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✍️ Editor

Eaton Bray Methodist Church
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Saturday 11th November

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Charity of the month: 'Azalea'

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- 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 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
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- 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
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- Wednesdays Edlesborough Knit, Knatter & Crafting group, 11.30 – 1.30, Edlesborough Pavilion. Contact: e-mail pavilionknitters2023@gmail.com
- 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 Eaton Bray Methodist Church Social Afternoons, 2 - 4pm, All Welcome

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| 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 | Retro Line Dance Class. 11.15am to 12.45pm. Eaton Bray Village Hall. Beginners welcome. www.jukeboxjunction.co.uk info@jukeboxjunction.co.uk 07864212171 |
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| Fridays | 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 |
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| Sundays | Sunday Worship at 11 am, 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

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| 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

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| 3rd | Wednesday Club Music Quiz, 7:30pm, Northall Village Hall £10pp, 07887 944326 |
| 12th | Memorial Service, 4pm, St.Mary’s Church, Eaton Bray |
| 16th | Macmillan Curry Night, Cafe Masala, £25, book 01525 222264 |
| 18th | St.Mary’s Christmas Fair, 12-3pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 50p |
| 18-19th | Art Show, 10am-5pm, Northall Village Hall |
| 19th | Christmas Craft Fair, 10am-4pm, Dagnall Village Hall |
| 24-26 | Art at Wingrave, 10:30am-4:30pm, Field View, Castle St, Wingrave, HP22 4PT |
| 25th | Repair Cafe, 9:30-12:30, Pitstone Pavilion |
| 25th | Steam in Beds Model Railway Show, 10am-4pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall & St. Mary’s Church, Eaton Bray, £6 |
| 25th | Danesborough Chorus - Music for Choir & Brass, 7:30pm, St. Mary’s Parish Church, Woburn. Tickets 01908 583460 |

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Village Hall Booking Contacts

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Edlesborough Memorial Hall: Penny Pataky, Tel: 01525 229358

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British Legion Remembrance Service

Sunday 12th November 2023

Edlesborough War Memorial 10.45am

CLOSURE OF B440 (MAIN ROAD) FROM NORTHALL TO COCK'S CLOSE (PEBBLEMOOR) JUNCTION AND HIGH STREET EDLESBOROUGH FROM PEBBLEMOOR TO JUNCTION WITH MAIN ROAD.

This year's annual Service of Remembrance will take place at Edlesborough War Memorial at the top of the hill by Edlesborough Church on the Main Road on Sunday 12th November starting at approximately 10.45am. Please come and join us in our Act of Remembrance. The service will last for approximately 30minutes.

In the past, War Memorials were built close to the roadside so that all who passed by would be reminded of the sacrifices made by the local people whose names appear on them. Unfortunately this does not sit well with the levels of traffic which we experience on our roads today and so to enable the many people taking part in the service to stand safely around the War Memorial and to hear clearly, **the B440 main road will be closed to traffic for the duration of the service from 10.30am until 11.30am** with a diversion for traffic in place from the junction of the B440 main road at Cock's Close towards Pebblemoor, along Pebblemoor and Edlesborough High Street, along Eaton Bray High Street and up Northall Road to join the B440 main road in Northall. **Edlesborough High Street will also be closed** from the junction with Pebblemoor by the Memorial Hall to the junction with the B440 main road. There will be manned barriers in place closing the roads at junctions and diversion signs in place.

Residents living on Edlesborough High Street above the Memorial Hall and along the closed part of the main road should be aware that it will **NOT BE POSSIBLE to access the main road by car** at the junction by the Church during the hour of closure. If it is really necessary to use your car at this time, **please drive away from the junction** towards the nearest point on the diversion route and be aware that you will have to pass through the barrier closing the road and will need to slow down and stop while the barrier is moved by the official marshals to allow you through. There will be at least two official marshals manning the barriers at each of the closure points. These people are volunteers who will be giving up their time to help protect the people attending the service at the Church. Please treat them with respect and courtesy if you need to pass through a barrier.

Notices advising residents living locally about the road closure will have been placed at the closure points for three weeks prior to the closure to make sure that everyone knows about it and can plan to avoid using their car during the hour of closure.

We look forward to your company on Remembrance Sunday.

✍️ Lorna Cubbage

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Eaton Bray with Edlesborough Parish News

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November comes at a time of year when the leaves are falling, the days are growing shorter and the weather is usually getting colder. Although, as I write this in October we are experiencing some of the warmest October temperatures on record! November is often seen as a time of remembrance. It begins with All Saints' Day on 1st November when the church has traditionally given thanks for the lives of all the many saints who have brightened the world with their good and sometimes quirky lives. The following day, All Souls on 2nd November is when we recall all those who have died and give thanks for their lives.

Bonfire night on November 5th is much less celebrated now than when I was a child. But it marks a significant historical moment in our nation's history. In 1605, Guy Fawkes and his co-conspirators were thwarted in their plot to blow up parliament and to kill King James 1. Gunpowder, which Fawkes and his companions planned to use for destruction, is used instead in fireworks to thrill those watching with spectacular displays.

Remembrance Day, 11th November, falls on a Saturday this year. On Remembrance Sunday, 12th November the focus is on those who've lost their lives in war, serving their country both in the two World Wars and in more recent conflicts. On each of these occasions, we reflect on the past. This year we will meet at the war memorial in Edlesborough to commemorate the fallen in Eaton Bray, Northall and Edlesborough. There will be a separate Act of Remembrance in Dagnall. Both services will begin at 10.45am and you are all invited to attend. The uniformed organisations will be represented and wreaths will be laid by many of the village groups.

On the afternoon of Remembrance Sunday, we will be holding a Memorial Service at St Mary's Eaton Bray at 3pm. This will be an opportunity to gather together to thank God for our departed loved ones, to light a candle and say a prayer. If you would like to attend and to include a name to be read out, please contact me on vicar@stmaryseatonbray.org.uk or via the church website. During the service we will read out the names of all those for whom we have taken funerals, memorial services or interment of ashes services over the past two years, as well as the names of loved ones who have passed away and are on our list. The service will be followed by tea and cakes.

So what is the value of remembering? Sometimes, as we look back, we are in danger of looking through rose-tinted spectacles. The danger is that we see only a selective picture and in comparison, the present seems a complex mix of good and bad. Some people find it easier to live in the past than in the present.

But there is also a danger of living entirely in the present, without ever reflecting on the past. Henry Ford, pioneer of the motor car, told the Chicago Tribune, 'History is more or less bunk. It's tradition. We don't want tradition. We want to live in the present.'

The problem with never looking back is that we're apt to repeat the mistakes of the past. And looking back, reflecting on past errors as well as past successes can enable us to learn the lessons of history and improve things in the present.

Every blessing,

☞ Joy, Vicar of Eaton Bray with Edlesborough



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The advertisement for ChiroPoddy Home Visiting Practice features a photograph of a person's feet being examined. The text lists the practitioner as Julia Reading, BSc(Hons), with 17 years of experience. Services include treating corns, hard skin, verrucae, thickened/ingrowing nails, and nail cutting, as well as diabetic feet. A contact number and a request to make an appointment are provided. Logos for The College of Podiatry and HCPC are also present.

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Eaton Bray Parish Council Focus Report October 2023

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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

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/>

Cold Callers

Concerns have been raised regarding cold callers going around the area, knocking on doors regarding work. Residents need to be made aware of this. If you have concerns or feel vulnerable in any way, report the matter to Central Bedfordshire Council by telephoning 0808 223 1133.

Parish Allotments: Allotment Tenancy Renewals 2023-2024

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

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

Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 4th September 2023, from 7:30pm (no meeting in August)
(Minutes ratified at the Parish Council Meeting, Monday 2nd October 2023)

Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC)

Your Ward Councillor: Cllr Philip Spicer - email: Philip.Spicer@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

CBC Website: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

CBC Email: customers@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

CBC Customer Services: 0300 300 8301

Bedfordshire Police

- For general Police contact/enquiries: non-emergency call **101**
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Planning Applications & Appeals – August/September 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.

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 considering design/costs for additional benches in the

recreation grounds.

Bower Lane Cemetery

A memorial garden is being created at Bower Lane Cemetery. For further information/costs for placing a plaque in this location please contact the Parish Clerk.

V.A.S. (Vehicle Activation Sign): Two replacement V.A.S. signs have been installed in the parish.

The Coffee Tavern: The refurbishment works to The Coffee Tavern kitchen and toilets are complete.

The Coffee Tavern is available for hire - the main hall (1st floor) suitable for approx. 50 people and two smaller ground floor rooms. For more information/bookings please contact Julie Mahoney on 07836 240467.

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, August/September 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 Meetings (7:30pm, 1st Floor, The Coffee Tavern, Eaton Bray)

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

- Monday 6th November
- Monday 4th December

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
- Tuesday 14th November 2023



Heidi Head, Parish Clerk

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✍️ Barry



Act of Remembrance

This year's Act of Remembrance will take place at Edlesborough War Memorial on November 12, 10:50am – 11:10am.



Grand Opening of New Play Equipment on Edlesborough Green

On Saturday 23rd September Cllr Booth was ably assisted by children of the Parish in officially opening the new play equipment on Edlesborough Green.



EPC thanks Cllr Booth for taking the lead on this project. EPC gives thanks to the numerous parishioners who engaged with the project by joining an initial working party, completing questionnaires, or responding to consultations.

Clr Dorothy Ferguson

At the September Council meeting Council co-opted Dorothy Ferguson onto the Council to represent the Ward of Edlesborough.

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|  <p>Clr Rosie Booth EPC Chairperson. Represents the ward of Edlesborough.</p> |  <p>Clr Trish Owen EPC Vice-Chairperson Represents the ward of Dagnall</p> |  <p>Clr John Wilkinson Represents the ward of Edlesborough.</p> |  <p>Clr Lynne Wells Represents the ward of Dagnall</p> |  <p>Clr Alan Williams Represents the ward of Edlesborough.</p> |
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Green Spaces in the Parish

EPC reminds all parishioners to:

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

Please Clean up after your dog!

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

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



EPC Small Grant Scheme

This is an opportunity for local groups, local charities, and local organisations to get a grant of up to £500. The main terms of the grant are very straightforward.

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



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

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

Speedwatch & EDaN Traffic Management



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

Streetlights

Please report failed streetlights in Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall to the Clerk for repair via 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.

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Council Meetings

The next Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings will take place on:

- Thursday 16th November 2023 – Edlesborough Pavilion
- Thursday 21st December 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.

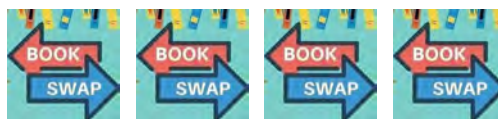


The agenda and full minutes of previous Parish Council meetings are available to view on the website or from the Parish Clerk.

Clerk: Miss Penny Pataky Office hours Mon – Fri 10am – 2pm (Excl. Wed)

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Appledown Rescue Dog of the Month



This handsome boy is Nathaniel, a GSD who was born in June 2020. He is friendly and affectionate, but needs to gain a little confidence. We are working on his lead manners as he tends to be rather strong and his new owner will need to commit to carry on with his training. Nathaniel needs an active, outdoorsy family who enjoy good walks. He has a heart murmur which is not causing him any problems at present, but he may need to be monitored. Nathaniel could probably live with another dog pending introductions, but not cats or other small pets. Any children 7 years plus. To offer a rescue dog a loving home you can find an application form on our website and details of the rehoming process.

To support our work please make a one-off donation of £3 by texting APPLE to 70111, or donate via Paypal using the 'DONATE Support a Cause' option. We love cheques too!

Appledown Rescue & Rehoming Kennels Harling Road, Eaton Bray LU6 1QY
01525 220383 (10am-1pm & 2-4 pm) E-mail: appledown.kennels@btinternet.com
Website: www.appledownrescue.co.uk **Viewings are by appointment only.**

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EATON BRAY VILLAGE HALL



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SUNDAY 31st DECEMBER 2023

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HOT/COLD BUFFET
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Dagnall Community Choir

would like to invite you to a

Christmas Concert

for all the family

Sunday 10th December, 3.30pm

Dagnall Village Hall
Dunstable Road
Dagnall, HP4 1RG

Free Entry

A collection will be made for ovarian cancer charities.

******Refreshments and Mince Pies ******

***Father Christmas will be making an
appearance!***

‘ART AT WINGRAVE’ 2023

JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS...

HOSTED BY FIELD VIEW AND HOME FARM
CASTLE STREET, WINGRAVE, BUCKS. HP22 4PT

November 18th -20th 10.30 am – 4.30 pm

We’re pleased to invite you back to ‘Art At Wingrave’ from **Friday 24th – Sunday 26th November, 10.30 am – 4.30 pm**, just in time to find those special and individual Christmas gifts – or simply to have an enjoyable browse. (Free Event)

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

From the beginning of November, A6 leaflets detailing the artists and showing examples of their work will be available in locations locally and at the Wingrave Shop. Look forward to seeing Ceramics, Ceramic and Paper Sculptures, Textiles, Glass Art, Designer Lamps, Pencil and Pastel Portraiture, Photography, Furniture Design, Hand-turned Wood, Mixed Media Paintings.

So here’s the perfect occasion for that spot of enjoyable browsing; keep the dates free, bring a friend, head down Castle Street and pay us a visit: a warm welcome is guaranteed along with something mulled to drink and yummy cake of course (Proceeds from refreshments to Breast Cancer Research).

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

Andrew and Margaret Liversidge, Field View Studio

Check out (and follow):

- Julie Pugh’s Facebook page and Instagram Account <https://www.facebook.com/oneofonejewellery>
- https://www.instagram.com/oneofone_jewellery/?hl=en
- Our ‘Art At Wingrave’ Instagram page for the Event <https://www.instagram.com/art.at.wingrave/> featuring participating artists and their lovely work.
- Margaret’s Instagram Page and web-site <https://www.instagram.com/margaretliversidgeart>
- <https://margaretliversidge.co.uk/>

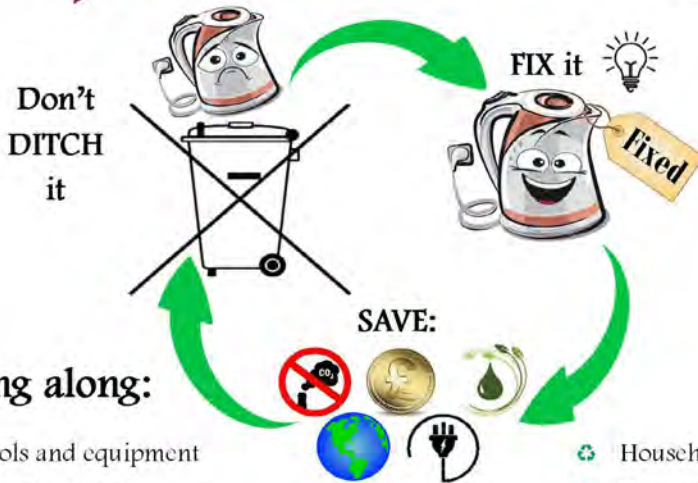


Repair Café

Saturday 25th
November 9:30-12:30
Pitstone Pavilion

Bring along broken items
to be fixed by volunteers!

No charge for
fixing, but
donations are
welcome



Bring along:

- Tools and equipment
- Electrical goods
- Electronic devices (phones/tablets/laptops)
- Clothing, fabrics, jewellery
- Household items
- Toys and games
- Wooden items
- Bicycles



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- Ivinghoe & Pitstone Repair Café
- ivinghoerepaircafe@gmail.com
- www.iprepaircafe.wixsite.com/repaircafe

Eaton Bray Good Neighbours



The Eaton Bray Good Neighbours scheme provides help and support to our village. During the summer, our phone which we operate on a daily basis, has been busy with requests for help in collecting medication, lifts to doctor's and Hospital appointments. We have also helped with shopping delivery and giving general advice.

We would always welcome extra drivers to help with our requests for lifts. Some help giving a lift just now and then makes a lot of difference to our team of drivers. We make a small charge for the journeys which is given to our drivers. During holiday time it sometimes falls to just a few kind drivers to answer a call for help in going to a hospital or a doctor's appointment.

The Eaton Bray Good Neighbours AGM was held on Thursday 19th October. If you were unable to attend, and would like to become a volunteer please phone us on the number listed below.

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

We are always looking for volunteers in the village, either to help with driving as previously mentioned, or medication deliveries or as a befriender. You can contact us by calling 07930 987064 when a friend will answer your call. We are here if you need any help.

**Eaton Bray Good
Neighbours**

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**Saturday 25th November at 7.30 pm
St Mary's Parish Church, Woburn**

MUSIC FOR CHOIR AND BRASS

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Tim Hawes Brass Ensemble : Paul Carr (organ)
Danesborough Chorus : Conducted by Ian Smith

Tickets: £20, £15, £10, under 18s £5 (all unreserved). Phone 01908 583460 or by post from Danesborough Chorus, 58 Church Road, Woburn Sands, MK17 8TA; please send a stamped SAE and a cheque to 'Danesborough Chorus'. Also available online from www.wegotickets.com.

Neville Funeral Service are sponsoring us for the season. We are delighted with their support.
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Under 18 Advanced (ages 16-18 years old)



WEDNESDAY 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Under 16 Beginners (ages 11-16 years old)



These sessions CAN BE BOOKED online VIA

OUR WEBSITE www.ebtlc.org.uk

ADULT COACHING

MONDAY 7:00pm - 8:00pm

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TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR CLUB PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE ebtlc.org.uk



Christmas Craft Fair

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Sunday 19th November
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Fundraising for

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

CURRY NIGHT

Thursday 16th November

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Charity No. 293080

Speechless - Without Words - Inarticulate

What's a Media Officer to do when the words won't flow for the important publication deadline that's racing towards them? Facebook is relatively easy by comparison, post a photo, sprinkle copy with emojis, proofread (spellchecker is my nemesis) and engage appropriately with the interactions... simple, right. But my article writing for Wednesday Club within Focus is sometimes a hard fought battle, juggling all those dates, events into one manageable article, photo attachments, have I missed something out... go away, come back, self edit, re-proofread, read aloud, hit send on the email. Whoosh it's gone and I don't get to see again what's been written for 3 weeks eeeek! Well unless I've not attached things or get a last minute entry - thanks to Sally. So here goes...

The **Harvest Auction**, 6th October, brought a bounty of community spirit and generosity to our Annual fundraiser (held and hosted at The Swan, Northall). Our fundraising teams anticipation and expectations were on high alert in the weeks previous, no one knows how these things will go... everyone hopes for the best... and then we all get totally blown away by this community and their generous support... even post event no one dared to over speculate, the total raised... £2916! A cool £1K more than the 2022 total!! As with all things post event, congratulatory messages back and forth were exchanged, then totally bowled



away with the news... that a secret donor had topped up our total to the nice round figure of **£3,000!!!!** So a heartfelt thank you to ALL for making the maths so much easier with your generosity. To the local businesses, individuals and families without whose support none of this would be possible, our gratitude for and on behalf of all the Club members.

Next Up - **Music Quiz II...** on Friday 3rd November we are back to Northall Village Hall for an often raucous, always entertaining and sometimes competitive evening of Music Trivia to test your knowledge and exercise that memory muscle. As previous Tables/Teams of 8 @ £10 per head for a 2 course Supper - please check the very slim chance of late availability with Lynne on 07887944326. There will be a raffle, with extra fun & games too. Pen & paper advised so you can slip notes to your team lead, as it can get a tad "lively" during the rounds.

We're out for our **Christmas Trip** on the 15th November. There's occasionally some space(s) on our Motts Coach so if you would like to join us for the day we're heading to Blue Diamond, Bicester for some retail therapy, browsing and getting some Festive vibes. We've a lovely lunch prebooked already so you'd need to source your own refreshments. We'd love your company (and a full coach) so please contact Club phone for availability, or see updates on Facebook nearer the



time. Thank You.

Share Your Wares The lovely Jo from Outside In Floral Creations will be with us on the 22nd of November with a visit to showcase her artistic floristry, skills and knowledge - we're looking forward to supporting Jo and her local independent business. We have already hosted 2 local craft enthusiasts (and their businesses), Jungle Pigeon back in September and Jewellery & Gifts by Carol Gaynor Designs in October. Apologies, due to the timing of Gay's visit (11th) the write up shall be in next month's Focus. If you'd like to embrace the opportunity to showcase and sell your creations during a club session please message Jane to join the waiting list for future slots.

Tea/Coffee Afternoon 29th November

Why not join us for a well earned cuppa and a piece of cake (or two)? Come sample some of Club's delights, chat with the members, volunteers and staff. We'll be holding a bumper raffle and have new/pre-loved Christmas items on Sale. With so many requests from previous attendees to repeat the formula for July's event we'd like to Welcome you All once again to join us for tea, coffee and homemade cakes. A call for home baked goodies has been placed but donations are always welcome on the day - I'm personally happy to taste test aspiring GBBO contestants baked goods.

For Next Month...

Members Christmas Lunch - 13th December

Last session for 2023 - 20th December

Joining us as a Member is easy: Simply contact us on 07854 230243, leave a text or message including your contact details, and our leader Dee will get back to you ASAP with availability or the option to join the waiting list.

Getting Involved with The Wednesday Club, we're always delighted to welcome inquiries and offers of support from our community. Whether a regular commitment, a one-time contribution, there are various ways to get involved:

Regular Rota Volunteers: If you have a passion for lending a hand, we have opportunities in the kitchen or as minibus drivers/conductors. Your consistent support working as part of a team keeps our activities running smoothly.

One-Off Volunteer Offers: Entertain us with your talent for singing or playing music... want to practice in front of an appreciative audience to brighten their day?

Donations: Your donations of goods can go a long way to support our activities. We gladly accept and appreciate gifting and items for fundraising, plus those seasonal fruits and vegetables enhance our homemade meals.

For the latest updates, information, and any last minute announcements, be sure to follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/WednesdayClubNorthall/> It's a great way to stay connected with our wider community.

PS Just a touch of AI was used in the production and inspiration for this article, can you tell where?

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WEDNESDAY CLUB (Charity No. 293080)



We are looking for volunteer drivers and conductors to help with transporting the members to and from their homes on our minibus. This would be on a rota system, depending on the number of volunteers. Call 07854 230243 if you can help.

Northall & District Wednesday Club Members and Committee would like to thank all the businesses who supported us with donations for the Harvest Auction October 2023.

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

£3000 was raised

THANK YOU ALL

Charity No. 293080

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Eaton Bray Cricket Club

Players and members gathered at the Rye Gardens for the annual diner and presentation evening on the 30th September 2023. After partaking in the meal and odd beverage the awards were presented to the following players.



1st X1 Batting Andy Norris.

1st X1 Players Player Quinn Wardle.

2nd X1 Batting Owen Brown.

2nd X1 Players Player Owen Brown.

Sunday X1 Batting Quinn Wardle.

Sunday X1 Players Player Quinn Wardle.

Outlaws Batting Quinn Wardle.

Most improved player Owen Brown.

Clubman Richard Osborne.

Lionesses most improved Sam Booth.

Lionesses Players Player Emma Pearson Tamasin Norris.

Outstanding Achievement Awards:

Ollie Harris 109. Owen Brown 101 n/o. Stefen Bennett 5 fer.

1st X1 Bowling Quinn Wardle.

1st X1 Captains Pick Nick Pearson.

2nd X1 Bowling Syed Shah.

2nd X1 Captains Pick Liam Norris.

Sunday X1 Bowling Quinn Wardle

Sunday X1 Captains Pick Dave Callen.

Outlaws Bowling Quinn Wardle.

Most catches Quinn Wardle.

Lionesses Coach Award Tamasin Norris.



The club would like to thank our sponsors. Meadow Marquees, Mlily's Mattress, Fine and Country Estate Agents, The Westrope Butchery, Topps Tiles, SMSS Ltd and the Focus Magazine for their continued support. We hope you enjoyed your cricket wit Eaton Bray in 2023.

Dagnall Community Choir



The choir would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came along to our concert that took place on that very warm evening at the beginning of October. It was lovely to see so many people there to support us, and to enjoy the musical entertainment that we provided. There were so many tickets sold that we had to go out and find extra chairs to accommodate everyone, and we really appreciated playing to a full house!

We hope the audience enjoyed the evening as much as the choir did, not least because of the wonderful contributions made by guest flautist Nicola Quick, and our fantastic accompanist Joe Leslie. The choir felt very privileged to have such talented and accomplished musicians in our midst, as well as our superb Musical Director Helen Wingate, who did a great job getting us concert ready.

Moving on now to our next venture, our Christmas Concert, which takes place on **Sunday 10th December**, 3.30pm, once again at Dagnall Village Hall. This is a free to enter concert, with a charity collection being made in aid of ovarian cancer charities. The afternoon will feature traditional carols and festive music, a bit of a sing-along for the audience, and a visit from Father Christmas! All are welcome to come along and enjoy some festive cheer.

We will also be joining other local choirs for a charity concert which takes place at Dunstable Methodist Church on **Saturday 16th December** at 2.30pm. We're really excited to be learning a particular well known classical piece for this concert, which we are looking forward to performing alongside the Vauxhall Luton Male Voice Choir. If you want a clue as to what we will be singing, it is a rousing anthem that was sung in Westminster Abbey for the King's coronation...

If you would like more information about the choir, please visit our website www.dagnall-community-choir.co.uk, or get in touch by emailing dagnallcc@gmail.com. We're always on the look out for new members, so if you think you'd like to come along and sing with us, we meet weekly on a Monday evening at Dagnall Church, 7.45 – 9.45pm. We're a very relaxed and friendly group and you will receive the warmest of welcomes.

The Lazy Boy

A lazy boy yawns in Mrs Matterson's room.
He sits at his desk and hums a tune,
His pencil is blunt five times a day,
He sharpens it often and it withers away.
When questioned about the little he's done'
He jumps out of his chair and starts to run
out of the classroom and into the hall.
But Mrs Matterson catches him climbing the wall.
He returns to his chair, a frown on his face,
He looks at his book and his pencil he breaks.

✍ Richard Woodhead



*Have you penned a verse
with local interest that we
could publish in Focus?
We would be happy
to accommodate any
budding poets.*



Northall Baptist Church

200 years and still going

A little Church with strong local links

Thanks be to God

We have just celebrated Harvest both in the Church and other places where there have been harvest auctions for charity. What a privilege we have in this country where our climate reaps such goodness. Will this last?

We watch the crops grow and each year try to guess what has been planted. How hard the farmers and the gardeners work to prepare the ground and sow the seeds. But that's not the end of the story. They rely on the weather – rain and the warmth of sunshine, God's contribution, to provide the abundance.

We have all been complaining this year about the recent summer, or lack of it. There's been a lot of rain and not enough sunshine. But give a thought for those whose harvest has been devastated by war, floods and earthquakes – Ukraine when the dam was breached and when grain ships were targeted, Libya when their dams broke through and Morocco where the earthquake abolished houses and crops.

We have so much to thank God for as we have distributed produce to those in need.

The well-known children's song 'All things bright and beautiful' mentions flowers, birds, the

This song says it all:
*For the fruits of His creation,
thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks
be to God,
For the ploughing, sowing reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe
keeping,
Thanks be to God!*

purple-headed mountain (heather), rivers, sunsets, morning brightness, cold winds, ripe fruits and then us. This reminds us that the Lord God made it all.

Psalm 65 written by King David 3,000 years ago said 'You crown our year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance'. Food to eat and water to drink are the essentials of life. All provided by God. Most of us in this country do not go hungry.

There are several gardens mentioned in the Bible starting with the Garden of Eden and finishing with

that in Revelation where the river of the water of life and the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding fruit every month with leaves for the healing of the nations. What a sight that will be. The Autumn is upon us and has been warmer than usual this year but we are approaching winter and don't look forward to what that may bring - the long winter nights, the snow and ice and those cold winds.

We will have to remember that the Lord God made it all and it results in an abundant harvest next year. Thanks be to God!

Our Sunday services are in the Church at 11 am. We'd love you to join us for our worship and song. You will get a warm welcome. For those unable to attend in person we also stream our services.

For those interested in the history of Northall Baptist Church, a free copy of the booklet, Rebels in Green Pastures can be supplied or downloaded from our website: <http://northallbaptistchurch.org/>

✉ Ruth Cox Tel: 07791 425625



Eaton Bray Produces 2 Double Kickboxing Champions!



Inspirit Martial Arts, a well established karate and kickboxing club based in Eaton Bray and surrounding areas, sent a large team to the recent Milton Keynes Open Kickboxing tournament. The team brought home a total of 6 Golds, 12 Silvers and 10 Bronze medals, producing 2 double champions.

Inspirit Martial Arts – Eaton Bray saw two of its original members dominate both the Semi Contact and Light Continuous fighting divisions to become double Champions in Milton Keynes. Kai Tyas and Rosie Wildesmith both took double Gold in impressive fashion leading the team by example. Faith Berg, also from Eaton Bray club, took Gold in Light Continuous. The rest of the team aged from 7 to adult stepped up



and brought home the huge haul of silver and bronze medals. Sensei Simon, Chief Instructor, said “This is a massive achievement for the club and its members who have worked hard and done themselves proud. It was a great team performance and lovely to see the support from all the parents and families on the day.”

Inspirit Martial Arts train in Eaton Bray on Sundays and welcome all ages from 5 to adults.

www.inspiritmartialarts.com



Nigel's Thoughts

Dear Friends,

As I write the full horror of the unfolding events in Israel/Palestine is being reported in the media. There can never be any excuse for such extreme, murderous and barbaric acts to be undertaken by either side in any conflict. It is my belief that we should all hope and fervently pray for a drawing back from warfare and a cessation of all violence, especially at this time in Ukraine and Israel/Palestine.

November is, of course the month of Remembrance. We give thanks for the faithful service and sacrifice of those who have given their lives in conflicts past (and ongoing) for the sake of our security and freedom.

Yet war is always a tragedy, in which no one truly wins, for all suffer from its inhumanity and indescribable suffering.

On a number of occasions recently, I have had cause to be brought up short. This was as a result of realising that what I was 'reading into' another person's words, whether written or spoken was not what they meant at all! It is so easy to take offence, when we have not really taken the trouble to understand the reasons why individuals (and nations) from many different contexts, perspectives and experiences to our own, appear to threaten us.

That is the way that so many wars have begun. In communities, between nations and regions within nations, and between superpowers, who so often seem to be involved in 'stand offs' or open warfare with one another.

This is not the Christian way, nor the way of any individual of faith. The golden rule of each of the major world religions is that we should not do anything to any other individual that we should not like to have done to us.

If only we could learn how to live, mindful and respectful of one another's different contexts and perspectives. We are, after all unique human beings created by the same loving God, who treasures each one of us the round world over.

May God's peace be with you,

✍️ Nigel

Fundraising for

**MACMILLAN
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The Macmillan Cancer Support Fundraising Group would like to thank everyone who supported the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in any way.

We are especially grateful to St Mary's Church for hosting this valuable fundraising event each year .

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Thank you once again.

Edlesborough Baptist Church

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Autumn Vegetable Soup with Cheesy Toasts

Prep:10-15 mins, Cook:15-20 mins, Serves 4

Ingredients

1 leek, chopped quite small
2 carrots, chopped quite small
1 garlic clove, finely chopped
1 potato, chopped quite small
1 tbsp finely chopped fresh rosemary
½ tsp sugar

410g can chickpea, drained and rinsed
3 tbsp chopped fresh parsley
2 x cans chopped Italian tomato
425ml¾ pint vegetable stock

For the toasts

8 slices of baguette, cut on the diagonal
1 garlic clove, cut in half
50g edam, finely grated

Method

Step 1 - Put the vegetables into a large

saucepan with the garlic, rosemary, stock and sugar.

Season well, stir, bring to a simmer and cover. Cook gently for 15 minutes or until the vegetables are just tender.

Step 2 - Whizz the tomatoes in a food processor or blender until smooth, then tip into the vegetables with the chickpeas and parsley. Gently heat through, stirring now and then.

Step 3 - For the toasts: rub both sides of the bread with the garlic. Grill on one side until golden, turn the bread over, cover with edam and grill until it's bubbling. Serve at once with the piping hot soup.



Autumn Crunchy Crumble

Prep:20 mins, Cook:30 mins, Serves 4

Ingredients

140g plain flour
100g margarine
4 tbsp rolled oats
2-3 tbsp demerara sugar
1 tsp cinnamon
4 eating apples or pears or 6 plums (or a mixture)

handful sultanas, soaked in hot water for 10 mins

1-2 tbsp honey
natural yogurt, ice cream or crème fraîche, to serve

Method

Step 1 - Heat oven to 200°C/180°C fan/gas 6. Sift the flour into a bowl and add the margarine.

Step 2 - Using a fork or your hands, mash together the margarine and flour until it resembles breadcrumbs and there are no remaining lumps of margarine.

Step 3 - Add the oats, sugar, and cinnamon to the flour and margarine mixture.

Step 4 - Core the apple and/or pears, and stone the plums, if using. Chop all the fruit, keeping the skin on for added flavour, vitamins, and minerals, and put in an ovenproof dish in layers.

Step 5 - Drain the sultanas and add to the fruit. Drizzle with the honey.

Step 6 - Sprinkle over the crumble mixture. Bake for 20-30 mins until the crumble topping is golden and the fruit is bubbling. Serve with a large spoonful of natural yogurt, ice cream or crème fraîche.



Courtesy of the BBCgoodfood team



Totternhoe Garden Club

Following our usual meetings at St Giles Church Hall, outings then followed to:

16 May - Thenford Arboretum and Gardens Oxfordshire

This is owned by Sir Michael Heseltine and only open on certain days. The arboretum, now spread out over seventy acres, features a collection of more than three thousand different trees and shrubs, together with extensive herbaceous borders, water gardens, an alpine trough garden, a sculpture garden, a rose garden and a rill. We had a delicious buffet lunch and plenty of time to discover the delights of the garden.

13 June - Eltham Palace and Gardens

Once a favoured medieval palace and then a Tudor royal residence, in the 1930s Eltham Palace was transformed by eccentric millionaires Stephen and Virginia Courtauld. Their home and garden truly reflects their extravagant lifestyle. A most interesting day out.



On 4 July - Beth Chatto's Garden in Colchester.

Beth Chatto was born in 1923 to enthusiastic gardening parents. After working as a teacher she married the late Andrew Chatto in 1943. Following Andrew's retirement, in 1960 the Chatto family built their new home on a wasteland that had been part of the Chatto fruit farm. The site presented many difficulties for starting a garden including low annual rainfall. It was to Andrew's plant research that they turned and the well known Gravel Garden was born. Their plant nursery "Unusual Plants" soon followed. We enjoyed the day, visiting the tearoom, the well stocked nursery where many plants were purchased and then had a long journey home in the pouring rain. Everyone agreed it was a very worthwhile day.

Details of our trips to Sussex Prairie Garden on 17th August, Hidcote Manor on 21 September and Westonbirt Arboretum on 3rd October will be included in future issues of Focus. Photos are of Eltham Palace and Gardens.

The Totternhoe Garden Club meets in St Giles Hall in Totternhoe and the next meeting will be on 16th November.

✉ Secretary Margaret Jones



Another month has slipped past and we are now looking forward to our Christmas celebrations.

Our Harvest Supper in September was lovely with lots of food, chat and fun.

On Monday 2nd October Wendy and Steve Varney and Fiona visited us to talk about the East Anglian Air Ambulance. Steve was involved in a very severe accident while on his bike and was rescued by the Air Ambulance. Without their life saving treatment, Steve told us that he would not be here today. The Air Ambulance receive no Government funding and have to rely on donations to keep the Service running.



Fiona, a former GP is keen to ensure that we all know how to give CPR and is organising courses for anyone who is interested. We had a lovely letter back from them as follows:

I am so pleased that you and the other members enjoyed hearing about the work of EAAA. We are so lucky to have volunteers like Wendy, Steve, and Fiona in the community to help us raise awareness and funds to keep this life saving service available to everybody.

We have a very small team of volunteers in Bedfordshire who are an amazing, friendly bunch – but we need to grow the team to meet the demand of activities that we attend.

I wondered whether any of your members may be interested in volunteering with us? There is no minimum or maximum expectation – some of the team support regularly and others just ad hoc.

I would love to hear from anybody that may be interested in supporting the charity by volunteering some time with us. They can email me on debbie.howland@eaaa.org.uk or I would be happy to have an informal chat and answer any questions by phone 07703 684 599.

Thanks again for supporting East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Debbie Howland

Volunteer Development Officer (Cambridgeshire & Bedfordshire)



Our next Meeting is on 6th November when we will a talk given by Mary's Meals. Our birthday lunch will be on Thursday 16th November at the Swan, in Northall and we are planning a day out at Poplars Nursery for "Coffee, and Christmas shopping" on Monday 27th November.

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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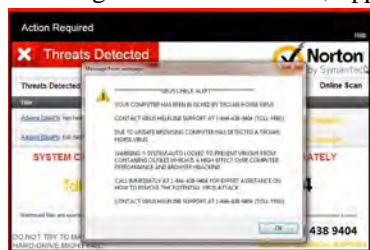


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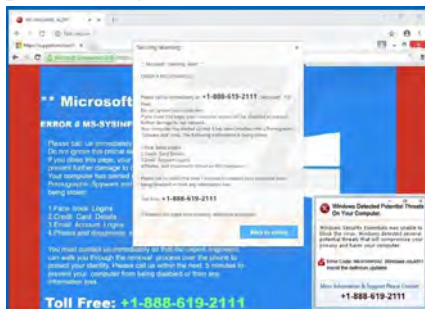
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✉ Steve Moren

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Vine Weevils on Pot Plants

Speaking from experience!

Vine weevils have a notorious reputation for being indiscriminate feeders, targeting a wide range of ornamental plants.

However, it's worth mentioning that they do have preferences for certain plant species. They are particularly attracted to plants with soft, broad leaves and those that thrive in containers or plant pots. Some of the plants that vine weevils often favour include:

1. **Ferns:** Many types of ferns are susceptible to vine weevil damage due to their delicate fronds.
2. **Primroses and Heucheras:** These plants are among the top choices for vine weevils, and they can cause significant harm if left unchecked.
3. **Fuchsias:** Fuchsias are a favorite target due to their lush, green foliage and vibrant blooms.
4. **Strawberries:** Both ornamental and edible strawberries can fall victim to vine weevils.
5. **Rhododendrons and Azaleas:** These evergreen shrubs are susceptible to vine weevil larvae feeding on their roots.
6. **Lavender:** Although known for their hardiness, lavender plants can still be affected, especially when potted.



Heuchera

If you suspect vine weevils in your plant pots, it's crucial to take action promptly to protect your greenery. Here we outline the steps you should follow to deal with this garden menace.

Early identification

The first step in addressing a vine weevil problem is to accurately identify the issue. Signs of an infestation may include notched or irregularly shaped holes in leaves, wilting plants, and the presence of small, brownish-black beetles, especially during the evening hours. By spotting these indicators early, you can prevent further damage to your plants.

Inspect your plants

Carefully inspect your affected plants, including the soil in your plant pots. Vine weevils lay their eggs in the soil, and the larvae feed on plant roots, leading to significant damage. Gently remove the affected plant from its pot, shake off excess soil, and check for the presence of larvae or adult weevils. Dispose of any infested soil carefully.



Vine Weevil damage

Biological control

Consider introducing natural predators of vine weevils, such as parasitic nematodes (*Heterorhabditis megidis*) or predatory beetles like *Staphylinus erythropterus*. These

beneficial organisms can help control the weevil population in your garden.

Chemical control

If the infestation is severe or natural methods alone aren't effective, you may need to resort to chemical control. Use insecticides labeled for vine weevils, following the manufacturer's instructions carefully. Apply the treatment to the soil and around the base of affected plants. Be sure to choose a product that is safe for your specific plant species.



Larvae

Repotting

To further prevent the spread of vine weevils, repot your affected plants in fresh, uncontaminated soil. Clean the pots thoroughly to eliminate any remaining eggs or larvae.

Monitoring

Keep a close eye on your plants in the weeks following treatment. Regularly inspect them for signs of vine weevil damage and the presence of adult weevils. Early detection and action can help prevent reinfestation.

Preventive measures

To minimise the risk of future vine weevil problems, consider implementing preventive measures. These include using weed-free compost, avoiding overwatering, and inspecting new plants for signs of infestation before adding them to your garden.

Dealing with vine weevils in your plant pots can be challenging, but with early detection and appropriate action, you can protect your garden from these voracious pests. By following the steps outlined in this feature, you can help ensure the health and vitality of your plants while keeping vine weevils at bay.

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Eaton Bray History

The Hope and Anchor Public House: 63 Bower Lane, Eaton Bray (courtesy of the Bedfordshire Archives)



The Hope and Anchor



Cafe Masala 2012



The Hope and Anchor was a longstanding licensed premises in Eaton Bray, standing in Bower Lane. The countywide licensing register of 1876 states that the property, then a beerhouse, was first licensed in 1862. The tenant was Richard Fountain, who is listed as a beer retailer in Eaton Bray from at least 1853 in directories, in other words, nine years before the Hope and Anchor was supposedly licensed. This suggests that he was the first licensee and either that he ran a beerhouse in another location before moving to the Hope and Anchor or the date given in 1876 is wrong!

The 1876 register states that the owner was Sarah Simpson of Dunstable. Sarah was the owner of the North Western Brewery in High Street North, Dunstable. Her husband ran the brewery until his death in 1869 and may have been the brewery's founder. Rowland Cutler was Sarah Simpson's manager and is listed as her tenant in the 1876 register. He bought the company the following year but in 1887 he and his partner (taken as such in 1885) Henry Henschman sold out to Leighton Buzzard brewer W. S. Green who was dead within the year and the business was taken over by Dunstable rival Benjamin Bennett who is listed as the owner in the countywide register of 1891.

The countywide register of 1903 still gives the owner as Benjamin Bennett. The beerhouse is described as: "clean and in good repair". It had two front doors and two back doors and was 96 yards from nearest licensed premises.

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. Like most of the county Eaton Bray was assessed in 1927 and the valuer visiting the Hope and Anchor found it still owned by the trustees of Benjamin Bennett. The tenant, Ann Rollings, paid rent of £5 per annum.

The valuer considered that the beerhouse was a "Poor looking place". The front door was up four steps and the ground floor comprised a tap room, a cellar, a living room, a scullery and a washhouse; three bedrooms lay above. Outside stood a brick and corrugated iron hen house ("was barn") and a two bay open shed. Business was reasonable – forty barrels of beer per year. The valuer noted that there was a good garden and that the property had originally been three cottages. Benjamin Bennett's business was taken over by Whitechapel brewers Mann Crossman and Paulin in 1938. Twenty years later the company merged with Watney, Combe, Reid and Company to form Watney Mann. At some stage the beerhouse received a full licence as a public house – probably in the early 1950s when most Bedfordshire beerhouses seem to have changed to public houses.

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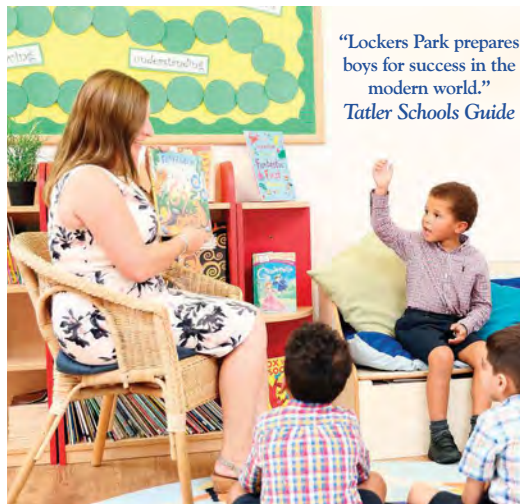
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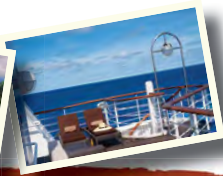
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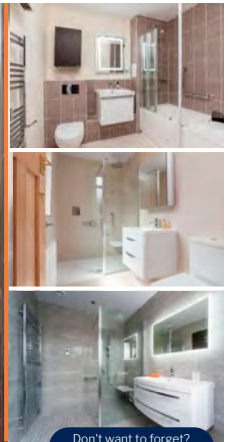
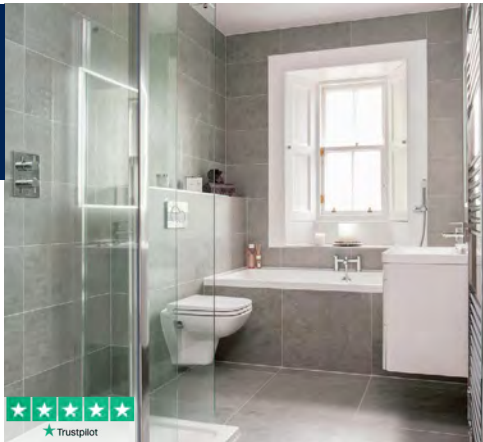
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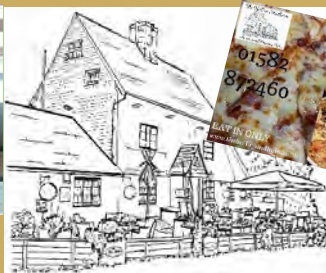
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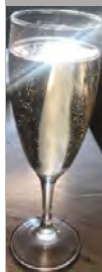
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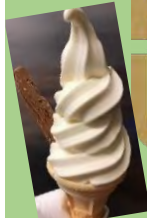


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Spiky Bundle of Joy

A tiny baby porcupette was caught on camera tucking into carrots and tomatoes and exploring its home, following its birth in the early hours of 20 August at Whipsnade Zoo.

“Porcupines are mostly nocturnal, so they usually venture out when the sun starts to set, but thankfully we have night vision cameras which helps us to monitor the prickly mammals even when we’re not on the ground,” keeper Steve Merrick-White said.



“We suspected mum, Kimya, was pregnant; after being matched with male porcupine Winga in May. And, lo and behold, our keepers had a magical surprise when, 94 days later, we saw Kimya, give birth to the porcupette.”

Steve added that the new family are usually resting during the day but are venturing out to forage for tasty treats of vegetables and nuts in the evening and have been spotted by visitors sleeping over at the Zoo’s Lookout Lodge.

“We won’t know whether the porcupette is male or female until its first vet check up in a few months’ time, but the new addition is very bold and sassy. They even wandered over to the meerkat enclosure for a sleepover one night.”

As expert foragers and diggers, Cape porcupines are considered ‘ecosystem engineers’, however increasingly they face threats of habitat destruction and hunting. As well as working to protect threatened species around the world, scientists and conservationists from ZSL, the conservation charity behind Whipsnade Zoo, work with communities to protect and preserve healthy ecosystems.

Hello World

A pair of rare red panda cubs at Whipsnade Zoo have been given their first vet check, as the internationally important twins start to leave their nest box and explore their surroundings for the first time.

Vet Hannah Rowland said the twins, born to Mum Ruby and Dad Nilo in June 2023, were male and female, which was incredibly rare.

“It’s extremely unusual to get twin brother and sister red panda cubs, which makes the birth of these cubs even more significant. The pair have been named Alex and Priya.”

Hannah and Vet Nurse Karla Berry listened to the three-month-old twins’ hearts and lungs, had a thorough check of the pair’s eyes, before keepers helped them to vaccinate and weigh the fluffy red cubs.



“The check-up is a great opportunity to have a thorough look over Alex and Priya before they take off into the sky and start climbing the towering trees on their island at the UK’s largest zoo,” Karla said.

“Red pandas are endangered, with numbers in the wild continuing to decline. This is why the twins, and their health is so important. When they’re older Alex and Priya will join the European Endangered Breeding Programme, to help ensure there is a healthy and genetically diverse back up population of red panda numbers if numbers continue to fall.”

Visit Whipsnade Zoo this Autumn to see Alex and Priya and more than 11,000 other animals at the conservation zoo. Every ticket supports ZSL’s vital science and conservation work around the globe. To book, visit: www.whipsnadezoo.org

Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)



Weather Conditions for September 2023

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

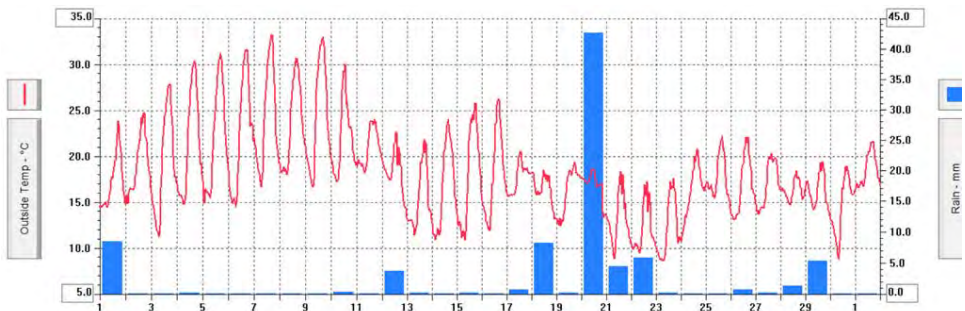
For the first half of September our weather was being controlled by high pressure, bringing fine, sunny and dry conditions. As it got warmer, it became a heatwave which brought the first summer weather since June. By the 5th, we had reached 30 degrees and continued to exceed 30°C for the next seven consecutive days. The temperature peaked at 33.4°C on the 7th and then dropped back to a pleasant mid-twenties on the 11th for a few days. In the middle of the month, the pressure dropped, as did the temperatures, which brought some wet unsettled autumn weather from the west with very heavy rain at times.

The unusually high temperatures broke many records. Here in Dagnall, the rain was trying to break a record as well. We had a total monthly rainfall of 84mm, which is 147% of the average. The highest rainfall was on the 20th where we recorded 56.2mm (2.2 inches), amounting to 62% of our monthly rain in just one day, and measured a rainfall rate of 74mm (almost 3 inches) per hour.

| | High | Date/Time | | Low | Date/Time |
|---|---------------------|---------------|--|-------------|---------------|
| Temperature: | 33.4°C | 7 Sept 16.30 | | 8.7°C | 23 Sept 06.00 |
| Mean Temperature | 18.1°C | | | | |
| Dewpoint: | 21.8°C | 6 Sept 18.30 | | 7.3°C | 23 Sept 07.00 |
| Humidity: | 98% | 3-15-16 Sept | | 36% | 7 Sept 16.30 |
| Barometer: | 1026.9 mb | 3 Sept 12.30 | | 992.3 mb | 20 Sept 19.00 |
| Wind Speed | 33 mph SSW | 20 Sept 13.00 | | Months avg. | 4.6 mph |
| Wind Chill: | 33.2°C | 7 Sept 17.00 | | 7.3°C | 23 Sept 06.30 |
| Dominant Wind: | SSE | | | | |
| Rainfall * T = total rain days and moisture. R = Actual rain | | | | | |
| *Rain Days: 17(T), 17(R) | Wettest Day 20 Sept | | | 52.6 mm | 2.071 ins |
| Monthly Rain: | Total | September | | 84.0 mm | 3.307 ins |
| Yearly Rain: | Total | 9 Months | | 627.8 mm | 24.717 ins |

September 2023

High temperatures, followed by heavy rain and autumn conditions



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Historic November

Courtesy of www.historic-uk.com

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| 1 Nov. | 1858 | Following the bloody events of the Indian Mutiny Queen Victoria is proclaimed ruler of India, replacing the reign of the East India Company. |
| 2 Nov. | 1936 | The world's first regular TV service was started by the British Broadcasting Corporation, an estimated 100 TV owners tuned in. |
| 3 Nov. | 1942 | British Field Marshall Bernard Montgomery's troops break through the front line of Erwin Rommel's Afrika Corps capturing 9000 prisoners. |
| 4 Nov. | 1843 | The 5.5 metre statue of Lord Nelson was hauled to the top of its 60 metre column in Trafalgar Square, London. |
| 5 Nov. | 1605 | Guy Fawkes is arrested beneath the House of Parliament as a plot to blow up England's King James I is uncovered. |
| 6 Nov. | 1429 | Henry VI is crowned King of England. |
| 7 Nov. | 1917 | Bolshevik Red Guards seize control of the Winter Palace and confirm Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov (Lenin) as leader of Russia. |
| 8 Nov. | 1656 | Birth of Edmond Halley, English astronomer and mathematician, best known for identifying the comet named after him. |
| 9 Nov. | 1953 | Death of the flamboyant Welsh bard Dylan Thomas at the age of 39. His heavy drinking and wild living contributing to his early demise. |
| 10 Nov. | 1871 | Henry Morton Stanley tracks down "missing" Scottish explorer and missionary David Livingstone to the shores of Lake Tanganyika. |
| 11 Nov. | 1918 | After four years and 97 days the guns finally fell silent as the Great War ended. Around 9 million lives lost with a further 27 million injured. |
| 12 Nov. | 1035 | Death of Canute, Danish King of England. |
| 13 Nov. | 1850 | Birth of Scottish author Robert Louis Stevenson whose classic tales include Treasure Island, Kidnapped and Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde. |
| 14 Nov. | 1940 | In one raid 449 German Luftwaffe bombers dropped 503 tons of bombs and 881 incendiaries onto the English City of Coventry. |
| 15 Nov. | 1968 | The largest passenger liner in the world, Cunard's flagship Queen Elizabeth, docked in Southampton at the end of her last transatlantic voyage. |
| 16 Nov. | 1724 | Highwayman Jack Sheppard is hanged at Tyburn, London in front of an estimated crowd of 200,000. |
| 17 Nov. | 1558 | Death of England's first ruling Queen, Mary Tudor. Unpopular daughter of Henry VIII and Catherine of Aragon. |
| 18 Nov. | 1852 | A massive state funeral for the Duke of Wellington is held in London. |
| 19 Nov. | 1620 | The 180-ton wine ship Mayflower arrives at Cape Cod, America, it's passengers, 87 members of a Protestant sect – The Pilgrim Fathers. |
| 20 Nov. | 1947 | Princess Elizabeth (Queen Elizabeth II) married her cousin Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten (Duke of Edinburgh) at Westminster Abbey. |
| 21 Nov. | 1695 | Death of Henry Purcell, English composer and organist. |
| 22 Nov. | 1963 | The world mourns at the news that President John F. Kennedy had been shot and killed in Dallas, Texas. |
| 23 Nov. | 1910 | American-born Dr Hawley Harvey Crippen was hanged at Pentonville Prison in London after poisoning his wife and dismembering her body. |
| 24 Nov. | 1859 | Charles Darwin publishes his book Origin of the Species |
| 25 Nov. | 1984 | Band Aid rock stars gather at Sarm Studios in London to record "Do They Know It's Christmas", all proceeds to Ethiopian famine relief. |
| 26 Nov. | 1922 | Archaeologist Howard Carter and his sponsor the Earl of Caernavon make a hole in the door and gaze into the tomb of Tutankhamun. |
| 27 Nov. | 1875 | Britain buys shares worth £4 million (\$7 million) in the Suez Canal Company. |
| 28 Nov. | 1919 | Nancy Astor is elected Member of Parliament for Plymouth, Devon, becoming Britain's first woman MP. |
| 29 Nov. | 1641 | England's first newspaper is published. |
| 30 Nov. | 1936 | One of London's best-loved landmarks, the Crystal Palace burned down. The huge glass building originally housed the Great Exhibition of 1851. |



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Psalm 91 v 11-12

When darkness falls and stars do peep,
And the moon her silent vigil keeps,
That's when angels fly on translucent wings across the sky.
To keep watch over children;
Two at the foot and two at the head.
It's the time when wishes are whispered and most of our prayers are said.
As a child I used to pray for an angel to come and stay,
Who would guard me through the darkened hours,
A magical someone with wondrous powers.
An angel who with wings out spread could lift me from a wooden bed.
And whisk me away to far off lands with blue seas, palm tree and silver sands-
Or perhaps to where the snow was white, sparkling with diamonds in pale
sunlight, on to where in a forest glade, fairies and elves, sported and played.
Perhaps fly me to a cloud high, to where I could sit and watch the world go by;
or drift, blown by a tiny breeze, like leaves falling from Autumn's trees.
I'm much older now and understand
that to talk with angels is not planned,
today I concentrate my mind and speak
to the Saviour of mankind. It is to God
that I whisper my prayer, to Him my
voice wings through the air, and in the
silence, waiting expectantly, I know
that His love comes to me. A love that
quietens my fears. A love that dries
up all my tears - per chance one day a
seraph I will meet, when I draw close
to the Master's feet. When that day
comes I'll hear the angels sing as they
make their praises to the King - and in
that immeasurable space I'll meet my
angel face to face!

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| Coffee Morning (fortnightly) | Tues 10am – 12pm |
| Home League | Weds 2:30pm – 3:30pm |
| Champion's Club Age 5+ (term time only) | Weds 6:15pm – 7:15pm |
| Girls' Night Out (1 st Thurs of the month) | Thurs 7:30pm |

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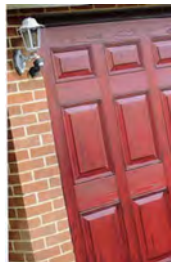


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