to and raised questions in response to the following presentations;

Edlesborough Pavilion Project Traffic Calming

Edlesborough Play Area Project Friends of the Church on the Hill

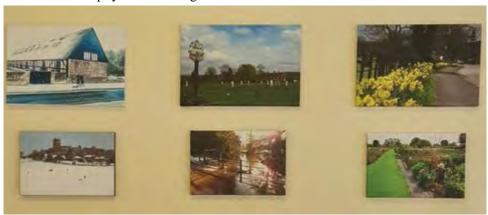
Edlesborough Parish Neighbourhood Plan Update EDaN Beautification Team
Edlesborough Community Sports Club EDaN Beautification Team
Buckinghamshire Cllr Chris Poll

The minutes of the meeting and copies of the presentations can be viewed on the Edlesborough Parish Council website.

New Artwork in EMH

Parishioners who attend classes in EMH or who have recently attended meetings in EMH will have seen the new artwork in Edlesborough Memorial Hall.

Eight images of Edlesborough have been kindly donated to EPC by the late Mr John Hockey and by Mr Andy Parrot. These have been made into canvases (examples of some are shown below) and are now on display in Edlesborough Memorial Hall.



EPC May Council Meeting

The May EPC meeting had a very full Agenda including making decisions on breaches in allotment agreements, parishioners trees overhanging pavements so as to cause a danger, reviewing and adopting the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, Reviewing the charges for the Green, EMH, Allotments and Cemetery and much more. A full copy of the minutes including the new charges can be viewed on the EPC website.

Annual Return 2021/22

The internal Audit of the Accounts for the year 2021/22 has been completed and the Council subsequently approved the Annual Return for the year ending March 2022 at the May 2022 Council meeting. The Accounts have now been submitted to the external auditor PKF Littlejohn. EPC hereby gives Notice Public Rights and Publication of Unaudited Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the Accounts for the year ended March 2022.

Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records must be made available for inspection by any person interested. These documents will be available on reasonable notice by application to the Clerk. The inspection period is 30 working days, commencing 13 June 2022 and ending 22 July 2022.

Buckinghamshire Councillors

Cllr Chris Poll and Cllr Peter Brazier continue to attend the EPC meetings and the Annual Parish meeting. They keep Council appraised of decisions and activities at Buckinghamshire Council and offer the EPC advice and assistance on a variety of matters.

The monthly Buckinghamshire Councillors' reports can be found on the EPC website along with the EPC meeting minutes.

MVAS

At the time of writing this report it is hoped that the three Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs have now been deployed 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.

Improvements to the Children's Play Area on Edlesborough Green

EPC are currently awaiting the decision of the Planning Inspectorate as to whether they can proceed with their project to install new children's play equipment on Edlesborough Green.

Grass & Hedge Cutting in the Villages



Grass Verges

Now that the growing season is in full swing the Council requests that drivers do not park on the grass verges in the villages. Parking on the verges causes damage to them and makes it difficult for the Council's contractor to cut the verge.

Hedge Cutting

The Council contractor is scheduled to cut the Pastures hedge in the **last week** of **June.**

The Council is aware of concerns about nesting birds and endeavours to do all it can to protect them. However the

Council are also duty bound to ensure that the hedge does not overhang the footpath so as to:

- 1. Endanger or obstruct the passage of pedestrians
- 2. Potentially causes danger to the footpath

EPC asks all parishioners whose trees and/or hedges border the pavements to ensure that their hedges are kept well-trimmed ensuring that the maximum pavement width is available for pedestrians, pushchair and wheelchair users.



Ivinghoe Freight Strategy

EPC has been advised that the Ivinghoe Freight Strategy is on course to be implemented in September 2022. The aim of the strategy is to reroute HGV's away from specific roads/routes in the Ivinghoe area, including the B440.

The image to the right shows HGV vehicles trying to pass each other on the B440 on the hill at the junction with the High Street in Edlesborough. (Image courtesy of Georgie Lowde).

EDaN Community Car Service

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

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



EDaN Beautification Team

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

Do you enjoy gardening and have some time to spare?

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

Speedwatch & EDaN Traffic Management

Thames Valley Police have relaunched and restarted their Community Speedwatch —more information can be found at Restart and relaunch for Community Speedwatch in 2021 · Thames Valley Police & Crime Commissioner (thamesvalley-pcc.gov. uk) Any parishioner interested in becoming involved with the EDaN Community Speedwatch for Edlesborough Parish should contact Cllr Alan Williams via email at alan.williams@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk or on 07828 398371



Council Meetings

The next Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings will take place on:

- Thursday 21st July 2022 Edlesborough Memorial Hall
- Thursday 15th September 2022 Edlesborough Memorial Hall

The meetings will commence at 7:30pm.

Parishioners are welcome to attend all Ordinary Parish Council meetings and may ask questions, raise issues and give suggestions during the Open Forum before the formal start of the meeting. Council requests that where possible questions, issues and suggestions are submitted in writing to the Clerk by the Tuesday preceding the meeting.



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

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Daton Bray Village Hall Quiz

In May the wonderful quizzers of EB raised just under £600 for 3 wonderful Charities.

The 1st of these is the Dunstable Foodbank with £250 who are staffed with wonderful generous volunteers. With the increased demand for their services as pressures in our economy increases, support from within the local community is so important.

Last month I was able to get over to another worthy cause which is Appledown Dogs Rescue and Kennels.





Here I am with Dolly & Mellissa and the wonderful Alexandra Mc Queen & Mungo Baggins on a sunny day with these dedicated staff who are committed to supporting 365 days a year looking after these wonderful 4 legged furry friends.

So until the next quiz, now booked for the 3rd December, I will give your synapses a short massage ③ with 10 Royal Quiz based questions. Answers on page 35.

Questions

- 1. What country was Prince Phillip born in?
- 2. What are the names of Prince Charles' five grandchildren?
- 3. What is the royal family's real name?
- 4. Which British royal was known for being a rebel when they were young?
- 5. What are the Queen's two middle names?
- 6. Who designed Princess Diana's wedding dress?
- 7. What breed of dog is commonly associated with the Queen?
- 8. Who is 8th in line to the throne?
- 9. What year did Prince Harry and Meghan Markle get married?
- 10. Which month of the year does Trooping the Colour normally take place in? More updates next month and another round of questions to test your memories. To secure your table for the next Quiz, 3rd December, please contact me via my email. Mintyman1958@gmail.com

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Eaton Bray Methodist Church

May opened with a visit from Rev Ebute Obiabo who gave an encouraging sermon on God's understanding of our needs and difficulties; in our times of need, if we pray for his support, he will help us. We should <u>never</u> give up.

On the second Sunday we were treated to an inspiring Sunday School Anniversary service led by Helen Joels and Paul Wright. It started with an introduction to the Methodist tradition, which gives thanks for all the past participants and achievements and trusts God for future ones. Since the early days, well over 200 hundred young people have passed through the school, many going on to lives of Christian service. Several previous teachers reminisced, sharing happy memories of events and performances and there was a delightful display which included records, photos and certificates. On the third Sunday we were welcomed by Edlesborough Methodist church at their service. Our monthly Communion service took place on the fourth Sunday, led by Roger Owers with an excellent sermon on the grace of God. Grace is a gift from God, freely given as a reward for belief; we can do nothing to earn it. Our final May service, celebrating Ascension Day, was led by our Minister, Rev Nigel Bibbings. He highlighted the importance of the Ascension, which demonstrates the authority of Jesus and underlines our responsibility to continue his work.

A Warm Invitation

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Quiz Answers see page 26

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- George, Charlotte, Louis, Archie and Lilibet
- The House of Windsor
- 4. Prince Harry
- Alexandra Marv
- 6. Elizabeth and David Emanuel
- 7. Corgis
- 8. Lilibet Diana Mountbatten-Windsor
- 9. 2018
- 10. June

Your Photos





Left: Edlesborough Church by Agnieszka Brozek

Above & Below: Hidden Gem and Jubilee Street Party Food by Neil Mills





Dagnall Community Choir

We are really looking forward to our autumn concert, which takes place on **Saturday 10th September, 7.30pm at Eaton Bray Village Hall**. We will be performing music from our new repertoire and of

course some old favourites, and would love to see lots of local folk in the audience, so please do come along and listen to us! Tickets will be on sale soon, £10 each, to include a glass of wine or a soft drink, available by calling 01525 220189 or by emailing dagnallcc@gmail.com.

Our Monday night rehearsals continue to be enjoyable and productive evenings, combining music and friendship. We're very excited that we have recently been able to reintroduce the social element of our gatherings, now that we don't have to keep two metres apart, and that teas and coffees (and the washing up rota) are once again part of our weekly get-together. It's particularly nice this time of year, when we can take our drinks outside and enjoy the summer evening.

If you'd like to join us, why not come along to one of our rehearsals? We meet on Mondays at 7.45pm at All Saints Church, Dagnall - the little church on the roundabout. There are no auditions, and you don't need to be able to read music to be part of our choir just a love of singing is all that we require! We sing in four parts - all new members are welcome, but we would particularly like to recruit more voices in the tenor and bass ranges.

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



EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL

Eaton Bray Parish Council Focus Report

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

Parish Council Website

To keep up to date with what is happening in your parish, you can get all Parish Council news and updates from the Parish Council website. The website has all Parish Council meeting agendas, minutes, financial documents and contact information as well as official sponsored events/initiatives and is the official council communications website. Visit it here: www.ebpc.co.uk

Parish Council Open Office/Surgery

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

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & ANNUAL MEETING OF EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON MONDAY 9 MAY 2022, from 7:00pm

Accounts for Year Ending 31 March 2022

The final accounts were signed off by the Internal Auditor on the 6 May 2022. The accounts will be available for public inspection for a period of 30 working days from 1 June 2022 to 14 July 2022 and forwarded to the external auditors for 30 June 2022. Inspection notices were displayed on the Parish Council website and the Parish Council noticeboard (Coffee Tavern) on 31 May 2022.

Chairperson's Annual Report

A copy of the Chairperson's annual report can be seen on the Parish Council website or obtained by applying to the Parish Clerk.

Coffee Tavern Annual Report

A copy of the Chairperson's annual report can be seen on the Parish Council website or obtained by applying to the Parish Clerk.

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• Greenways: The Parish Council have received a response from Central Bedfordshire Council regarding parking improvements in this location. A copy of the response can be seen on the Parish Council website or obtained by applying to the Parish Clerk.

Planning Applications – April/May 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.

Year End Accoounts, 31 March 2022 & Monthly Payments, May 2022

The clerk distributed the accounts for the Annual Return to all Parish Councillors. The Council signed-off Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2021-2022 and Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2021-2022.

- 31 May 22: The Parish Council gives Notice of appointment of date for the exercise of public rights, for accounts for the year ended 31 March 22. Any person interested has the right to inspect the accounts by contacting the Parish Clerk. The inspection period is 30 working days, commencing 1 June 22 and ending 14 July 22.
- A copy of the Parish Council monthly accounts can be seen on the Parish Council website or obtained by applying to the Parish Clerk.

Recreation Grounds

- The Parish Council are to look at options for groundwork improvements to the play area.
- The Parish Council are looking into suitable lighting for School Lane recreation ground.

Watercourse/Mill End Close

• There appears to be another water leak up-stream, the Parish Council will get this assessed and make a decision of any works to be carried out should the findings find this a requirement.

Parish Allotments

All plots are currently let. The Parish Council does hold a waiting list. Should you wish to be added to the list, please contact the Parish Clerk to register your interest.

• An Allotment Inspection is due to be carried out to all allotment plots May/June 2022. **Speedwatch**

If you would like to get involved in trying to slow down traffic in the village or are concerned about road safety, please contact the Parish Clerk.

- The Parish Council are obtaining quotations for the installation of new S.I.D. (Speed Indicator Devices) within the parish.
- UPDATE (06/06/2022): Unfortunately, there are not enough Speedwatch members to comply with police guidelines. The Speedwatch Group has therefore been put on hold due to lack of interest, more volunteers are needed for a viable group to be able to operate.

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

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

- Parish Council Meeting, Monday 4 July 2022, from 7:30pm
- Parish Council Meeting, Monday 5 September 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 updates)

Tuesday 12 July 2022 - Tuesday 9 August 2022





Mosquitoes

Mosquitoes have been around since the Jurassic period, 210 million years. They're still going strong and they've plagued the human race throughout our evolution. Aristotle mentioned them in his writings almost two and a half thousand years ago, and British author D H Lawrence hated the insects so much he wrote a famously vicious poem about one.



Mosquitoes spread disease and cause endless discomfort. Some people get bitten time and time again but the insects avoid other people like the plague. Alexander the Great may have died of malaria in 323BC. The Anopheles mosquito is the biggest danger, the transmitter of malaria and killer of more than a million people every year, mostly in Africa. Altogether it has a terrifying reputation considering it's such a tiny creature.



In the UK, climate conditions, especially in southern England, are becoming increasingly more hospitable to mosquitoes. Mosquito bites are irritating and although not as painful as being stung, they are very itchy causing a lot of discomfort. The bumps on your skin come from a mild allergic reaction to the insects'

saliva. This contains a painkiller, which is why you don't always feel the bite until it's too late. People with pale skin can get a stronger reaction to bites, simply because their skin produces more of a histamine reaction than darker skin. This does not mean fair-skinned people are more likely to be bitten in the first place.

There are more than 30 native mosquito species in the UK, some of which bite (such as Culex molestus) and others like Culex pipiens that are just a general nuisance and do not carry disease. There is however an invasive species - The Asian Tiger mosquito,

which has progressed northwards, up through southern Europe since the 1970s. Asian Tiger mosquito eggs and larvae have been discovered in the UK in recent years. The Asian Tiger mosquito (Aedes albopictus) is known to transmit the viruses Chikungunya and Dengue Fever. Although there is no immediate danger in the UK, the BPCA (British Pest Control Association) recommends vigilance.



Asian Tiger mosquito

Female mosquitoes bite people, males don't. Both usually eat fruit and nectar but the female also needs blood protein to create good quality eggs. Mosquitoes bite with a sharp proboscis, which is part of the mouth. They pierce the skin and suck blood into their body through a choice of two special tubes. They can drink as much as three times their own weight in blood. Female mosquitoes can easily live for two months or so but males only live about ten days. Males find females by listening for the sound their wings make, beating as many as 500 times a second and giving out a high frequency buzz.

Mosquitoes are usually active in the UK for six to seven months of the year. They will

often start to breed in April if conditions are warm and wet enough, potentially through to late September. Female mosquitoes can lay up to 200 eggs at a time, but need areas of standing / stagnant or slow moving water in which to lay their eggs.

Mosquito eggs are small and black – looking like small pumpkin seeds. They can be spotted in small batches, floating at the edge of ponds, water butts (without lids), garden pots and containers, or even pet water bowls. Mosquito larvae spend their first 10 days in water, where they feed on organic matter and take in oxygen at the surface. After 10 days or so they pupate, then they hatch into adult insects

Mosquito activity varies between species, but most in the UK will search for a blood feed at dawn and at dusk (twilight) in line with their internal body clock. There are a variety of factors that attract mosquitoes - high contrast colours attract them, as their compounded eyes are fragmented so less focused, only seeing their prey from about 20 - 30 feet away. Mosquitoes also use thermal sensors to detect and hone in on body heat. The greatest attractant for mosquitoes is our odour; a female mosquito can smell body odour and exhaled carbon dioxide from up to 170 feet away. Mosquitoes are not passive hunters. They actively hunt you. They can smell you coming and will follow the trail of your exhalations until they find you. The insects choose their victims based on sweat. Human skin generates an impressive 340 different smells, and the insects like some more than others.

It's sometimes difficult to tell the difference between mosquitoes, midges and craneflies. Midges bite too but they're much smaller and live in swarms. Craneflies are a lot bigger than any mosquito and they don't bite humans

People can choose to deal with mosquitoes most commonly through insect repellants or netting.

Indoors, limit the opportunities for mosquitoes to breed, by removing stagnant / standing From haltching, cycle takes, 8-10 days

EGGS
Hatch from a few days
up to several months

LARVAE
Growth in around 5 days

PUPAE

Development in around 3 days

water in plant pots, vases etc... and install insect screens to windows and doors. Never underestimate the humble mosquito net. It's one of your best weapons.

Outdoors, check areas such as guttering for blockages that could leave pools of stagnant water or dregs in watering cans, over watered plant pots, outside pet water bowls, even paddling pools and drain away the standing water, cover water butts with tight fitting lids to prevent mosquito larvae. If you have a pond try adding goldfish who will eat the mosquito larvae. Mosquito traps will attract any fully-fledged mosquitos. Natural methods include introducing harsh smells such as garlic, coffee grounds, and lavender candles to keep them at bay.

Information courtesy of BPCA (bpca.org.uk), Rentokil (www.rentokil.co.uk), www. londonvaccinationclinic.co.uk. Images courtesy of BPCA













Dagnall Village Hall Summer Craft Fair

Saturday 30th July 11am-3pm

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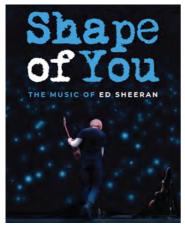
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ST MARY'S, EATON BRAY OPEN GARDENS Sunday 17th July, 11am – 5pm



What better way to enjoy a day in the countryside than to visit some of the fantastic gardens in our villages? July 17th is the date of this year's Open Gardens – one of the most delightful events of the summer. There are ten gardens to visit none of which have been opened in the past five years.

Programmes, price £7.50, giving access to all the gardens, are available from a gazebo that will be erected in the churchyard of St Mary's Church, Eaton Bray. Refreshments will be served during the afternoon in church and at two of the gardens.



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How to Control Weeds in your Garden

Know your enemy - Annual weeds can be controlled with regular hoeing but the same method makes perennials grow back bigger and stronger than before! It's well worth identifying your opponent to help you select the best method of control.

Attack annuals regularly - The old saying that 'one year's seeding makes seven years weeding' certainly holds true. Annual weeds produce huge amounts of seed that rest in your soil until conditions are right, and then suddenly appear overnight. Fortunately these can be easily controlled with the hoe while they are young. Never let them reach flowering stage.

A perennial problem - Hand weeding perennials is often the most effective method but can be time consuming. Don't be tempted to take short cuts by chopping perennial weeds such as bindweed and mares tail with a rotavator – these weeds can regrow from the smallest pieces of root, leaving you with even more weeds than before!

Cultural controls - To reduce future weed invasions consider mulches and weed control fabrics to create a physical weed barrier.

Use chemicals with care - If you need to resort to using weed killer then make sure that you read the label carefully, and follow the manufacturer's instructions to the letter. Never apply chemicals near ponds and other water habitats. Always choose a still, calm day to undertake spraying. Always wear appropriate safety equipment when applying herbicide.

Patience is a virtue - Unrelenting perennial weeds will require several applications of weed killer to weaken them. Be persistent and attack them regularly.

Organic weed control – If you are not keen on chemicals, your best bet is to stick to hoeing and hand weeding. Little and often is the key! But if your back won't take it then try investing in a weed burner.

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EdleFest 2022 Reaches New Heights



I suspect that technically the Church-on-the-Hill, home to our annual music festival, is no higher than it was back in 2019, the last time we enjoyed a weekend of music here in the village. But somehow it felt as though we'd raised it to even greater heights this year.

That could just be because we'd forgotten how much effort it is to carry everything up and down the hill, but more likely because the quality of the music – and the audiences – surpassed anything we've seen before. And that was a high bar in itself (speaking of which, our own 'high bar' did rather well too, selling a good quantity of wines and local ales!)

Friday night opened with *Man the Lifeboats* giving us an energetic performance that got them a well-deserved standing ovation. Then we had some beautifully crafted songs from Hannah Scott. And finally *The Trials of Cato* played us off into the night with some virtuosic folk music. Saturday didn't disappoint either. After a lively opening set by *The Dicemen* we were treated to some top-class country from *Danni Nicholls*, before the festival closed with *The Magpies*, delivering some stunning three-part harmonies and tunes to match.

Alongside a great deal of enjoyment, the event also produced a surplus of around £2500, which will contribute towards the £4700 raised so far for the restoration and installation of the damaged west window.

This is an event put together by our own community and there are too many people who contribute and deserve our thanks to list them all individually, but we would like to give a special mention to the Parish Council, Alan Williams and the Friends of the Church on the Hill, the Stilliard family, Chris Yates, Vicky and Wyn Johns, Richard and Mick on sound and our M.C. Julia. We'd also like to thank our sponsors and supporters: Janes Flooring, Focus Magazine, Fine & Country, Easton Bray Academy and the Pratt Family.

Keep an eye on announcements for next year's event online by visiting *edlefest.site123.me*. See you there!

≪Richard Brandon

PS: We couldn't have achieved all this without <u>you</u> Richard! Overwhelmingly grateful thanks from Friends of the Church on the Hill



The Magpies closing EdleFest 2022

Ashridge House Events



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advance and dine alfresco in the balmy summer evening. The screening of Pretty Woman can also be upgraded with an overnight stay in our on-site accommodation! Dates and films:

Fri 1 July: PRETTY WOMAN (15)

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Tues 2 Aug: HAIRSPRAY (PG)

Weds 3 Aug: WEST SIDE STORY (12A)

Thurs 4 Aug: THE GREATEST SHOWMAN – SINGALONG (PG)

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The Tempest - 14th July

A spellbinding open air production of William Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' set on the open air stage at Ashridge House. A fun favourite for all the family with its cast of colourful characters, original musical score, madcap romps, high comedy and tender love.

Shakespeare's late, great gem, widely believed to be the last full play that he wrote alone, examines the power of true love, our capacity for vengeance and what it takes to forgive. The play that has mesmerised and moved

audiences for over 400 years is just as relevant and powerful today.

Directors Michael Corbidge and Victoria Williams say "with some of Shakespeare's most memorable speeches and packed with famous characters - from the elemental and Caliban and Ariel, to the comic clowns, Trinculo and Stephano, and the enchanting force that unites them all: the great wizard, Prospero".

'The Tempest' is a truly magical and enchanting play with something for all to enjoy; it certainly makes for an evening not to be missed.

Bring a blanket or a picnic chair and enjoy the show!

Timings: Gates open 6pm, show starts 7.30pm

Food and beverage: Please note that bringing your own picnics is not permitted, but you can purchase picnics in advance, and there will be a bar on the night.

To Book: https://events.ashridgehouse.org.uk/

Nigel's Thoughts



Dear Friends,

I hope that you are able to get some time away, if only for a few days, during these summer months. I'm anticipating that a week's self-catering at a cottage in West

Yorkshire will help rejuvenate me.

Finding some time for rest in busy, hectic lives is so important. Especially so if we think that we cannot spare the time, or afford the cost – sure signs that we are under pressure and in need of a break.

This is what Jesus said to his friends, when "so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." (Mark chapter 6, verse 31)

Jesus also said "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

(Matthew chapter 11, verse 28)

Now I know what you might be thinking. It's alright planning some time away, but have you seen the price of fuel? The cost of living is rocketing, and even if our flight is not cancelled will we be able to afford to enjoy ourselves while we are way?

These are realistic fears in the unsettling world of today, but I do believe that we each need some 'down time', at home or away, if we are to meet all that life throws at us, and those we love.

Jesus completes his words to his "weary and burdened" friends by inviting them to "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Verse 29)

In other words he wants us to let him share the burdens with us, to help us bear the load. I don't know about you, but I certainly need to ask him to help me - whether getting on with all that I have to do, or trying to find some 'down time', at home or away.

I hope that you manage to find some time to be refreshed, and that you and those you love are aware of God's loving company, whether you go or remain.

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Baked Ratatouille & Coat's Cheese

By Tommy Banks

Ingredients

4 tbsp olive oil

2 red onions, chopped

2 garlic cloves, finely chopped

2 aubergines, diced

2 red peppers, seeded and diced

1 tsp smoked paprika

2 tbsp balsamic vinegar

1 tsp soy sauce

500ml passata

200g young goat's cheese

4 courgettes (a mixture of green and yellow looks nice), thinly sliced

For the cheese sauce

400ml milk

50g unsalted butter

50g plain flour

80g parmesan or vegetarian alternative, finely grated

Method

Step 1

Heat 1 tbsp olive oil in a heavy frying pan and gently cook the red onion and garlic for 5 mins until just starting to brown. Scatter over the aubergine and red pepper and sizzle for another 4 mins, adding more oil if you need to. Season well and stir through the paprika, then splash in the vinegar and soy sauce. Pour over the passata, then simmer for 5 mins until glossy and thick. Turn off the heat. Can be made up to two days ahead and kept in the fridge.

Step 2

To make the cheese sauce, heat the milk in a heavy saucepan until simmering. In a separate pan, melt the butter and add the flour. Stir to make a paste. Slowly whisk in the hot milk and simmer gently for 2-3 mins, stirring continually until thickened slightly. Stir in the parmesan and season.

Step 3

Tip the ratatouille into an ovenproof dish, then completely cover it with the cheese sauce. Crumble over the goat's cheese and arrange the courgette slices on top in concentric circles, alternating between green and yellow if you have them. Can be assembled several hours before cooking.

Step 4

Heat oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7. Brush or drizzle the remaining oil over the courgette slices and season with sea salt. Bake in the oven for 25-30 mins until the courgettes are cooked through and starting to brown. Remove from the oven and allow to rest for 20 mins before serving.



Eaton Bray W.I.



"A Big Thank You to the members of Eaton Bray Women's Institute and their friends for sharing the yarn bombing 'Joy to the World' in the churchyard and around the villages. A fitting way to celebrate 100 years of WI Eaton Bray and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee"

FOOD Bank - We are delighted to announce that we collected an amazing 147 tins for the Food Bank in Dunstable and our thanks

go to Iain and Lyn Stubbs for organizing the collection of all the tins.

At our Meeting on 4th June Roger Stroud gave an interesting talk, illustrated with slides of his trip to Kilimanjaro in in September 2005 and again in February 2015.

Mt Kilimanjaro is located in Tanzania South of the border to Kenya and the National

Park covers an area of 1699 square kms. There are six main routes for hiking and Roger chose the Rongai Route, for both trips. The is one of the most difficult as it ends up at 16,500 ft and take 7 to 8 hours from base camp, mainly at night so that you reach the top by sunrise. The porters carry the packs, food and tents as well as oxygen as it can take

a while to acclimatize.

On his second trip in 2015, and after the

climb, Roger visited Victoria Falls on the Zambezi River, located between Zambia and Zimbabwe, where he stayed in Livingstone for a relaxing holiday! Lyn thanked Roger for his most interesting talk.

Our competition this month was the letter F – Five flowers in an arrangement.

On July 4th Rebecca McGee, from the Stroke Association in Luton, will give a talk on how to recognise the symptoms of a stroke and how to deal with it.

On Monday 11th July we are planning an afternoon tea at Nobbys

Farm shop in Billington. Eaton Bray WI meets at

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Book Review

BEAUTIFUL WORLD, WHERE ARE YOU

By Sally Rooney

One of literature's brightest talents and most talked about authors of her generation, Sally Rooney follows up 2018 Waterstones Book of the Year and Costa Novel Award Winner Normal People with another sure-fire award winner. Once you get past the fact that Sally Rooney isn't a lover of conventional punctuation (there are no speech marks in her work), you sink into this beautiful novel following the life and love, the trials and tribulations of four young Irish friends. Yet again you are gripped from the first page with her searingly honest observational prose and dialogue.

Both first books Normal People and Conversations with Friends featured characters in late adolescence and early adulthood struggling through first relationships whilst starting to find their way in the world. Just four years after her debut, this is another twenty-first-century love story of sexual entanglements and love lives of two best friends on the eve of their thirties.

Alice, a successful novelist who has moved to the Irish countryside following a breakdown meets Felix a warehouse worker with a troubled past, via Tinder. Her best friend Eileen is in Dublin, working for a literary magazine, working through a painful break up and still battling with the on-off "friends with benefits" relationship between her and one of their oldest friends Simon.

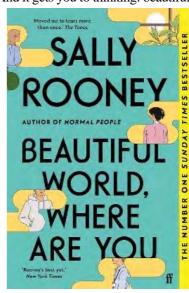
Her compelling writing just grabs you and her way of investigating the complexity of relationships and dynamics is just so incisive. Whilst you feel they are "ordinary", "normal" people, the beautiful dialogue is interspersed with long narratives on email between Eileen and Alice. So cleverly done, rhetorical and didactic and it really serves to getting you thinking about the current state of our social fabric, of society, our global challenges, day to day political helplessness and environmental collapse. And it gets you to thinking: beautiful world, where are you?

Beautiful World, Where Are You Synopsis

The *new* novel from the internationally bestselling author of Normal People.

Alice, a novelist, meets Felix, who works in a distribution warehouse, and asks him if he'd like to travel to Rome with her. In Dublin, her best friend Eileen is getting over a break-up, and slips back into flirting with Simon, a man she has known since childhood.

Alice, Felix, Eileen and Simon are still young - but life is catching up with them. They desire each other, they delude each other, they get together, they break apart. They have sex, they worry about sex, they worry about their friendships and the world they live in. Are they standing in the last lighted room before the darkness, bearing witness to something? Will they find a way to believe in a beautiful world?



Wednesday Club, Northall Platinum Jubilee Celebration Day 8.6.22

The plan had been put in place some weeks ago for a special day of celebrations including our members, volunteers, committee & staff team. As we'd a long-standing coach outing booked for the last Wednesday in May, our first in over 2 years, we decided to have a "normal" week before the Nation's celebrations & hold our party once all the dust had settled - this would prove to be very advantageous (more info later)

The food ideas were flowing thick & fast... the dietary requirements & weather considered... the abundant choices were refined & all the Kitchen team took on extra sourcing, shopping, preparation and presentation tasks. Who doesn't love a good array of savoury & sweet delights? No emergency marmalade sandwiches required at Wednesday Club! Handbag & hat space would become prime real estate for taking home some extra goodies to snack on for supper.

I'm not quite sure how, maybe because only I knew where the "posh" bunting was stashed, yours truly was tasked with decorating Northall Village Hall - the baton was in my hand before I could say "Ham as in Ma'am". Here's where the





beautiful side of social media & having great friends in the locale kicked in: "A general plea on Facebook for anyone willing to loan, lend, donate or dispose of their tired Platinum Jubilee decs our way", and a pretty please message in the Greenways neighbours group chat.

Not quite sure what decs I'd have & from where it was a tad nerve-wracking until armfuls of balloons, bunting, hats & party paraphernalia started arriving on the doorstep. I set about untangling helium balloons, deconstructing damp bunting, repurposing what my husband thought was headed for the bins. It was going to be fine I told him ... & so it was!

I'd only gone & got a loan of my top of the wish list item! A real lifesize cut out of The Queen! She spent a few quiet days at ours after all that fuss over the Bank holiday, never sure where she liked to be best, I had a whale of a time relocating her, scaring the socks off the family when they walked into a room. This was rather off putting when stood next to the TV smiling as if to tell us we should be curtseying not sitting ...

The morning of the Big Day arrived & I loaded the car, no rear view available, ably assisted

by my husband we set about hanging bunting amongst the tables & chairs, no surface was untouched. Corners were reserved for the life-sized Queen, the Queen's Guardsman, a Beefeater & a red Phone Box! The hall looked amazing, with floral decorations added to window sills & table tops – phew! We'd made it just in time.

Members & guests started to arrive, laughter & smiles on their faces – noses admiring the aroma of freshly baked bread, yet still seeking that very first cup of tea of their day.





Meanwhile the kitchen had been gaining pace with extra pairs of hands arriving with all manner of treats & goodies. Like a well-oiled machine they moved seamlessly around the kitchen, baking fresh goods, decanting pickles, arranging canapes & moving the cakes away from yours truly. This seemed to be the theme for the day, a procession of edible delights was passed from kitchen to guests accompanied by a welcome summery fruity cup of coolness, decorated with mint.

We are thankfully blessed with some talented members, our

in-house floral team (Barbara & Marion) supplied the table decorations and a raffle prize, our John sang some "oldies" that got hands clapping, toes tapping, even a few spins around the floor were observed. Cheers & smiles all round. My eldest picked up the reins with an impromptu group sing along with his guitar - I think he enjoyed the respite from the kitchen. A vote of thanks to ALL was given by our resident poet (watch this space for a line or two once he's composed himself) Our Chairman, Peter also had a few words of gratitude for the team, which as ever resulted in resounding applause. Shucks! Before we knew it, it was the raffle draw time & afternoon tea was on its way. Cakes piled high upon cake stands, sweet





treats in abundance, there was plenty to go round - I'm not entirely sure if anyone managed the "just one (of each)". Before we knew it, as is the way of all good things, it was time for carriages - ok cars or minibus - goody bags & floral arrangements were carried with care. Party hats were worn with pride on their way home.

With many thanks to Dee for organising the day & all matters kitchen, the WHOLE Kitchen team, fellow Deputy Kate for keeping the tea flowing ALL day & always being that extra pair of hands, Sue for being just where you need her to be when you need her, ALL committee help throughout, the Transport team, Richard for patience during set-up as I rearranged those tables & chairs umpteen times. To include

partners behind the scenes or in the spotlight - some names I am sure to have missed - this was truly a community effort & a thoroughly enjoyable event & even as I type this I still have the all over glow of a day well worth making the effort for — what a way to finish National Volunteering Week.

Best wishes, ∠Jane New members welcome, contact Anna on 07854 230243 Northall and District Age Concern Wednesday Club

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395 Local Landlords Could Be Hit With £14k Bills and Red Tape in Tory Levelling Up? Plans

- Some local Landlords face bills of between £11,000 to £14,000 as Michael Gove, the Housing Minister, declared an attack on poor quality private rental homes.
- 395 rental properties in the LU6 area will require upgrading. The Government announced in their 'Levelling Up' White Paper last week, they plan to introduce a new minimum standard for private rental properties.
- Also, the White Paper wants every landlord in LU6 (1,694 of you) to go on a Landlord Register and proposes the removal of Section 21 no-fault evictions. This could make it more difficult for you to get possession of your LU6 rental property.
- Are these proposed changes another nail in the buy-to-let coffin for local landlords?

On the face of it, yes, it could be seen as another attack on the humble local landlord, having to spend money on their properties and get tangled up with red tape on a register and then having no-fault evictions removed.

Yet, as always, the devil is in the detail...

This 'Levelling Up Bill' is a White Paper. White Papers are policy documents created by the existing Government that set out their future proposals for legislation. Many White Papers don't even make it to the House of Commons to be debated on, and even then, it needs to be voted on by both Houses of Parliament before becoming law. Any changes are at least two or three years away, and that's assuming it gets debated and subsequently approved.

Many have said the White Paper is supposed to lay out how to resolve the problem of rebalancing the UK economy that is suffering from the highest level of regional inequality than any G8 country. This is a gargantuan challenge...

yet the Levelling Up White Paper reads very much like a shopping list of great ideas without the means to pay for it.

One of the 12 points in the White Paper was focusing on housing, with a plan to introduce a new minimum standard for rental properties, a landlord register and the removal of no-fault evictions (as an aside, there was also a mention of a possible reintroduction of Home Information Packs - remember those from 2009?).

So, what does this mean for the landlords of the 1,694 private rental properties in LU6? Sub Standard Rental Properties

The proposed changes will mean rental homes in the private sector will have to meet two specific standards that the existing 2,109 social housing homes in the Dunstable/LU6 area currently need to meet.

The first being called the 'Decent Homes Standard' (DHS) and the second, the Housing, Health and Safety Rating System (HHSRS) evaluation.

Looking at data from the Government, there are 395 private rental properties in the LU6 area that are considered substandard under these two measures and each one would cost between £11,000 and £14,000 to bring up to the prescribed standard. That means...

the estimated total cost to improve the 395 properties, that are considered substandard, could be as high as £5,525,828.

All of that would have to come out of the pockets of local landlords!

Yet both systems of standards (DHS & HHSRS) have been slated by many (even by the Government itself).

The DHS criteria for the standard are as follows:

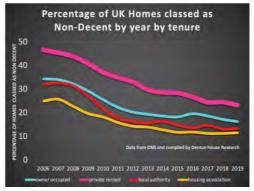
- 1. It must meet the current statutory minimum standard for housing
- 2. It must be in a reasonable state of repair
- 3. It must have reasonably modern facilities and services
- 4. It must provide a reasonable degree of thermal comfort

Note how the word 'reasonable' is used in three of the four points of the DHS. Reasonable is an

arbitrary and a very much subjective point of view. It screams loopholes and get out clauses to me.

Looking at the HHSRS, the Government announced just before the pandemic in June 2019 that the HHSRS would be revamped after it was found to be 'complicated and inefficient to use'.

Putting aside how one measures the standards, it is a simple fact that there are many local rental properties that are substandard. I believe it right the Government have an ambition to



halve the number of sub-standard private rentals by 2030. However, would it surprise you that...

in 2006, 46.7% of private rented homes in the UK were classed as substandard and today that has reduced, without any legislation, to 23.3%. One must ask if new legislation is now required?

Also, local landlords will be faced with bringing their properties up to an energy rating (EPC) of C between 2026 and 2028 in legislation already announced. Most of the works to meet that EPC rating requirement will be the same works to meet this new DHS and HHSRS. The Government have suggested that certain allowances will be made for landlords on rental properties that can't be improved.

So, I think local landlords should sit tight and let the Government shine more light on this in the coming months before any knee jerk reactions are made.

Landlord Register

To be honest, there are several city/borough registers around the UK for landlords. Experience has shown they seem to add an extra level of bureaucracy and red tape. The register would be for every LU6 buy-to-let landlord and rogue landlords would be struck off whilst allowing tenants new redress rights. Another reason to employ the services of a letting agent to sort!

End of No-fault Evictions

With the proposed removal of Section 21 to evict a tenant, no-fault evictions were removed in Scotland over four years ago and the apocalyptic suggestions it would kill the rental market for Scottish landlords was not forthcoming. Now of course, the Scots strengthened the other grounds to evict a tenant. If the Government strengthen the Section 8 legislation, again, I cannot see this being an issue south of the border. Again, time will tell once the Government put more meat on the bones of the White Paper.

Conclusion

Many of the announcements made in the Levelling Up White Paper are re-hashed proposed legislation that has been on the books for the last couple of years.

in the Dunstable/LU6 area.

Yet, many commentators have cautioned that more landlords with substandard homes will sell up because of these proposed changes, warning the sell up would add to the private rental sector's shortage of homes, thus pushing up rents.

If that was true, that would increase rental returns on local buy-to-let and attract more landlords into the sector, wouldn't it?

But if you don't agree other local landlords will buy these rental properties that other landlords are selling, who will buy their properties from them? It will be local renters, who are now able to buy because the price has come down, meaning equilibrium should return to the market.

This is all theoretical and there are shortages/gluts in specific locations. Let us not forget it was 12/18 months ago that rents were dropped by double digit percentage points in the space of a couple of months in the big cities. Those rent drops weren't anything to do with landlords buying up City Centre rental properties, but demand plummeted with 20 something tenants moving back in with their parents during the first lockdown and the months that followed. Yet, now rents have bounced back to pre-pandemic levels (and more) with the return of tenants to the cities.

In a nutshell, if local landlords do end up selling in their droves (which they won't), yet if they do, those local properties will still exist.

Few of them will be left empty because most of them will be bought by other local landlords as they will be attracted to the sector as inflation takes hold whilst others will be bought by first-time buyers.

What goes around, comes around. So, let's see what happens in the coming months. In the meantime, if you're a local landlord and you want to discuss anything in this article, please either drop me a line or send me an email.



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Crime and Violence in Eaton Bray

This piece is taken from a document drawn up by Bedfordshire and Luton Archives Although life in Eaton Bray was probably quiet and peaceful most of the time, the village has had its share of disturbances in the past. Among the husbands and wives whose squabbles came to the attention of the courts were Sarah Fowler and her husband Thomas, who threatened in 1813: "If I once get you into my arms you will never get out alive". Similarly, John Noah, a labourer, in 1792 declared he would murder his wife and son and "burn her up like a coal", whereas Thomas Waldock did more than threaten and assaulted his wife Elizabeth with an ash stick in 1785. He was bound over to keep the peace towards her.

Other disagreements could cause trouble. In 1818 Richard Bates of Eaton Bray met Joseph Mead of Northill and as they had "had some trifling misunderstanding a few days previous ... held out his hand, asking him to shake hands ... Mead immediately struck him violently with a scythe". Bates was cut several times and as a result was unable to work for a fortnight.

Violent outbursts were not limited to the men of the parish as can be seen in the attitude of Sarah Crawley who threatened to kill a widow, Mary George, in 1733 and in that of Elizabeth, the wife of Joseph Whinnett, a yeoman of Eaton Bray, who used a knife to attack Richard Atkins, a gentleman from Flamstead [Hertfordshire] in 1729. Perhaps, too, there may have been some women party to the anonymous letter which Mr. Macnamara [the Lord of the Manor] received in the summer of 1881. This communication threatened that he would be shot if he took the rent due from his farm tenants and five of his tenants were warned of a similar fate if they paid the money. "Hunger is a sharp thorn" claimed the writers "and revenge is sweet".

Perhaps poverty was the cause of some of the petty thefts which occurred during the nineteenth century. In 1813 William Osborne, described in one place as of Eaton Bray and in another as of Edlesborough, was caught after stealing a flock bed (mattress) and a pair of sheets. In the next year a labourer called John Faulkner, but known to some as Jonathan Sculthorpe, was also taken to court after stealing two linen shirts which were hanging on the line to dry.

"Robberies by servants were always bad and must be punished severely" claimed the Leighton Buzzard magistrates in 1874. They were hearing the case of William Gadsden of Eaton Bray who worked at Frederick Simmonds' mill. While delivering flour to customers he had taken out about half a bushel in a sack, removed it from the cart and hidden it in a field. There were several witnesses of his action and he admitted his guilt. The magistrates sentenced him to three months in prison with hard labour. Another labourer from the parish was in trouble in 1875. On 17th May Joseph Foster stole a duck and ten eggs, valued at 3 shillings and sixpence from Mr. Buckmaster's farm. He probably took the food because he was hungry, for he took the duck home, cooked it and ate some of it. When P. C. Edmunds arrived to search the house soon afterwards, he found the ten eggs and part of the cooked duck. By then the thief had left the village, heading for London. The policeman must have had a good idea of his destination, for he started out in pursuit, caught up with him and apprehended him on the same day at Turnham Green near London.



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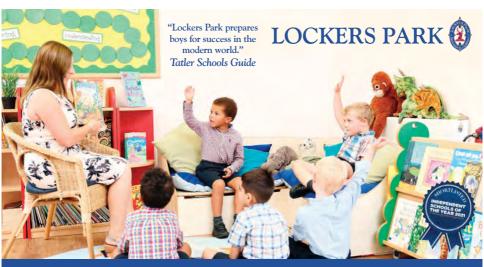
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Down the Lane

Rain at last! At least there will be a few days respite from watering new plants and pots and the water butts are full. I have finally learnt that there is no short cut to watering. I do use a lot of mulch around new plants which really helps with water retention and keeps slugs and snails away from vegetation.

There is plenty of wildlife in the garden. This year we have several goldfinches which I see at the bird bath. They are not usually around until autumn. Several blackbirds seem to have singing competitions and we hear thrushes and chiff chaffs. Sadly, there are no longer any cuckoos. Crows drive me mad with their cawing; they have been attacking red kites and magpies, both of which have nests nearby.



Bee Heaven - blackberry blossom and geraniums



An ideal flower bed - lots of ground cover, layers of planting and bee friendly flowers

A fallow deer visits the garden regularly. I think it must be a female. It does have a taste for rose plants but it just nibbles them so the foliage grows back. As fallow deer are protected animals I just have to live with its visits. At least there is only one animal! I saw a fox strolling through our field the other day and have discovered several toads while weeding in the flower borders.

Lots of bees, of various species, visit the garden. I find it difficult to identify the bumble bees. Different ones seem to have very similar markings. I have planted lots of geraniums and thyme which attract them. Some buddleias are in flower and usually attract butterflies which have appeared now that the weather is warming up and we have sunshine.

My lovely spindle bush has been attacked by ermine moths! From a distance it looked like a ghost. It was covered with fine webs which were protecting black eggs and small

caterpillars. These had eaten all the bush's leaves. There were so many caterpillars that none of them could grow to full size and then become moths. A month later new leaves are growing so the bush will survive though it won't have any berries this autumn.

June is always a glorious month for flowers, especially roses and paeonies with their gorgeous scent. They seem to have survived the torrential downpour earlier in the week. The sweet williams are flowering. they are scented unlike the commercially grown flowers and last well after cutting. I will soon sow some seeds for next year's flowers. In the past I have left it too late and the seeds don't germinate before the winter.



My spindle bush

Daton Bray Gricket Glub

It's been a good start for all senior teams.

Results.

May 14th. Thurleigh 78 a/o. Josh Edwins 3-17. Eaton Bray 1st X1 79-0. Eaton Bray won by 10 wickets.

May 14th . Eaton Bray 2nd X1 211-6. Darren Kerrins 42 Guy Edwins 42 n/o. Panthers 125 a/o. Dave Emmerson 4-15. Eaton Bray won by 86 runs.

May 15th. Offley & Stopsley 206-2. Eaton Bray Sunday X1 172 a/o. Junaid Ashiq 61. Offley & Stopsley won by 34 runs.

May 21st. Eaton Bray 1st X1 154-7. Richaed Osborne 60. Elstow 156-1. Elstow won by 9 wickets.

May 21st. Grumpy Monks 156 a/o. Eaton Bray 2nd X1 157-1. Darren Kerrins 65 n/o. Eaton

Bray won by 9 wickets.

May 22nd. Ickwell 161-6. Eaton Bray Sunday X1 151 a/o. Ickwell won by 10 runs.

May 28th. New Bradwell 156 a/o. James Flecknell 4-25. Eaton Bray 1st X1 159-8. Eaton Bray won by 2 wickets.

May 28th. Eaton Bray 2nd X1 209-7. Darren Kerrins 57 n/o. New City 186-9. Jamie Osborne 3-15. Eaton Bray won by 23 runs.

Village T20 Results.

May 19th. Eggington Foresters 203-2. Eaton Bray Outlaws 150-8. Joe Braddon 59. Eggington won by 53 runs.

May 27th. Eaton Bray Outlaws 147-9. Studham 118-7. Eaton Bray won by 29 runs.

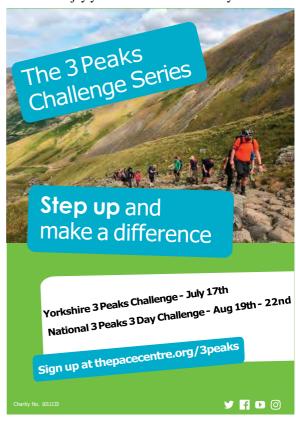
June 2nd. Great Gaddesden 107 a/o. Charlie Hosking 3-20. Eaton Bray Outlaws 109-1. Charlie Hosking 40 n/o. Eaton Bray won by 9 wickets.

Eaton Bray Cricket Club are always on the hunt for new players of any age or ability. We run 2 senior teams in the FCCL on Saturdays and 1 in the

Beds Sunday League. We also have a side in the newly formed Village T20 League played midweek. The club have a very good junior section with 6 teams at age group U9 2xU11 2xU13 and u15. Also new to this season is a Ladies Softball Team.

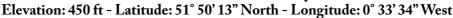
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Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

Weather Conditions for May 2022

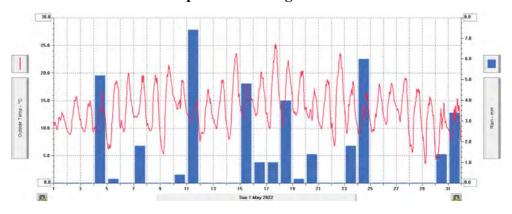




May was a settled and uneventful month. It started on the cooler and cloudy side, but dry. May was mainly warm with steady temperatures, only reaching 20°c on five days and dropping below 5°c on two days. The highest temperature was 25.3°c on the 17th, and the lowest was 3.5°c on the 29th. It was another dry month with 40mm of rain, which is only 60% of the monthly norm, despite rain on fifteen days with the 18th being the wettest at 7.39mm rainfall.

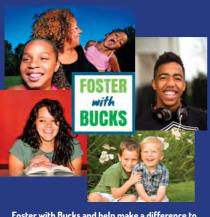
	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature:	25.3°c	17 May 17.00	3.5°c	29 May 05.30
Mean Temperature	13.5°c			
Dewpoint:	16.2c	17 May 13.30	2.1°c	29 May 05.30
Humidity:	95%	17 May 06.30	41%	14 May 17.30
Barometer:	1029.4mb	8 May 09.00	999.0 mb	23 May 17.30
Wind Speed	30mph SW	16 May 17.00	Months avg.	4.8 mph
Wind Chill:	23.9°c	17 May 15.3	3.5°c	29 May 06.00
Dominant Wind:	W			
Rainfall * T = total rain days and moisture. R = Actual rain				
*Rain Days: 15 (T),	15(R) Wet	test Day 11 May	7.39 mm	0.291ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	May 2022	40mm	1.575ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	5 Months	241.3 mm	9.500ins

May 2022 Even Temperatures throughout the month



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'LOOKING UP'



On a cold winter's day in January 2021 at the inauguration of US President Joe Biden the nation's youth poet laureate, Amanda Gorman stole the show when she delivered her soaring poem "The Hill We Climb"

In front of the Capital building her voice animated and full of emotion, Amanda



(Gold Hill, Shaftesbury, Dorset)

described her background as a "skinny black girl, descended from slaves and raised by a single mother, who can dream of being president one day". She spoke about the weight of loss that the country had endured, in verses that reflected the repair and renewal needed for the fragile state of the USA at the time, in her poem she said:-

"And so, we lift our gazes not to what stands between us,

But what stands before us.

We close the divide because we know, to put our future first,

We must first put our differences aside.

We lay down our arms so we can reach out our arms"

It is tempting to move our gaze to the past and look back and say our best days are behind us. We do not have to look back or go back. It is just as dangerous as keeping our eyes down.

"We must look straight ahead. Fix our eyes on what lies before you."

(Proverbs 4:25)

Let us look up and acknowledge all that God has done for us. Let us look up, to when He allows us rest at times when we need it.

Let us look up, and praise Him when He faithfully provides the companionship and affirmation of friends and family who understand and encourage us.

Let us look up and acknowledge the Giver more than the gift.

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