

VILLAGE NEWS

Chadwell Eastwell Eaton
Goadby Marwood Scalford
Stonesby Waltham Wycomb



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EATON PARISH COUNCIL

JANUARY 2026 NEWS

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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 or 01476 516366 by 31st January latest.

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

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

Parish Councillors can be contacted at:

John Nelson	johnn877@btinternet.com	01949 860698
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Terry Brown



Scalford Parish Council

Clerk: Chris Hill Email: clerk@scalford-pc.gov.uk

Phone: 07468 648487

Agenda & Minutes can be found on the Councils web-site: 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

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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, 4th January - The Epiphany

10.30 am Holy Communion in Scalford Church

10.45 am Stonesby Methodist Service - Eleri Bristow

Wednesday, 7th January

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

Sunday, 11th 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, 14th January

9.00 am Service of Healing and Wholeness in Waltham Church

Friday, 16th January

6.00 pm Holy Communion in Eastwell Church

Sunday, 18th 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, 21st January

9.00 am Service of Healing and Wholeness in Waltham Church

Sunday, 25th 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, 28th 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 – -
and friendly Every |
Wednesday 10am-



small

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 11th 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

ST EGELWIN'S AT SCALFORD : Rotas for January 2026

Sundays, 4th and 11th January
Sundays, 18th and 25th January

Cleaning
Janice Musson
Brian and Linda Dodd

Flowers
Janice Musson
Kath Hewitt

Janice Musson: jmusson.mrs@gmail.com; 07958 132 838.



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



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



ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, EASTWELL

CLEANING AND FLOWER ROTA

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

As Ash Wednesday falls on 18th 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 floodlight:

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 th January MICK PYWELL on 18th January JACK CAVE on 18 th 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.

FB

Neighbourhood
Link



Report Fraud service goes live

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



Call 0300 123 2040
reportfraud.police.uk

GENERAL NOTICES, cont.

MOBILE LIBRARIES

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

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

**.... 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 3rd Tuesday of the month
Tuesday, 20th January
at 2.00 pm

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



STONESBY METHODIST CHURCH

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

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

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,
3rd February

EVENTS cont.

SCALFORD COMMUNITY

Fish and chips

Friday, 6.15 pm in church

Orders: 074436 18746

2nd JANUARY

Lunch Club

Wednesday midday in church

To book: 074436 18746

pennyclemons@live.com

7th JANUARY

Bingo

Friday, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Family fun - all welcome

EYES DOWN 7.30 pm

16th JANUARY

SCALFORD COMMUNITY

DATES FOR 2016

fish&chips/lunch/bingo

6th, 11th and 20th February

6th, 11th and 20th March

3rd, 8th and 17th April

1st, 6th and 15th May

5th, 10th and 19th June

3rd, 8th and 17th July

7th, 12th and 21st August

4th, 9th and 18th September

2nd, 7th and 16th October

6th, 11th and 20th November

4th, 9th and 18th December

Wreath making evening with supper

Friday, 27th November

in church



Eastwell Village Hall

Saturday,

17th January 2026

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

*Proceeds in aid of Eastwell History Group and
Eastwell Heritage Centre*

SMALL ADVERTISEMENTS

Annual charges

£72 per year for full page

£36 for half page

£24 for 1/3rd page (see JRK Landscapes below)

£12 for 1/6th page

If you would like to advertise, please get in touch:

Sue Watford (suewatford2@gmail.com)

Marie Hough (sae.churches@gmail.com)



The advertisement graphic for JRK Landscapes features a dark green background. On the left is a shield-shaped logo with a stylized tree and leaves. Below the logo, the text 'JRK LANDSCAPES' is written in a bold, sans-serif font, with 'ALL ASPECTS OF LANDSCAPING UNDERTAKEN' in a smaller font underneath. To the right of the logo is a list of services: Patios, Block Paving, Driveways, Fencing, Turf, Artificial grass, Digger work, Clearances, and Repairs. Below the list are three contact icons: a telephone for 'Landline: 01664 464279', a mobile phone for 'Mobile: 07368 557756', and an envelope for 'Email: jrklandscapes@gmail.com'. At the bottom of the graphic is a filmstrip border containing four small images: a garden with a lawn and fence, a garden with a wooden fence and plants, a paved driveway, and a garden with a wooden fence and plants.

This advertisement takes up
one sixth of an A5 page
and therefore costs £12 per year