

# VILLAGE NEWS

Chadwell Eastwell Eaton  
Goadby Marwood Scalford  
Stonesby Waltham Wycomb



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# EATON PARISH COUNCIL

## JANUARY 2026 NEWS

Clerk. Terry Brown  
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## The Herbage Charity

By 2025 there were over 170,000 registered charities in England and Wales known to the Charity Commission and while the majority are small, the largest are well known and with very large incomes, eg., the Nuffield with a charitable income of £1.5m.

Eaton Parish Council is responsible for one charity, the Herbage Charity (first registered 1963, registration 215457) and at present with an expected annual income of £275 and *“for the benefit of the Poor and Elderly of Eaton Parish”*.

Occasionally there are stories in the Press of misdeeds in the administration of a charity. Ideally this will not happen because the administration of the charity will follow a clear set of articles of association, ie. rules.

Like many longstanding charities the Herbage to date has lacked such a set of guidance. The Herbage will now adopt the Charity Commission's template for small charities (defined as income less than £5,000 pa). This clearly specifies the role of trustees, the conduct of meetings and the publication of minutes and agenda such that it is seen to be transparent, fit for purpose and yet proportionate.

Therefore the Charity asks for anyone resident in Eaton Parish who is willing to act as a trustee to register their interest with the Parish Council Clerk at [clerk@eatonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@eatonpc.org.uk) or 01476 516366 by 31<sup>st</sup> January latest.

Trustees will serve for a period of two years with the first period to commence 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026 and with duties expected to be just one meeting a year in October.

The next two Parish Council meetings are: **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> January at Eaton**  
**Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March at Eastwell**

Parish Councillors can be contacted at:

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Terry Brown



# Scalford Parish Council

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Phone: 07468 648487

Agenda & Minutes can be found on the Councils web-site: [www.scalfordpc.org.uk](http://www.scalfordpc.org.uk)  
& also on the Councils Notice Boards

**Date of next meeting: 12th January 2026 at 7pm in the Village Hall  
Public Participation 7.00 - 7.10pm**

**Members of the Public are welcome to attend**

## **Team work**

The vast majority of the Parish Council funding that we receive from Melton Borough Council is used to pay for day to day expenses such as grass cutting, street lighting and general maintenance, which means that in order to invest in the village facilities the council tries to save money wherever possible. Earlier this year a large tree came down in the cemetery and the cost of removal would have run into several hundreds of pounds, a significant sum of money for the council. Thanks to the tremendous efforts of Chris Shouler, Mark Watchorn, Martin Shepherd and others who gave their services for free, the tree was removed, the brush turned into mulch and the stump removed. A new railing has been purchased and this will be installed in the coming weeks.

## **Contacts**

### **Chairman**

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# THE IRONSTONE VILLAGE CHURCHES

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## METHODIST CHURCH

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### Working hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays      09.30 am to 1.00 pm

Fridays      09.00 am to 1.00 pm

**(Please note the Friday hours will change wef January 2026 to 09.00 am to 1.00 pm)**

## SAFEGUARDING

If anyone has any safeguarding issues they wish to report, please get in touch with either:

Penny Clemons, tel 07443 618746

*(for Eastwell, Goadby Marwood, Scalford with Chadwell and Wycomb)*

or Mike Alexander, tel 01664 464802 *(for Eaton, Stonesby and Waltham)*

## **JANUARY 2026 CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE**

### **Friday, 2nd January**

6.00 pm      **Compline in Eastwell Church**

### **Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> January - The Epiphany**

10.30 am      **Holy Communion in Scalford Church**

10.45 am      **Stonesby Methodist Service - Eleri Bristow**

### **Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January**

9.00 am      **Service of Healing and Wholeness with Communion in Waltham Church**

### **Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> January - The Baptism of Christ**

10.30 am      **Holy Communion in St Peter's Stonesby**

10.45 am      **Stonesby Methodist Service - Granville Mercy**

3.00 pm      **Cafe Church in Waltham Church**

### **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January**

9.00 am      **Service of Healing and Wholeness in Waltham Church**

### **Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> January**

6.00 pm      **Holy Communion in Eastwell Church**

### **Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> January**

10.30 am      **Holy Communion in Eaton Church**

10.45 am      **Stonesby Methodist Service - Rev Nina (Covenant Svce)**

4.30 pm      **Praise on Sunday in Scalford Church**

### **Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> January**

9.00 am      **Service of Healing and Wholeness in Waltham Church**

### **Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> January**

9.00 am      **Holy Communion in Eastwell Church**

10.30 am      **Holy Communion in Waltham Church**

10.45 am      **Stonesby Methodist Service - Richard Oliver**

6.00 pm      **Evensong in Goadby Marwood Church**

### **Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January**

9.00 am      **Service of Healing and Wholeness in Waltham Church**

## Letter from the Rector

### Time's Paces ....

Dear Friends,

How do you view the start of a New Year? For me, it is a reminder of just how quickly time passes. I can remember my parents often saying that time seems to go quicker as you get older, but I didn't really pay much attention. After all, when I was much younger, there seemed to be all the time in the world. Now, at the start of 2026, I understand more what Mum and Dad were getting at!

One of my predecessors as Rector at Waltham was someone who also understood how time seems to speed up as you get older. Canon Henry Twells, who was Rector of Waltham from 1871 until his retirement in 1890, wrote the following poem called *Time's Paces* which was published in his book *Hymns and Other Stray Verses* (1901):

When as a child I laughed and wept,  
Time crept.  
When as a youth I waxed more bold,  
Time strolled.  
When I became a full-grown man,  
Time RAN.  
When older still I daily grew,  
Time FLEW.  
Soon I shall find, in passing on,  
Time gone.  
O Christ! wilt Thou have saved me then?  
Amen.

From a Christian perspective, life is a precious gift from God who calls us to live it in the light of Jesus Christ. As we look to Jesus, and seek to follow the Living Lord day by day, so we discover more about life's true meaning and purpose. And in doing so, we can play our own part in bringing the Christ-light of hope to a world that need to know it more than ever.

Whatever stage of life's journey you are at, may I wish you a hopeful and truly blessed New Year.



(John Barr, Rector)



# CHURCH NOTICES

## WALTHAM CHURCH

**COMMUNITY CAFÉ** – Every Wednesday morning 10-11.30ish @ Waltham church – Delicious filter coffee/tea and cake/traybakes. All welcome including well-behaved dogs ☺



### LITTLE GEMS

Parent/Carer & Baby/Toddler Group – small and friendly Every Wednesday 10am-11.30am @ Waltham Church. Connect with other parents/carers and bring your little one/s for playtime whilst enjoying delicious cake and coffee/tea! Contact Christine Alexander 07712467233 or just turn up!



We are delighted to advise that the Christmas Wreath-Making Workshop at Waltham church, held on 5 December, raised the amazing sum of £761 in aid of the church roof repairs - many thanks to all who took part/contributed.



**Café Church - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 3pm**

 in Waltham Church – coffee/tea, cake, crafts, singing and conversations around a theme – Opening the Bible – All welcome. ☺

## CHURCH NOTICES, cont.

### PARISH REGISTERS



The funeral of **KENNETH SHARP**  
was held on 22nd December  
at 11.00 am in **SCALFORD CHURCH**  
followed by burial in the churchyard

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### ST EGELWIN'S AT SCALFORD : Rotas for January 2026

Sundays, 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> January  
Sundays, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> January

#### Cleaning

Janice Musson  
Brian and Linda Dodd

#### Flowers

Janice Musson  
Kath Hewitt

Janice Musson: [jmusson.mrs@gmail.com](mailto:jmusson.mrs@gmail.com); 07958 132 838.

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The Church Bells  
will be rung in  
**EASTWELL**  
**CHURCH**  
on



**NEW  
YEAR'S  
EVE**

at 12.00 pm to welcome 2026

If you would like to join us and drink to the birth of a new year,  
you would be very welcome

## CHURCH NOTICES, cont.

### **Stonesby Methodist Church - January Services**

Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January at 10.45 am	Eleri Bristow
Sunday, 11th January at 10.45 am	Granville Mercy
Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup> January at 10.45 am	Rev Nina - Covenant Service
Sunday, 25th January at 10.45 am	Richard Oliver

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### **ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, EASTWELL**

#### **CLEANING AND FLOWER ROTA**

	<b>Cleaning</b>	<b>Flowers</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Sue Watford	Annie Casson
16 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Urquhart family	Audrey Cawthorn
1st to 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Sue Watford	Jo Rowbotham

As Ash Wednesday falls on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026 and Lent begins,  
no flowers will be needed from then until Easter.

#### **DECEMBER TOTE WINNERS**

No 15 Christine Hubbard : No 49 Anthony Pedlar : No 51 Tim Pedlar  
No 74 Will Ward : No 95 Karen Lambley

#### **FLOODLIGHTING**

**During January the church will be floodlighted:**

**to celebrate the birthdays of**

**STANLEY WATFORD** on 26th January  
**ANTHONY PEDLAR** on 27th January  
**BEN WATFORD** on 31st January

**and in memory of:**

**RACHAEL EVERLEY** on 6th January  
**MARY BARNES** on 10<sup>th</sup> January  
**MICK PYWELL** on 18th January  
**JACK CAVE** on 18<sup>th</sup> January  
**REG PYWELL** on 19th January

## GENERAL NOTICES

# Scalford Environmental Group

Here in Scalford quite a lot happens to help the environment and nurture wildlife.

A group of interested people are coordinating and encouraging this. We meet about every 2 months to discuss ideas and follow up things we are hoping might happen, both one offs and longer term projects. All welcome.

In the church building we have a notice board for items of interest- giving information about how to get your very own bird box, a contact for swift boxes, notes from our meetings.

Interesting stories or photographs could be added - an interesting plant, hedgehog sightings, frogs on the move - please feel free to contribute.

We hope to encourage planting of wild flowers to encourage pollination, more trees in suitable places, develop a Place of Interest Trail, encourage sharing of surplus produce, improve footpath access, promote understanding of bees, so yes something for everybody.

Please see Facebook, both The Triangle and Scalford Produce and Craft.

Next meeting Thursday February 19th in church at 7pm.

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**Neighbourhood  
Link**



### Report Fraud service goes live

On 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025, the existing Action Fraud support was replaced by our new Report Fraud service



Call 0300 123 2040  
[reportfraud.police.uk](http://reportfraud.police.uk)

## GENERAL NOTICES, cont.

### MOBILE LIBRARIES

<b>EATON</b>	<b>11.30 am by the Village Hall</b>
	Wednesdays, 21 <sup>st</sup> January and 11 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>WALTHAM</b>	<b>10.15 to 11.0 am by the Post Office</b>
	Wednesdays, 14 <sup>TH</sup> January and 4 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>WYCOMB</b>	<b>12.20 to 12.40 pm at the bus stop, Main Street)</b>
	Tuesdays, 13 <sup>th</sup> January and 3 <sup>rd</sup> February

Books borrowed free for one month - 24 hour renewals 0845 602 2815  
0116 265 6988 : [libraries@leics.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@leics.gov.uk) : [www.leics.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.leics.gov.uk/libraries)

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**.... and I have a horrible suspicion that I missed this one  
from last month's pages:**

There was a really good atmosphere in the Eaton Village Hall for the Christmas Fayre in November. Well done Eaton Village Hall team and helpers. The food was great and well received and enjoyed.

Hopefully the event was profitable for the stall holders too.

*Linda White*



## EVENTS IN JANUARY

### Afternoon Tea

**EASTWELL  
VILLAGE HALL**

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month  
**Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January**  
**at 2.00 pm**

Just £2.00  
for our  
coffee kitty  
and use  
of the hall!



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**STONESBY  
METHODIST CHURCH**

**Please note there will be no  
AFTERNOON  
TEA AND CAKES  
during the winter months.**

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**They will begin again in March**



**THE GOADBY  
MARWOOD  
READING  
GROUP .....**

meets at 7.30 pm  
on the

**SECOND Thursday  
of every month**  
in their lovely,  
cosy Village Hall.

We discuss our book with a  
glass of wine; on warm  
summer evenings we sit  
outside.

If you are interested  
in joining us, please contact  
Sue Haynes via email:  
[bhaynes204@btinternet.com](mailto:bhaynes204@btinternet.com)

## EVENTS IN JANUARY, cont.



### RUBY TUESDAY CRAFT GROUP

EATON VILLAGE HALL

**TUESDAY 13th JANUARY 2026**  
Then 2nd Tuesday of every month.  
10.30am to 12.30pm

Bring along your latest crafting project.  
Or join in one of our projects.

**Coffee, Tea and biscuits included**

**£2.00 a person everyone welcome.**  
Further details:

Kareen Jackson 07802 508422  
Kathy Skinner 07974 328847  
Jane Shortland 07928 418663

The **SCALFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

meet on the first Wednesday of each month.

**WALTHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

There will be no meeting in January

The February meeting will be a **SOCIAL EVENING** on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February

## EVENTS cont.

### SCALFORD COMMUNITY

#### Fish and chips

Friday, 6.15 pm in church

Orders: 074436 18746

2<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY

#### Lunch Club

Wednesday midday in church

To book: 074436 18746

[pennyclemons@live.com](mailto:pennyclemons@live.com)

7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

#### Bingo

Friday, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Family fun - all welcome

EYES DOWN 7.30 pm

16th JANUARY

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**Eastwell Village Hall  
Saturday,  
17<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

### SCALFORD COMMUNITY

#### DATES FOR 2016

#### fish&chips/lunch/bingo

6<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> February

6<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March

3rd, 8<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> April

1<sup>st</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May

5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June

3<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July

7<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> August

4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September

2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October

6<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November

4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Wreath making evening with supper**

**Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> November**

**in church**

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Licensed Bar - Light Supper included

£7.50 per person (16 and under free)

**TEAMS MAXIMUM 6**

Singles and couples welcome

We can form teams on the night

Places already filling - to ensure yours  
and to help with catering please call

07970 9878190 or email

[psrathbone@aol.com](mailto:psrathbone@aol.com)

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Eastwell Heritage Centre*

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