

VILLAGE NEWS

Chadwell Eastwell Eaton
Goadby Marwood Scalford
Stonesby Waltham Wycomb



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Please send all items for March by Monday, 16th February
suewatford2@gmail.com, 01949 359211 / 075171 84445

Would anyone in GOADBY MARWOOD be available and willing to replace Rebecca (who has now left the village) and deliver a few hard copies of these yellow pages to those homes which don't have access to a computer? Until we get something sorted, there will be copies available in church.

LOCAL CONTACTS

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HIRE OF VILLAGE HALLS

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EATON PARISH COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 2026 NEWS

Clerk: Terry Brown
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Tel No 01476 516366

Email: clerk@eatonpc.org.uk

Parishioners might be interested to know of the Parish Urban Verge Wildlife Initiative from Leicestershire County Council, an item that was discussed at the last meeting in January and for which a group of parishioners are in the process of recruiting support throughout the entire parish prior to submitting an application in October.

A link to the webinar (ie. Powerpoint!!) for the scheme can be found at www.eatonpc.org.uk/villages or contact the clerk for more information.

A polite request please that the 2026 allotment fees should have been paid by 31st January latest, so that any unpaid plots can be re-let immediately.

And the Parish Council would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to have a plot now or in the future.

The next two Parish Council mneetings are:

Monday, 9th March at Eastwell
Monday, 13th April at Eaton - Annual Parish Meeting

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: 16th February 2026 at 7pm in the Village Hall
Public Participation 7.00 - 7.10pm**

Members of the Public are welcome to attend

As residents of Scalford parish you will no doubt have received correspondence from National Grid regarding the proposed power lines to the south of the village (WMEL). It is felt that landowners and residents whose properties lie in the path of the line will be significantly affected, and the Parish Council is supporting the action group set up by Ed Smiley-Jones. National Grid have confirmed that they will be attending the Scalford Parish Council Meeting on Monday 16th March at 7pm in Scalford village hall to explain the proposals and, most importantly, to respond to questions or concerns of residents. Whatever your personal views on the proposed upgrade to the network, I would encourage as many residents as possible to attend the meeting and learn about WMEL. We are one of many Parishes affected by these proposals and this is our chance to speak directly to National Grid.

Contacts

Chairman

| | | |
|---------------|--|--------------|
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Councillors

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METHODIST CHURCH

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Working hours:

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| Tuesdays and Thursdays | 09.30 am to 1.00 pm |
| Fridays | 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*)

FEBRUARY 2026 CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, 1st February - Candlemas

10.30 am **Holy Communion in Scalford Church**
10.30 am **Methodist Service at Melton Methodist Church - Revd Dr Sonia Hicks**
3.00 pm **Cafe Church in Waltham**

Wednesday, 4th February

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

Friday, 6th February

6.00 pm **Compline in Eastwell Church**

Sunday, 8th February

10.30 am **Holy Communion in St Peter's Stonesby**
10.45 am **Stonesby Methodist Service - Carol Scarborough**

Wednesday, 11th February

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

Sunday, 15th February

9.00 am **Family 40 in Waltham Church**
10.30 am **Holy Communion in Eaton Church**
10.45 am **Stonesby Methodist Service - Sharon Guy**
4.30 pm **Praise on Sunday in Scalford Church**



Wednesday, 18th February - Ash Wednesday

9.00 am **Service of Healing and Wholeness with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes in Waltham Church**
7.00 pm **Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes in Eastwell Church**

Sunday, 22nd February

9.00 am **Holy Communion in Eastwell Church**
10.30 am **Holy Communion in Waltham Church**
10.30 am **Circuit Methodist Service at Trinity**

Wednesday, 25th February

9.00 am **Service of Healing and Wholeness in Waltham Church**
7.30 pm **Village Prayers and Compline (Night Prayer) in Scalford Church**

Letter from the Rector

Praying for our villages

Dear friends,

Prayer is something many people do, even if they do not consider themselves to be religious. There is a sense that prayer connects us with a 'higher power', and that it makes a difference. I well remember a conversation about prayer I had several years ago with a Christian priest from India. He told me how he was convinced that 'prayer changes things'. It reminds me of those words of the poet Tennyson who once remarked that 'more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of'.

Later this month, we begin the season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, many churches hold services which include the opportunity to receive ashing - the sign of the cross marked on our foreheads with ash made from burnt palm crosses. This richly symbolic act reminds us of our mortality, and also of our baptismal calling to follow Jesus and to shine with His light: 'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ'. If you would like to take part in one of these Ash Wednesday services, there will be one in Waltham Church at 9.00 am, and one in Eastwell Church at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 18th February.

Prayer is vital, if we are to follow Jesus Christ. The Gospels tell us that Jesus Himself made times of prayer spent with God a priority, and that He also taught His followers how to pray - including giving them the words of what we now know as The Lord's Prayer. If prayer was so important for Jesus, then how important it should also be for Christians everywhere.

During the Wednesdays of Lent (and Holy Week), I invite you to join me in praying for our Ironstone villages, churches and people. Each week at 7.30 pm, we will meet to pray in one of the parish churches as follows ...

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Wednesday 25 th February | St Egelwin Scalford (with Chadwell and Wycomb) |
| Wednesday, 4 th March | St Mary Magdalene Waltham on the Wolds |
| Wednesday, 11 th March | St Denys Eaton |
| Wednesday, 18 th March | St Michael and All Angels Eastwell |
| Wednesday, 25 th March | St Denys Goadby Marwood |
| Wednesday, 1 st April | St Peters Stonesby |

Each week the guided time of prayer will conclude with a service of Compline (Night Prayer), and we should be finished by 8.15 pm. You would be most welcome to come to any of our Village Prayers and Compline - just turn up by 7.30 pm.

With love and prayers,



(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-
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!



small



Café Church
Sunday 1st Feb at 3pm
in Waltham Church -
coffee/tea, cake, crafts, singing and
conversations around a theme –
Candlemas - All welcome. ☺

CHURCH NOTICES - WALTHAM, CONT.

Family 40

40 minutes of Family, Fun
and Faith



Join us every 3rd Sunday of the month for a fun service aimed at families with children. 9:30am Waltham Church.

- 📖 Stories
- 📹 Videos
- 🎨 Crafts and Games
- 🎵 Songs

Stay for a snack: We will have tea, coffee, juice and milk, plus fresh fruit and biscuits for everyone!



CHURCH NOTICES, CONT.



Mothering Sunday

here

St Egelwin Church,

Scalford

at

3-30p

on

Sunday 15th March

SHORT service of thanks

with hymns, a prayer and

a reading

Tea

Cake

Bubbly

Yes its MUM's Day but lets

celebrate **ALL**

Grans, aunts, friends, carers,

sisters, nieces, partners,

somebody you love..



COME AND JOIN US

CHURCH NOTICES, CONT.



PARISH REGISTERS

The funeral of
DOROTHY HARWOOD
is being held on 2nd February at 12.00 noon
in Goadby Marwood church,
followed by burial in the churchyard

ST EGELWIN'S AT SCALFORD : Rotas for February 2026

Sundays, 1st and 8th February
Sundays, 18th and 25th January

Cleaning

Cath Gadd
Ann Doody

Flowers

Cath Gadd
Ann Doody

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

LOCAL
PRODUCE



SPARE
To
SHARE

Scalford Environment Group are encouraging—Local PRODUCE—spare to share (to avoid waste and help others)
You are invited to put spare produce in the church porch for other people to take and use. Donations can be made for the Community Room Fund.

CHURCH NOTICES, CONT.

Stonesby Methodist Church - February Services

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|--|----------------------------|
| Sunday, 1 st February at 10.45 am | Revd Dr Sonia Hicks |
| Sunday, 8 th February at 10.45 am | Carol Scarborough |
| Sunday, 15th February at 10.45 am | Sharon Guy |
| Sunday, 22nd February at 10.30 am | Circuit service at Trinity |

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, EASTWELL

CLEANING AND FLOWER ROTA

| | Cleaning | Flowers |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1st to 15 th February | Sue Watford | Jo Rowbotham |
| 16th to 28 th February | Urquhart family | <i>No flowers</i> |
| 1 st to 15 th March | Sue Watford | <i>No flowers</i> |
| 16 th to 31 st March | Urquhart family | <i>No flowers</i> |
| 5th to 15 th April | Sue Watford | Annie Casson |

As Ash Wednesday falls on 18th February 2026 and Lent begins, no flowers will be needed from then until Easter. Easter Sunday falls on 5th April.

WINNERS OF THE JANUARY TOTE DRAW

| | | | |
|-----------------------|--------|-------|----------------|
| 1 st prize | £15.00 | No 70 | Pete van Doorn |
| 2 nd prize | £10.00 | No 9 | Tanya Cookson |
| 3 rd prize | £5.00 | No 16 | Neil Davis |



FLOODLIGHTING

During February the church will be floodlighted:

to celebrate the birthdays of

ISABELLE WATFORD on 2nd February

ALEX VAN DOORN on 6th February

ADAM WATFORD on 8th February

JACK CAVE on 11th February

ALAN AND MARY BARNES on 16th February

RACHAEL EVERLEY on 19th February

and in memory of:

CHURCH NOTICES, CONT.

WOULD LIKE TO SING?



Following requests over the past few months for hymns to be included again in Eastwell services, it is intended to introduce a couple during the 9.00 am Holy Communion service on the fourth Sunday of the month - effective from February's service on 22nd February.

GENERAL NOTICES



Eastwell History Group

January 100 Club Draw in support of
Eastwell Heritage Centre

1st prize £30 No 37 Mr and Mrs J Hewson

2nd prize £15 No 39 Mr Jim Reed

Congratulations, and thanks to all subscribers

**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, 11 th February and 4 th March |
| WALTHAM | 10.15 to 11.0 am by the Post Office |
| | Wednesdays, 4 th and 25th February and 18 th March |
| WYCOMB | 12.20 to 12.40 pm at the bus stop, Main Street) |
| | Tuesdays, 3 rd and 24th February and 17 th March |

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

HOSE & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Why not join us on the first Thursday of most months
at Hose Village Hall at 7 for 7.30pm start.

We have amazing speakers on a wide range of gardening topics,
and the summer months see visits to local gardens of interest.

Annual membership is £20 and guests are welcome at £3 per meeting.

Refreshments are served afterwards.

You will be made most welcome.

For more information, please see our website
<https://www.ourgardenclub.co.uk/> or phone Helen on 01949 861274.



EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

SCALFORD COMMUNITY

Fish and chips 6th FEBRUARY

Friday, 6.15 pm in church

Orders: 074436 18746

Lunch Club 11th FEBRUARY

Wednesday midday in church

To book: 074436 18746

pennyclemons@live.com

Bingo 20th FEBRUARY

Friday, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Family fun - all welcome

EYES DOWN 7.30 pm

EASTWELL VILLAGE HALL

The Well

Fridays,
6th and 20th
February

Doors open
6.30 pm



Our first event of 2026 will be the acclaimed
Robbie Williams Tribute Act - Mike Andrew!



Robbie by Candlelight, Friday 20th February 2026, Hose Church

♪ All the anthems and big singalong favourites. All date, venue, time and ticket details on our posters and social media.

Website. www.hosenbury.org.uk

Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/hosenbury>

Instagram. https://www.instagram.com/hosenbury_undercover/

EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

Afternoon Tea

**EASTWELL
VILLAGE HALL**

Every 3rd Tuesday of the month

**Tuesday, 17th February
at 2.00 pm**

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



**STONESBY
METHODIST CHURCH**

**Afternoon Tea and Cakes
will begin again in March**



**THE GOADBY MARWOOD
READING GROUP**

While the Goadby Marwood Village Hall is closed to allow for the building of the new extension, the reading group will meet in

**EATON VILLAGE HALL
at 7.30 pm
on the
SECOND Thursday
of every month**

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 FEBRUARY, CONT.



SCALFORD

Wednesday, 4th February

“Female Intelligences”

Wednesday, 4th March

“Easter Crafting”

WALTHAM

Tuesday, 3rd February

BEETLE DRIVE

Competition:

Small insect related item

FUTURE WALTHAM MEETINGS

Tuesday, 3rd March

Speaker: Ros Turner

THE HAPPY SHEPHERDESS

Competition:

Favourite lamb recipe

Tuesday, 7th April
Speaker: Tom Giddings
CPR AND DEFIBRILLATOR
TRAINING

Competition:
Small heart-shaped item



RUBY TUESDAY CRAFT GROUP

EATON VILLAGE HALL

TUESDAY 10th FEBRUARY 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



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

EASTWELL VILLAGE HALL **The Well**

- Friday, 6th March**
- Friday, 20th March**
- Friday, 3rd April**
(Doors open earlier - Snack Shack)
- Friday, 1st May**
- Saturday, 16th May**
(Doors open earlier - Snack Shack)
- Friday, 29th May**
- Friday, 12th June**
- Saturday, 27th June**
(Doors open earlier - Summer BBQ)

- * **SCALFORD COMMUNITY DATES FOR 2026**
- * **fish & chips/lunch/bingo**
- *
- * **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



Mellow **CELLO**

An evening with Rob Thring

At St. Egelwin Church, Scalford
Saturday April 25th at 7pm

With a bar, light refreshments and a raffle

IN AID OF COMMUNITY ROOM

FORTHCOMING EVENTS, CONT.

SCALFORD PRODUCE AND CRAFT SHOW WITH THEMED SCARECROW TRAIL

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 22ND AND 23RD



WHILE IT'S SO COLD OUT, NOW
WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO ORDER
YOUR SEEDS FOR THIS YEARS SHOW.



FOR UP-TO-DATE EVENT INFORMATION
FOLLOW ON FB: SCALFORD PRODUCE AND CRAFT

SCALFORDCOMMUNITY@GMAIL.COM



EASTWELL HISTORY GROUP

Following his talk on RAF Langar in June, historian Brian Fare is returning to make a presentation on the history and role of RAF Melton Mowbray in WWII. This will take place at Eastwell Village Hall on Wednesday, 4th March at 7.30 pm. Based on the huge attendance last time Brian spoke, we can expect that space will be in demand. Access will be free to paid-up members and under 16s. Non-members will be charged £4 admission, pay on the door.

RAF Melton Mowbray was a Class A airfield and originally intended for aircraft maintenance, but was taken over by RAF Transport Command. Many types of aircraft were flown from the airfield, including Supermarine Spitfire, de Havilland Mosquito, Vought Corsair, Vultee Vengeance, Grumman Hellcat, Douglas Dakota and Handley Page Halifax aircraft, plus Airspeed Horsa and Waco Hadrian gliders.

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£12 for 1/6th page

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