VILLAGE NEWS

Chadwell Eastwell Eaton
Goadby Marwood Scalford
Stonesby Waltham Wycomb



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www.eatonvillage.org.uk : www.ironstonechurches.org

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Next month I'm hoping to re-introduce both "Events at a glance" (a list of events for the current month) and also a list of planning applications which have been submitted to Melton Borough Council over the past month.

Both have been missing since I lost all my Publisher files and have been struggling to come to terms with Canva - I still think Publisher was far easier to sort out! I may yet end up using Affinity.

Please send all items for April by Monday, 16th March
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

MARCH 2026 NEWS

Clerk: Terry Brown
189 Belton Lane, Grantham Tel No 01476 516366

Email: clerk@eatonpc.org.uk

A polite request please that the 2026 allotment fees should have been paid by 31st January latest so that any unpaid plots can be relet 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 three Parish Council meetings are:

Monday, 9th March at Eastwell
Monday, 13th April at Eastwell - Annual Parish Meeting
.... note the change of venue above
Wednesday, 13th May at Eastwell - Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Parish Councillors can be contacted at:

John Nelson	johnn877@btinternet.com	01949 860698
Mark Greasley	mark.greasley@eatonpc.co.uk	01664 464830
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Andrew Robertson	andrewrobertson@me.com	

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 March 2026 at 7pm in the Village Hall
Public Participation 7.00 - 7.10pm

Members of the Public are welcome to attend

As you may be aware the government has launched a public consultation on future local government reorganisation arrangements for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. This consultation seeks views on three proposals that would reshape the current structure of ten borough councils into a smaller number of unitary authorities responsible for all local services.

In addition to this the government is proposing to change the boundaries of the different wards represented by our elected town councillors.

As a result of these potential changes there is also a possibility that the role of Parish Councils will also change.

We will keep you informed once we have received clear guidance on any future decisions.

Contacts

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THE IRONSTONE VILLAGE CHURCHES

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Working hours:

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)*

MARCH 2026 SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, 1st March

10.30 am **Holy Communion in Scalford Church**
10.45 am **Stonesby Methodist Service - Rev Nina, with Communion**
3.00 pm **Cafe Church in Waltham Church**

Wednesday, 4th March

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

Friday, 6th March

6.00 pm **Compline in Eastwell Church**

Sunday, 8th March

10.30 am **Holy Communion in St Peter's Stonesby**
10.45 am **Stonesby Methodist Service - Rev Pat Olivent-Hayes**

Wednesday, 11th March

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

Sunday 15th March - Mothering Sunday

10.00 am **Family 40 in Waltham Church**
10.30 am **Holy Communion/Morning Worship in Eaton Church**
10.45 am **Stonesby Methodist Service - Local arrangement**
3.30 pm **Mothering Sunday Celebration in Scalford Church**



Wednesday 18th March

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

Friday, 20th March

6.00 pm **Holy Communion in Eastwell Church**

Sunday 22nd March - Passion Sunday

10.30 am **Holy Communion in Waltham Church**
10.45 am **Stonesby Methodist Service - Carolyn Thornborow**
6.00 pm **Evensong in Goadby Marwood Church**

Wednesday, 25th March

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

Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday

9.00 am **Holy Communion in Eastwell Church**
10.30 am **Holy Communion in Goadby Marwood Church**
10.45 am **Stonesby Methodist Service - Local arrangement**

Letter from the Rector

Disturbing faith in a disturbing world ...

Dear friends,

We live in a disturbing world, don't we? Old alliances are shifting, and there is a growing sense that we are now experiencing a changing world order A few weeks ago, Mark Carney the Prime Minister of Canada spoke about this in an address to the World Economic Forum when he stated that: "We are in the midst of a rupture, not a transition .. the end of a pleasant fiction and the beginning of a harsh reality".

As familiar landmarks start to disappear, and longstanding relationships appear less secure than before, how do we cope with feelings of anxiety? Perhaps we look for faith to give us comfort in the face of uncertainty, and hope in the face of despair. Yet while Christian faith can certainly provide both comfort and hope, we need to remember this: while Jesus came to bring comfort to the disturbed, He also came to disturb the comfortable.

Living in a disturbing world, Christians need to keep faith focussed where it ought always to be focussed - on the approaching new world of the Kingdom of God. And so maybe, as we journey on through Lent towards Easter looking to Jesus and seeking to follow where He leads, we need to pray that God would expand the horizons of our faith.

In a poem attributed to the 16th century explorer Sir Francis Drake, we are encouraged to pray that God would disturb us, as we look to the One who alone can ultimately satisfy our deepest longings:

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely because we sailed too close to the shore.
Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst for the waters of life;
Having fallen in love with life, we have ceased to dream of eternity
and in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision of the new Heaven to dim.
Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldlyt,
To venture on wilder seas where storms will show your mastery;
Where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars.
We ask You to push back the horizons of our hopes;
And to push back the future in strength, courage, hope and love.
This we ask in the names of our Captain, who is Jesus Christ. Amen.

With all good wishes,

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(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



small 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!



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

Family 40
40 minutes of Fun & Faith
For Children &their families
@ Waltham Church
on Sunday 15 March
@ slightly later time of 10am ☺
theme - Mother's Day



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!





Melton Mowbray Team Parish is running the NEW Edition of THE BIBLE COURSE and *you* are invited to join us...

In St Mary's Church, Melton, at 7.30pm on the following MONDAY evenings

16th February	Session 1	Introducing the Bible
23rd February	Session 2	Genesis: The Story Begins
2nd March	Session 3	Exodus: The Story of Freedom
16th March	Session 4	Kings: The Story of Power
23rd March	Session 5	Exile: The Story of Loss
30th March	Session 6	Jesus: The Story of Rescue
20th April	Session 7	Acts: The Story of Mission
27th April	Session 8	Revelation: The Story Completed

Whether you are new to the Bible or would like to go deeper in understanding the Bible's message and how it applies to our lives – you are welcome to join us.
For more information please contact the Team Rector maryebarr17@gmail.com

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Can you place it?

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



ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, EASTWELL

WE'RE SINGING HYMNS AGAIN!
at our Sunday 9.00 am Holy Communion service on the fourth Sunday of each month.

DOROTHY HARWOOD



Dorothy's family have asked for the following message to be included in the Village News:
"Both Nigel and I were deeply touched by the number of people who turned out to pay their respects from the village, *(Goadby Marwood)* all of whom remembered our Mum. It was lovely to have them all support us, but also have a good chat before the service. She would have loved it!"

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ST EGELWIN'S AT SCALFORD : Rotas for March 2026

	Cleaning	**Flowers**
Sundays, 1st and 8th March	Penny Clemons	Penny Clemons
Sundays, 15th and 22nd March	Chris Greedy	Chris Greedy

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 - March Services

Sunday, 1st March	10.45 am	Rev Nina - Communion
Sunday, 8th March	10.45 am	Rev Pat Olivent-Hayes
Sunday, 15th March	10.45 am	Local arrangement
Sunday, 22nd March	10.45 am	Carolyn Thornborow
Sunday, 29th March	10.45 am	Local arrangement

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ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, EASTWELL

CLEANING AND FLOWER ROTA

	Cleaning	Flowers
1st to 15th March	Sue Watford	*No flowers*
16th to 31st March	Urquhart family	*No flowers*
5th to 15th April	Sue Watford	Annie Casson
15th to 30th April	Urquhart family	Audrey Cawthorn .

WINNERS OF THE FEBRUARY TOTE DRAW

1st prize	£15.00	No 69	Kate van Doorn
2nd prize	£10.00	No 36	Andy Rickwood
3rd prize	£5.00	No 68	Alex van Doorn

FLOODLIGHTING

During March the church will be floodlight:

to celebrate the birthdays of:
TERESA MANKELOW on 9th March
DAN WATFORD on 14th March
DIDI POWLES on 26th March
EMMA WOODING on 30th March

and in memory of:
MARGARET ROWBOTHAM on 25th March

GENERAL NOTICES

EASTWELL HISTORY GROUP

100 Club February Draw
The draw for this month's 100 Club to support Eastwell Heritage Centre was made by incoming treasurer Steve Wright and the results are:

1st prize	£30	No 10	Geoff Cawthorne
2nd prize	£15	No 6	Mr R Clemons

Congratulations to you both and thanks go to all subscribers

Eric Tonks Ironstone Publications
A supporter has told me that all Eric Tonks' ironstone history books are now on sale for just £5 each, discounted from nearly £20 at https://www.booklaw.co.uk. For anyone with an interest in the ironstone social history of the area, these books are a must.

John R Wood
johnrwood46@gmail.com, 07970 987810/01949 861836

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TERESA STECKO from Hose broke down in her car last month close to Twin Lakes. Although several cars passed her (possibly thinking she was using her phone) a young man from Eaton who was riding a trail motorcycle (she believes) stopped to ask if she was OK.

Teresa would like to say a big thank you to him for taking the time to ask. She really appreciated it.

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Neighbourhood Link

Report Fraud

Call 0300 123 2040
reportfraud.police.uk

Please note that In December 2025, this new service replaced Action Fraud support

GENERAL NOTICES, CONT.

MOBILE LIBRARIES

EATON **11.30 am by the Village Hall**
Wednesdays, 4th and 25th March and 15th April

WALTHAM **10.15 to 11.0 am by the Post Office**
Wednesdays, 18th March and 8th and 29th April

WYCOMB **12.20 to 12.40 pm at the bus stop, Main Street)**
Tuesdays, 17th March and 7th and 28th April

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

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HOSE & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Why not join us on the first Thursday of most months
at Hose Village Hall at 7.00 pm 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 MARCH

SCALFORD COMMUNITY

Fish and chips 6th MARCH
Friday, 6.15 pm in church
Orders: 074436 18746

Lunch Club 11th MARCH
Wednesday midday in church
To book: 074436 18746
pennyclemons@live.com

Bingo 20th MARCH
Friday, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall
Family fun - all welcome
EYES DOWN 7.30 pm

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EASTWELL VILLAGE HALL

The Well

Fridays, 6th and 20th March

Doors open 6.30 pm



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EASTWELL HISTORY GROUP

Talk on RAF Melton by Brian Fare - Wednesday, 4th March

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. Everyone is welcome.

RAF Melton Mowbray was a Class A airfield and originally intended for aircraft maintenance. It was then 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 Horse and Waco Hadrian gliders.

johnrwood46@gmail.com

EVENTS IN MARCH

Afternoon Tea

EASTWELL
VILLAGE HALL

Every 3rd Tuesday of the month
Tuesday, 17th March
at 2.00 pm

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



STONESBY
METHODIST CHURCH

Afternoon Tea and Cakes
is back on
THURSDAY, 19th MARCH
from 2.30 to 4.00 pm





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

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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 MARCH, CONT.

Women's Institute

SCALFORD
Wednesday, 4th March
"Easter Crafting"

WALTHAM
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 March 2026
(and every 2nd Tuesday of the 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

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Welcome to the
SPRING EQUINOX on
20th March
ushering in
three months of
days getting longer and
nights getting shorter

Bring it on!
Bet it doesn't
stop the rain though!

March

Mothering Sunday
15th March 2026



2 Courses £20, 3 Courses £26
Children's 2 course under 12
£9.95 (main & pot of ice-cream)

BOOKINGS ONLY

Weekend Specials
Main & Dessert £17.50

Served Friday 4-8pm
Saturday 12 - 3pm
Saturday 6-8pm

Curry, Pint* & Quiz
£17.50 per person

Saturday 21st March
from 6:30pm

BOOKINGS APPRECIATED

Regular Sundays
Our GREAT Offer
2 Courses £20, 3 Courses £26
Children's 2 course under 12
£9.95 (main & pot of ice-cream)

BOOKINGS ADVISABLE

Breakfast
Saturday 28th March
9am - 11am

To Book Scan Here

ROUND CORNER BREWING

CORNERSTONE BLONDE ALE 4.4%

The Kings Arms, Scalford

kingsarms-scalford.co.uk

01664 444737

*includes selected drinks



For tickets please contact Suzanne (strathbone@aol.com)





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

scalfordcommunity@gmail.com







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

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

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Hose and Harby Branch of the Royal British Legion

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 4th April 2026
10:30am till 12:00pm

Stathern War Memorial Hall

Tea, Coffee and Cakes
Raffle

Everyone welcome!



Regiestered Charity Number: 219279

All items £1 or less

Men's, women's and children's clothing

Shoes, bags, hats and more!

Tea, coffee & cakes

JUMBLE SALE

Card & cash payments accepted

Free car parking

Saturday 18th April

@ Dove Cottage Day Hospice, Canal Lane, Stathern LE14 4EX

Early bird entry from 9am (£2)
10am - 1pm (entry £1)

In aid of Dove Cottage Day Hospice
All proceeds support local hospice care

www.dovecottage.org dovecottagehospiceshops

EASTER EGG HUNT & BONNET COMPETITION

At St Egelwin Church

Saturday 4th April

£2.50 per child

10am - 12 noon

Refreshments

Kid's Crafts



scalfordcommunity@gmail.com



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EASTWELL VILLAGE HALL

The Well

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

SMALL ADVERTISEMENTS

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If you would like to advertise, please get in touch:
Sue Watford (suewatford2@gmail.com)
Marie Hough (sae.churches@gmail.com)



Would you like to advertise in this space for £12 per year?

