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Northall: Lorna Cabbage, Tel: 220361

Eaton Bray: Norman Lee, Tel: 222831

Dagnall: Elizabeth Coates, Tel: 01442 842550

Edlesborough Memorial Hall: Beverly Sage, Tel: 01525 229509

The Late Denis Paschal O'Donoghue

Wife Eileen, son Denis, Daughter-in-law Anne and all the family, thank everyone for their kindness, sympathy, cards and donations to the Stroke Association in memory of Denis.

Cecil Cutler

Peggy Cutler and family wish to thank friends for their cards and wonderful support. With special thanks to Dr. Jones and the surgery for their support over the last ten years.

Village Diaries October 2008



Weekly

- Mon-Fri (term time) Eaton Bray Pre-school, Eaton Bray Lower School, 01525 220468
- Mon-Fri (term time) Dagnall Under 5's, Dagnall Village Hall, 9.30-12 noon, Mrs Ann Tobin 07816 358342
- Mon-Fri (term time) Edlesborough Under 5's Pre-School, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Sue 01525 222199
- Mon-Thu (term time) Totternhoe Pre-school, mornings, Totternhoe Memorial Hall, Kay 07803 925254
- Mondays Pilates, 10.45am, St.Giles Church Hall, Totternhoe, Lisa: 01582 412426
- Mondays (term time) Mums & Tots Group, 1-2.30pm, Grace Community Church
- Tuesdays Yoga, Northall Village Hall, 1.45-3.15pm 01525 377542
- Tuesdays Line Dancing, 1.30-3p.m., Eaton Bray Village Hall, Lyn Stubbs 220731
- Tuesdays Baby's First Cafe (Support for Breastfeeding mums), 10.15 - 11.45 am, Pitstone Memorial Hall
- Tuesdays FITKID, 6-7pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Caroline 08445 606432
- Tuesdays Totternhoe Baby & Toddler Group, 9.30-11.30am, Totternhoe Village Hall, 07986 730922
- Tuesdays Northall Toddler Group, 10am - 12 noon, Northall Village Hall, Ellie 01525 222144
- Tuesdays Fortnightly Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy, Table Top Sale, 10-12noon, Salvation Army Hall, Booth Place, Eaton Bray
- Weds (term time) Eaton Bray Under 5's Playtime, 1.15-3pm Eaton Bray Village, Hall Cindy 07734 320816
- Wednesdays Chi Kung & Wu Chi classes, Coffee Tavern 11am - noon
- Wednesdays Pilates, 7.15pm, Northall Village Hall, Lisa: 01582 412426
- Thurs (term time) Baby & Toddlers Group, Dagnall Village Hall, 12:45 - 2:45pm (12:15 if bringing lunch) Contact Michelle Tel 01442 842 676
- Thursdays Yoga, Northall Village Hall, 11.30am-1pm 01525 377542
- Thursdays Keep fit, 2pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Mrs Johnson 220304
- Thursdays Kfa Body Moves 40+, Fitness through movement, exercise & dance. 8-9pm, Edlesborough School, Pat 01582 668735
- Thursdays Baby & Toddler Group, Salvation Army Hall, Booth Place, Eaton Bray, 9.30-11.30am
- Thursdays Keep Fit Edlesborough School, 8pm Tel: 01582 668735
- Fridays (term time) The Venue for 8-12s @ Grace Community Church, 7.00-8.45 pm, Bruce Moulding 01525 221601
- Saturdays Jazzercise, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Angela Veryard, 715208

Monthly

- 1st Monday Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, The Coffee Tavern
1st Monday Eaton Bray W.I. Meeting, 7.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Contact Sheila Beal on 01525 221185
- 1st & 3rd Tuesday Dunstable & District Orbit Club meet at Dunstable Rugby Club at 8pm. For details contact 01525 222441 or 01582 755147
- 2nd Tuesday Toddlers' Church, St Mary's, Eaton Bray, 2.00pm
2nd Tuesday Dunstable & District Local History Society meeting, 7.45pm, Methodist Church Hall, Dunstable (opposite Wilkinson)
2nd Tuesday Edlesborough W.I. Meeting, 7.30 pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall
- 2nd Wednesday 8.15pm Healing Service in St Mary's Church
2nd Thursday CAMEO Coffee, tea & chat, 10am-12noon, Edlesborough Methodist Church
- 3rd Thursday Edlesborough Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
3rd Sunday Grace Community Church Service, 11am, all welcome, Bruce Moulding 01525 221601
3rd Sunday Lunch club 11.30 to 2.00pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Chris Hewitt 222288

Other Regular Events

- 1st, 15th & 29th Bingo, Dagnall Village Hall 8pm.
10th Leukaemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, 10.30 am.
21st Dagnall Over 60's, Sausage & Mash Lunch 1.30 Village Hall

One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

- 1st Edlesborough Under 5's Autumn Bazaar, 2-4pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall
3rd Harvest Supper 7pm Dagnall Village Hall (see Dagnall news)
4th Coffee Morning, 10.30-12 noon, St Mary's Church, Eaton Bray
8th Age Concern Coffee Morning, 10-12 noon, Northall Village Hall
11th Wesley Singers Concert, 7.30pm, Edlesborough Methodist Church
11th Quiz, 7.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Bookings: 221411
11th The Mayne Event, 10-4pm, Slide Presentation 6.30pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Tickets from Roebuck Garage
16th Edlesborough School Open Day, 9.15-10.30am
23rd An Evening with David Fletcher, 7.30pm, Eaton Bray Lower School

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Any contributions for the chocolate tombola, cake stall, recycled presents stall or the raffle would be very welcome. Please contact one of the Churchwardens, Deirdrea Ellins 210426 or Chris Banks 221556.

TEA DANCE



We are holding an afternoon Tea Dance on November 1st in Eaton Bray Hall from 3.00 until 5.30 pm in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Do come along and enjoy a delicious traditional tea and either listen to or dance to the music of yesterday. Think of all those happy memories!

Tickets will be on sale soon, for more information please contact Lyn or Iain Stubbs 220731, Kathy Fry, Sheila or Chris Banks 221556.



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EDaN Project

Edlesborough Parish Plan is published!

By now all households in the parish of Edlesborough should have received a copy of the plan through the letterbox. A big thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaires that gave the team the information needed to determine the plans and actions in the document. Thanks also to everyone on the Steering Group who helped to get the information together to enable the Plan to be published and delivered

If by chance you haven't got a copy of the plan please contact Alan Williams on 01525 221926 or Vicky Lee 01442 843361 for a printed copy. A digital copy is on the Parish website www.edlesborough.gov.uk

After a short 'summer?' break the Steering Group is back at work together with the Project Action Teams to bring the plan to life. Apologies to everyone who gave their email address and/or telephone number – it has taken some time longer than we would have liked to put the distribution groups together for the teams and for those who want a regular mail update of our progress.

If you have not been contacted yet to join the team you volunteered for don't worry we will get to you as soon as we can! We have 17 projects to action as part of the plan and we can't do everything at once. We expect, however, to be able to report to you in the next edition of Focus that more than half of the projects are in progress.

Thanks for your support.

EDaN Steering Group.

Youth Facilities in the EDaN Villages

The EDaN project team looking at youth facilities has begun its work. The last three weeks have seen open events in the village halls in Dagnall, Northall and Edlesborough, where we have consulted many of our youngsters (aged 9 and over).

We now have an idea of what *they* want, but need more adults to join the project team to help us pursue the viable suggestions. For example, many of you offered to help run youth clubs – please get in touch *now* so we can get you involved from the outset. We particularly need adults who live in Edlesborough or Northall.

For more details please contact:

Liz Coates – Youth Project Leader
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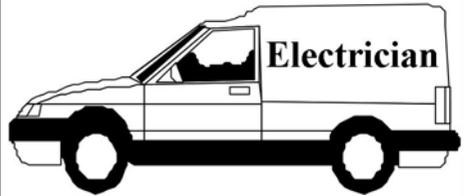
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Hon. Assistant Priest : The Revd John Heffer

35 Peblemoor, Edlesborough - Tel: 01525 220618

During the summer the scaffolding came down at the end of the latest phase of renewing the church roof – much to everyone’s relief. There remains only the north aisle to do – and this will have to wait a while, because we need to replenish the funds before we can do anything else!

The summer also saw a very welcome change inside the church. As the result of an incredibly generous gift, we have been able to replace all the old wooden chairs with new, upholstered ones, which makes sitting in church much more comfortable. Why don’t you come along to a service and try them for yourselves? The new chairs link together easily and can easily be separated, and this allows us to use the space inside the church much more flexibly. We want to be able to use the church for a wider range of events, and this is now possible. So we offer our heartfelt thanks to the kind benefactors who have made this possible.

We have just received permission to proceed with our plans for a new pulpit in the church, and we hope to have this completed some time in the new year. Since the old pulpit became unsafe, we have been using a temporary construction, which was built as a prototype for the new one, and from the use of which we have been able to make significant improvements in the design. The new design does not have any effect on the quality of what is spoken from it! But this will mark another significant step forward in our plans to make our wonderful 13th century church more user-friendly in the twenty-first.

It is important that we care for the fabric of our church. It is an integral part of the heritage of our community, and we want to be able to hand it on to future generations in good condition and well furnished to meet the needs of a new age. We recently launched the Friends of St Mary’s to draw together people who want to help preserve the fabric of our church as part of our local and national heritage. The quality of its architecture (especially the wonderful arcades) makes St Mary’s a building of national significance, and we know that many people in our village community and former residents and friends will want to help conserve it for the future – and this is precisely the purpose of the Friends. If you want to know more, or would like to offer your help, please contact Sally Taylor (01525 221576). The funds raised by the Friends will be separate from normal church running expenses, and will be used only for the repair, renewal and enhancement of the fabric and furnishings of the church.

I know that because of the world financial situation this autumn will be a hard time for many of our readers, and our thoughts and prayers are with those who are facing real difficulties. May God bless and uphold you and your family in all you do.

MALCOLM

From the Parish Registers

Baptisms – “Brought to new birth in the family of the Church”

August 24 Carmen Storm Hellewell

Funerals – “Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest”

August 7 Harold William Nash of Dunstable Road, Dagnall

August 18 Stanley Thomas Maskell of Heathermead, Edlesborough



Services at St Mary's Church

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 10.00am – PARISH SUNG EUCHARIST (with Sunday School)

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WEEK-DAYS : The normal pattern of week-day worship has now resumed – but please note that the monthly Healing Service will begin at 8.00pm (not 8.15) from now on.

Tuesday: **7.30am** – Eucharist
 2.00pm (2nd Tuesday) – Toddlers' Church

Wednesday: **9.30am** – Eucharist
 8.00pm (2nd Wednesday) – Healing Service

Thursday: **7.30pm** – Eucharist (on 2nd Thursday at All Saints', Dagnall)
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Barbara Adams

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

There will be a special
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at 8.00pm on Monday, 3 November,
All Souls' Day,
when prayers will be offered for our
loved ones who have died.

If you wish to have someone
remembered, please write their name on
the list which will be in church from 19
October until 2 November.

Totternhoe Pre-School News

We would like to wish all those children who have moved up to 'big school' good luck and a warm welcome to all the new children who have started at Pre-School.

This term is set to brighten up those dull autumn mornings as the theme over the next few weeks is COLOURS. The children will be having lots of fun experimenting with mixing paints and learning all about how important colour is in our lives.

The Pre-school closes for half term on Thursday 16th October and re-opens again 2 weeks later on Monday 3rd November.

If you care for a child aged between 2 and school age and would like them to join in the fun, please call Kay on 07913 529 574. We run sessions Monday to Thursday in term time between 9.15 and 11.45 in Totternhoe Memorial Hall, Castle Hill Road. For more information please visit our web site – www.totternhoepreschool.co.uk

We are currently looking for someone to take over as treasurer. Anyone interested in helping out at this local, charity run Pre-School then please contact Irene Daniels on 01525 223165 for an informal chat.

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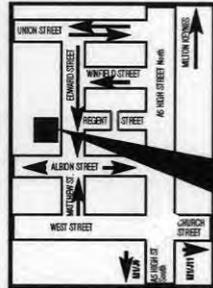


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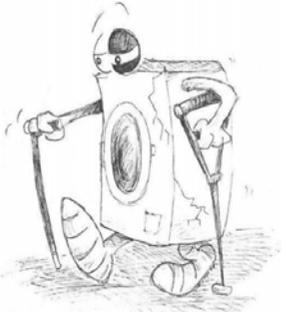


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Your support with this is greatly appreciated and we hope that by working together we can really help improve the quality of life for residents and for those working and visiting the area.

Once completed, please cut out the slip and post it in the box provided at Eaton Bray Post Office.

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Dagnall News

Over 60's

Since the last notes were prepared we have enjoyed a very successful Garden Party and a trip in August to the London Eye, which proved equally as good. On both occasions we were blessed with good weather and I'm sure the members who attended these meetings enjoyed them.

In September we will be out for lunch, visiting the Bell at Winslow for their popular carvery and in October we will be partaking of our annual Sausage, Mash and Apple Pie Lunch in the Village Hall.

Dagnall Church

3 October 2008, 7-10pm, Dagnall Village Hall - Harvest Supper.

Tickets cost £3.50 per child, £4.50 per adult, available from Wendy (01442) 842502, Geoff (01442) 843515, Kathryn (01442) 843741. All proceeds towards Crossroads International, the Church charity for 2008.

Floral art demonstration by Carol Johnson at All Saints Dagnall, Sat Nov 8th 2.30 to 4.30. (See separate Advert)

Dagnall School



Edlesborough Parish Council (including Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall) News

Aylesbury Vale District Council's 'Play Around the Parishes' scheme was extremely well received throughout the Parish villages with very good attendance by the children. A letter of thanks has been sent to AVDC.

No Parish meetings have taken place during August but general maintenance of Boilers, Electrical tests and Fire Risk Assessments have been carried out at the Memorial Hall and Pavilion.

2 further vandalised car park bollards have been replaced at the Memorial Car Park and the new goal posts are to remain erected on The Green.

Litter Picking

Over the past few weeks a large amount of broken bottle glass and rubbish has constantly been 'dumped' behind the Pavilion together with quantities of weekly newspapers placed in the rubbish bins. If any Parishioner would like to volunteer as a litter picker for Edlesborough please contact the Clerk.

Funding

The Parish Council are applying for funding for additional play equipment on The Green, Dagnall Recreation Field and Northall Playground.

Grass Cutting

The Clerk was requested to obtain quotations for 2009.

The Pavilion, Edlesborough

The Parish Council will be holding a meeting with the users of the Pavilion to discuss again the possibility of an extension to The Pavilion.

Allotments

Allotment rents will be collected weekend 4th/5th October, notices are on the allotment site gates. It is very important that if any allotment tenant wishes to give up their allotment that they notify the Clerk in order that this can be re-let to those on the waiting list.

Edlesborough Church/Bridleway

Through funding received by Safer Routes to School the bridleway from Edlesborough Church to Ivinghoe Aston has now been completed enabling children to walk to Edlesborough School in safety.

Cemetery Access

A revised specification is at present being considered by The Churches Conservation Trust.

Edlesborough Memorial Hall Bookings can be made by telephoning Beverly Sage on 01525 229509

Lin Sargeant – Clerk to Edlesborough Parish Council – Tel: 01525 220859, E-mail: parish.council.clerk@edlesborough.gov.uk
Website: www.edlesborough.gov.uk

<p>Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings 3rd Thursday of every month 7.30pm Memorial Hall Next meeting: Thurs 16th Oct 08</p>

St Judes Clinic Supports

BackCare Awareness Week, 4th – 10th October 2008

This year's theme of Back Care Awareness is "Believe you can do it" and it is the 40th anniversary of BackCare – The Charity for Healthier Backs, who set up BackCare Awareness Week.

Sobering statistics

Back problems affect up to 80% of the adult population at some stage in their lives. No-one is immune, from school children to the elderly, with the peak of problems occurring between 35-55 years of age. During any one year nearly half the adult population will be suffering from back pain.

With statistics like this we all need to wise up to the do's and don'ts of spinal care to try to ensure that we don't become one of these statistics. If you have suffered from back pain or currently have a back problem, you need to take positive action to help control back pain instead of it controlling us. This positive self-belief is what this year's Back Care Week is all about, so give a thought to your spine in Back Care Week and beyond. To help you get focused we've written out a few tips for you here.

Driving



- Check the controls are within easy reach.
- Make sure you have adequate low back support and that the headrest is not too high or low. If you have an adjustable low back support – use it. If not, you may need to invest in a

lumbar (low back) support.

- Think before loading and unloading items from your vehicle.

Carrying



- Try to even out your load with a shopping bag in each hand.
- Ladies don't carry the kitchen sink in your handbag, MINIMISE the load.
- Schoolchildren – Rucksack style bags are best for distributing the load across your spine. If you have lockers at school USE THEM, don't carry everything about continually.



Gardeners

- Vary your jobs so you don't work at one height for too long.



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Your Village Photographers Story..

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Being a photographer I notice a lot of things around me. My original studio was based in Dagnall. The actual location was at the bottom of Whipsnade Zoo's overflow field. From one day to the next, and much to the annoyance of my wife I could spend many a moment just looking out at the deer's, emus and other types of four legged mammals! Then there is the sheep...oh the sheep!!

A local farmer rented the field and I became his on site shepherd (at least that's what it felt like!). I kept an eye on them during my work hours and trust me there is a lot that can go wrong! One morning I drove up the drive and heard the cries of one of the lambs. It had got its head caught up in the wire fence. So over I went and after much pulling and pushing it was freed. The last thing a new businessman needs is to be seen pulling and pushing sheep!

So what has this got to do with my photographic business? Well I am pleased to announce that I have relocated my studio to Edlesborough. I am on the site of Sparrow Hall Farm right opposite the furniture store. It's a great location but I am missing my deer's and emus.

So what about the sheep? Well luckily enough for me I am still surrounded by them! The farm has a substantial population!

So if you see a guy pulling, pushing or chasing a sheep and if he has a camera around his neck don't worry just say 'There's that guy from Birmingham, four years ago he hadn't been anywhere near animals...now look at him!!!'

I love my work and specialise in talking pictures of Weddings, Portraits (either on location or in my new studio) and I am also great at capturing beautiful images of pet's....but please no sheep!!!

Thanks to the Villagers of Northall

Thank you to the many householders in Northall who gave me such a warm welcome and contributed generously towards this year's Carnival.
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Old GI has Lapse of Memory

Well there I was just thinking now that we are past the Carnival perhaps life would get a little quieter, so carried on for a few days just enjoying the beautiful weather, when I suddenly remembered that the deadline for Focus was upon me. A quick bit of writing, send it to Sally only to find that I was two days late and the publication had gone to bed. (he means been put to bed) See how I have picked up these publishing terms since I have written these articles!

So here I am making sure that I get this month's entry in, on time. Those of you who have visited the hall in the last few weeks will have noted a lack of a kitchen and lot of mess in the meeting rooms and storage areas. Well, by the time this is published, that should all have been sorted and the hall will even have the new partition in place.

If for any reason that is not the case there will be a very sorry builder who will be facing the wrath of our illustrious chairman! My money is on the job being finished on time.

That being the case, let me just remind you of the Quiz which is on Saturday 11th October. 7.30 kick off and includes a great supper and fun event for only £8. Our main advert is somewhere else in Focus and the first person to ring me to tell me the exact page will get two free tickets. Hope to see you all there.

You know I have been making that offer for at least two years for every event we hold. It is a genuine offer but nobody has ever rung me up, so go ahead and try and win these tickets!

Our Race Night is being postponed due to unforeseen circumstances but I will be writing later to tell you what else is going to happen in the next few months.

For information or bookings for the Quiz call me, Ross on 221411



Panto – The Final Frontier Star Wreck – The Panto 2009 A Space Oddity

By the time you read this, all the parts for next years production will have been cast and the Director will be polishing her whip in preparation for an intense series of rehearsals to hone the actors and actresses into the finely tuned machine known as Edlesbray Players.

If you would like to keep an eye on what's happening please check our website www.edlesbrayplayers.co.uk.

We still have vacancies for support staff for costumes, make-up and scenery so if you fancy helping contact Pete or Ronnie on 01525 221583 or farrarpandr@yahoo.co.uk. The important dates for your diary next year are Wednesday to Saturday January 21st to 24th. So keep at least one of these dates free. We may be having a special fancy dress opening day party on the evening of Wednesday 21st so if you want to get into the spirit of things keep that date free. More information will be posted on the web site nearer the dates.





Winter fuel payments increases

Winter fuel payments are to increase for 2008/09. People aged 60 or over will receive £250 instead of £200, and people aged 80 or over will receive £400 instead of £300. Shared payments rates apply in some cases depending on a household's circumstances.

In order to qualify for a winter fuel payment this year, a person will need to have attained the age of 60 by 21 September.

Attendance allowance for people with sight problems

The Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB) has produced an advisers' guide to attendance allowance for people with sight problems. It covers:

- reasons why blind and partially sighted people miss out on attendance allowance
- tips on how to complete attendance allowance claim packs effectively, including a comprehensive checklist
- a guide to attendance allowance case law
- information about visual impairment and tips on providing a good service for blind and partially-sighted people.

The guide is available free of charge from RNIB Welfare Rights Service on 0845 766 9999. You may find it helpful to obtain a copy to assist you when completing attendance allowance claim forms for people with sight problems.

For more information contact the Citizens Advice Bureau, Grove House, High Street North, Dunstable. Tel: 01582 661384

Would you like to join our volunteers? Please contact the above number for more information on volunteering opportunities at Dunstable Bureau.

Treats for Troops

Eaton Bray Parish Council is supporting the Dunstable Branch of the "Royal Air Forces Association" led by Rita and Reg Hedgecock, and we ask if you the parishioners could also do your bit to help. All you need to do is get a box (shoebox size) and fill it with items that would be of use to our serving service men/women. As Cllr Rick Brand, Warrant Officer (Retired) RAF. ATC said, "Anything that you can put into your box [suggestions below] will be very much appreciated by our servicemen/women, and will bring some small amount of comfort to their lives. You do not have any idea how much an Andrex Toilet Roll means when serving in a location such as Afghanistan, or a Razor, soap etc. And please remember to write a short note or a card to say who you are, and your location back home, so these guys can at least thank you."

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	6.00 pm	Evening Service with Holy Communion
Wed. 8th Oct.	7.45 pm	Mid-week Meeting – Speaker: Sally Thorne
Thu. 9th Oct.	7.30 pm	Eucharist
Sun. 12th Oct.	10.30 am	Morning Service
	6.00 pm	Sung Eucharist
Wed. 15th Oct.	7.45 pm	Mid-week Meeting led by Revd Peter Dudeney
Sun. 19th Oct.	10.30 am	Family Communion
	6.00 pm	Evening Service
Wed. 22nd Oct.	7.45 pm	Mid-week Meeting – Speaker: Barbara Marriage on “Tales from Beds and Herts”
Sun. 26th Oct.	9.00 am	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Family Service
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Wed. 29th Oct	7.45 pm	Mid-week Meeting – Speaker: Brian Caveney, Methodist Youth President
Sun. 2nd Nov.	10.30 am	Family Communion for the Festival of All Saints
	6.00 pm	Evening Service



Sunday School meets each Sunday at 10.30 am.

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8th

October

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10 ~ 12 noon

Bring & Buy Cakes Bric-a-brac Raffle

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CHRISTMAS FLORAL ART DEMONSTRATION

Saturday 8 November 2008

2.30 – 4.30 pm

All Saints' Church, Dagnall

The Social Committee of All Saints' Church, Dagnall, would like to invite you to watch local Chelsea Flower Show gold medallist Carole Johnson demonstrate a Christmas floral art presentation.

Tickets are priced at £9.00 per person, payment is required in advance please to Kathryn Day (01442 843741). Early contact ensures your ticket which includes light refreshments, and a chance to take away with you one of the demonstration pieces.

All proceeds towards Crossroads International, our Church Project for 2008

Quiz

**Eaton Bray Village Hall
Saturday 11th Oct 2008**

This fabulous quiz with quizmaster

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7.30pm for 8pm

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Coffee



Morning

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Saturday, October 4th

10.30am - 12 noon

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What Would You Do?

I am frequently reminded of how dying without an up to date Will can leave families with unnecessary stress, in conflict and financially much worse off.

Angie and Bob had been together for over 20 years when Angie, in her mid 50's, suddenly died. Bob had met Angie shortly after she had tragically been widowed at a young age. Angie inherited her house from her late husband and raised her two children with Bob as her common law partner. The children, Graeme and Emily, have both left home and are happily married with their own children.

As Angie and Bob never married all of Angie's estate including her £350,000 house is inherited by her children. Bob is left with nothing. Bob at 66 is potentially homeless. Graeme and Emily are aware their Mother wanted Bob to continue to live in the house. However, both children have significant mortgages, Graeme has his own business that is struggling with mounting debts and Emily's eldest daughter Jo is due to go to University in October. Bob has a state pension and few savings. What should they do?

It does not take much to imagine the type of discussions Graeme and Emily will need to have between themselves and with their spouses. Bob's future is in their hands. If only Angie had recorded her wishes then Bob would have no uncertainty and Graeme and Angie would be free of the dilemma that faces them now. How can they achieve what is best for each family and the best for Bob? A decision has to be made.

There is a further complication: Angie's estate is £360,000 and unless documentary evidence is available to confirm that all or part of Angie's late husband's 'nil rate band' tax free entitlement was not used up at the time of his death, £19,200 inheritance tax has to be paid. (40% of £360,000 – £312,000).

This could mean the house has to be sold or money has to be raised in other ways as the £10,000 cash in Angie's estate is not enough to cover the tax due let alone the funeral and other expenses that also have to be met.

Graeme, Emily and Bob would not be facing this torment if Angie had left a Will, whilst had Bob and Angie married and their Wills included an appropriate trust no inheritance tax would need to be paid.

If you are a couple, married or not, without Wills that include a trust then you are likely to leave your loved ones with uncertainty and your home exposed to a possible enforced sale to meet future long term care fees. If you are married and have an estate over £624,000 trusts can enable all inheritance tax to be avoided.

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An Evening with David Fletcher

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**Thursday 23rd October
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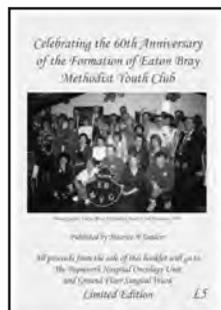
Methodist Youth Club

A new booklet has been published by Maurice Sanders. It is a reprint of his previous writings and now combines over 30 unique photographs not previously published. The photos are of old club members, some showing them engaged in hilarious antics. Also included in the booklet are 16 advertisements of village traders who sponsored the club in the 1950s, interestingly all now gone except for Janes of Edlesborough!

This limited edition booklet, specially produced for The Mayne Event on Saturday October 11th is available only at The Mayne Event, not the author or elsewhere.

Much appreciation goes to Moren Associates Limited (who produce Focus) and have donated the artwork and production free of charge.

This is a must for ex members and would make an excellent Christmas gift at only £5.





A New Karate Club has Arrived in Eaton Bray

The established and well developed association of Bukonkai Karate International (BKI), teaching traditional Shotokan karate, has a new club in Eaton Bray. Run by Brian Bates 3rd dan on Thursday evening it's sure to be enjoyed by anyone willing to give it a try.

Brian Bates has been studying karate for over 20 years, and teaching for over 10 years under the BKI association. He achieved his 3rd dan in 2005 under the watchful eye of the association's chief instructor Sensei Lee Williams 5th dan. Brian has won the BKI national and regional championships in both kata (forms) and kumite (fighting) and has trained junior BKI national champions. Brian is keen to pass on the rewards of karate training to others and 5 years ago opened his first karate club in Houghton Regis. This club has proved to be hugely popular in the town and always performs well in regional and national events.

The new Eaton Bray club is an extension to the BKI South East Region's existing clubs of Luton, Dunstable, Houghton Regis, Northill and Southwater. The Eaton Bray club runs on Thursday evening from 7pm – 8.30pm and has already been well received by the local villagers since it opened in August. The Eaton Bray Village Hall has proved to be an excellent venue with adequate and safe parking and spacious training facilities. The club is aimed at 6 to 96 year olds who have an interest in health & fitness while learning self defence. Karate will also help develop self-confidence and coordination as well as improve agility for all ages.

The club will incorporate traditional methods of Shotokan karate as intended and taught by the Japanese masters, as well as including a more modern approach to fitness and fun. As well as the weekly training sessions the members of the club will also be able to take part in the associations regional and national competitions as individuals or as part of a team. The South East Regional clubs also organise family fun days (weather permitting) and social activities for children at Christmas time. Please come along and give it a try, what have you got to lose?

For more information contact Brian on 07958 348086

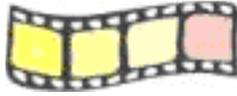
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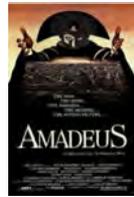
Focus on Film Society

The society meets on the second Monday of each month between September and May.

Films start at 2.00pm and are shown in the Eaton Bray Village Hall.

The films are followed by Tea and Biscuits and a chance to chat with friends.

This season's films will include:



If you would like to try one of our films, guest membership is available at £4 for one film before joining, just come along to the hall on the day.

We will be showing "Pretty Woman" on 13th October and "Witness" on 10th November, Visitors and new members can be assured of a warm welcome.

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Highlights of the Minutes of the Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting Held in The Coffee Tavern on Monday 14th July 2008 at 7:30pm

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Concerns were again raised regarding the planning application for Dyers Road, Eaton Bray. The Parish Council was informed that on the NATS Website (www.consultation.nats.co.uk) there is to be an update relating to the proposed flight paths, available from 22nd July 2008.

ST MARYS VILLAGE CARNIVAL STAND

The Parish Councillors would like to thank all those that came to have a chat at the Parish Council stand and that all points raised would be looked into.

BT PROPOSAL TO REMOVE KNIGHTS CLOSE PUBLIC PAYPHONE

The Clerk informed the Parish Council of the proposal to close the public payphone situated at Knights Close. The Parish Council have put forward their argument for the public phone to stay: an essential facility for the elderly in that area, many of the dwellings in close vicinity to this phone box, poor mobile phone coverage in the parish.

ALLOTMENTS

It was brought to the Parish Council's attention the need for additional water butts in the allotments, thus giving easy access to water for all tenants. In addition, concerns were raised with regards to dogs being allowed on allotments and fouling tenants' plots. In the allotment agreement it stipulates that dogs must be tied up on the owners plot at all times, this is not happening. It was agreed to remind all current tenants of the allotment rules on dogs.

CLERK

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the Traffic Management Team has no objection to the give way road markings in The Nurseries and an order has been issued for this work.

Highlights of the Minutes of the Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting Held in The Coffee Tavern on Monday 1st September 2008 at 7:30pm

UPDATE ON POLICING WITHIN EATON BRAY

The Parish Council wanted to remind all residents that they need to report any incidents they see occurring in the parish, however minor, direct to the local police and obtain a URN number. The Parish Council are continuing to look into the option of Specials for the parish and are awaiting feedback from the police. The Parish Council are also looking into the possibility of organising fridge magnets for all residents in the parish as a quick reference point for police contacts.

THE THREATENED CLOSURE OF THE VILLAGE POST OFFICE

All relevant documentation has been sent to the Post Office Consultation Team, with a decision on the closures expected to be announced on the 17th September 2008.

ADDITIONAL DOG HYGIENE WASTE BINS

The Parish Council have agreed to the purchase of five additional dog hygiene bins for the parish, to be placed in the following areas: Market Square, The Meads, Holmans

Field, Church Lane and School Lane Recreation Ground.

TEMPORARY SPEED LIMITS OF 20MPH WITHIN EATON BRAY VILLAGE

The Parish Council are looking into the possibility of introducing temporary speed limits of 20mph in Eaton Bray Village, to coincide with School pick-up times, at the junction with School Lane.

ALLOTMENTS

It's that time again when allotment rents are due, with letters to be sent out to all tenants requesting their 2008-2009 rental payments. Allotment holders are welcome to pop along to The Coffee Tavern on Monday 6th October next from 7:00pm-7:30pm (prior to the Parish Council Meeting) to make their payments and have a chat.

CLERK

A full copy of the minutes of the Eaton Bray Parish Council can be found on our website.

Parish Clerk Details: Mrs Heidi Head, 20 Good Intent, Edlesborough, LU6 2RD;

Email: clerk@ebpc.co.uk

Parish Council Website: www.ebpc.co.uk

**Eaton Bray
Parish Council Meetings
1st Monday of every month
7.30pm The Coffee Tavern
Next Meeting: Mon 6th Oct 08**



Eaton Bray Lawn Tennis Club

Of all the events in all the towns in all the countries, the one that is most anticipated by those fortunate enough to be fully paid up members of Eaton Bray Tennis Club is the annual Chairman's barbecue. This year, as last year (and possibly the one before, I've really lost count of how long Ross has been Chairman) it was held at chez Bagni in Bower Lane. A more delightful setting would be hard to imagine; tall yew trees swinging gently in the light breeze sheltering vibrantly colourful fauna borders, pitched against a beautifully manicured lawn (well it was when we arrived...) all in a sizeable L-shaped garden with an enchanting vine-covered pagoda providing a welcome sanctuary for the drinks bar from the sun. I tell you, there's more money in hats than you can imagine. Either that or he disappeared once in a canoe.

So there we all gathered at 2pm one sunny mid-July Saturday afternoon, 28 of us eager to obtain maximum value for money from our £12 ticket, entitling us to a choice of thick steak, succulent chicken or generous vegetarian lunch, a veritable feast of salads, potatoes, pastas and delectable desserts, and 'as much as you can drink' before dusk creeps in and we're all sent home. Everyone was responsible for barbecuing their own food, which caused a little confusion during peak cooking times over whose steak was whose, but most disagreements were settled amicably without resorting to threatening behaviour with a pair of tongs. The highlight, of course, was the liquid refreshment

situation, where six different types of lagers and beers languished invitingly submerged in ice in cool boxes; French red and white wine was laid on abundantly, and if you popped inside when Ross and Shelagh were otherwise engaged cleaning up the spilt sherry trifle you'd cleverly arranged as a diversionary tactic, you could help yourself to as much of his malt Laphroig whisky as you liked. Plus there was an extremely smooth vintage brandy, which he kept hidden away for special occasions. If this wasn't a special occasion I don't know what was, so clearly it had to be sampled.

As you'll appreciate, dusk in July comes quite late, so by 8pm several of us had enjoyed more than our fair share of the Chairman's beverage benevolence, and weighing up the options of either staying until it got quite dark and probably falling over on the lawn (with subsequent further damage to said lawn's previously superior appearance), or calling a taxi for the short hop back home, we chose the latter. Some locals stumbled back to their homes with the aid of their satellite navigation systems (that's their wives), but even I was able to calculate that walking back to Dunstable was not really an option, based on the previous trouble some club members had put Dunstable Downs Mountain Rescue to some years before. So bidding our fond farewells to friends old and newfound, we found ourselves sharing a taxi with those very same club members who once spent the night wandering the wildernesses that are the Downs, and we all mutually congratulated ourselves on how sober and sensible we'd been to remember to call a taxi. Or maybe that was our wives too....

Needless to say, the Sunday morning social tennis session was not too well attended that weekend, most members preferring a little lie in and a leisurely breakfast of black coffee and dry toast. I panicked when, whilst pouring a third strong coffee, I glanced out of the kitchen window and noticed with much alarm that someone had stolen my car during the night. It's amazing how quickly you sober up when you realise you have to call the police. Fortunately my wife was able to grab the receiver from my hand before I further embarrassed myself, and quietly reminded me that I'd left it at the Treasurer's house in Eaton Bray when we drove down to the barbecue the previous afternoon. Sure enough, some considerable time later that day, there she was patiently awaiting my return to once more be admired and pampered in the manner to which she had become accustomed. So was the car.

For any further information about the club, including when we get together for our social tennis sessions up at the School Lane courts, or our various activities, please call either Chairman Ross Bagni on 01525 221411, Coach Nick Boys on 07810 832774, or if they're all out and I'm not replacing divots in the chairman's lawn, me, Andy Cross, on 01582 477114.

Edlesborough Methodist Church

As part of our 150 years celebrations we will be holding a concert by the Wesley Singers on Saturday 11th October at 7.30pm. Everybody welcome.

Mothers Union Report

Eaton Bray with Edlesborough

On a beautiful English summer's day in July (one of the few we have had this summer), members of the M.U. went to an equally beautiful area of England – the Cotswolds. Pretty villages, good food, pleasant company – everyone enjoyed themselves! That was the summer outing.

With the beginning of Autumn, the September meeting was held in St. Mary's Church, which will be the venue for meetings of the Mothers' Union in future. Members were welcomed by the Vicar who hoped they would enjoy their new environment.

Nigel Watson made a welcome return as the speaker – this time on his 'Holiday in Lapland'. Lapland stretches over Sweden, Norway and Finland, but it was to the Swedish town of Jukkasjarvi that Nigel and his wife Georgina went to spend three nights at the Ice Hotel. In this small village on the banks of the Tornetrask river, a hotel, which is the size of two football pitches, is built every winter, and melts again with the warmth of spring. The front of the hotel proudly boasts the number 18 – because this was the eighteenth hotel to be built in as many years.

The 'building' is erected in about seven weeks each Autumn/beginning of Winter – as soon as the temperature drops to around -10C, and if there is a 'warm' spell finishing the work in time for visitors to arrive can be somewhat difficult! As well as his own photographs, Nigel showed a video showing how the hotel is constructed.

The hotel is decorated with the most amazing carving and sculptures (all made from ice of course) and sculptors and artists go to Sweden from all over the world to carry out this work.

On arrival at the hotel, 'booking in' was done at 'Reception' but this was the first reception desk in an ordinary part of the hotel, and having then been given even more warm clothing e.g. thermal boots; large jacket with hood, etc. it was time to enter the Ice Hotel and again be welcomed at 'Reception.' All the rooms and suites are decorated individually, and guests are shown all the rooms each with a different theme. Their room was called 'Meander' and the carving related to a river, even including a bridge to be crossed to reach the bed. The bed was made of ice too, but there was a wooden base, which in turn was covered with reindeer skins. Temperature inside the room: -5C – outside: minus 25-30C.

Time to find the bar – made of ice, and so were the glasses, so the many varieties of vodka needed no ice added. Hot drinks were also available, but glasses could not be placed on the bar – melting was not required just yet. When bedtime came, the hotel issued arctic sleeping bags and nightcaps, but in fact both Nigel and Georgina did sleep. Morning was greeted with a maid bearing a flask with hot lingonberry juice.

There were no doors to the rooms, just curtains, and all sound was deadened, but with so much ice around, the whole room seemed to glow in the moonlight, and if there was a camera flash anywhere, it showed right through the hotel. Bathroom and changing facilities were in the 'warm' part of the hotel, and most people spend only one night

in the Ice Hotel.

The village was quite small, but with an interesting church, and, surprise, surprise, the Ice Hotel has a church as well, and two weddings were conducted there during their three day stay.

A highlight of the trip was an outing on snow mobiles to a group of huts some way from Jukkasjarvi where traditional food was prepared for the group, and then it was hoped they would see the Aurora borealis (Northern Lights), but disappointingly, there was no show that night. That was one thing the Ice Hotel couldn't provide.

Dagnall Gardeners' Society Annual Show

On Saturday 6th September Dagnall Gardeners' Society held its annual show in the village hall. Despite the heavy rain on the preceding days there was a colourful show of flowers, vegetables and floral art. The domestic and children sections were well supported. Pictures from the children of Dagnall School were displayed for all to see on the stage.

In the open class of "Runner Beans" there were 11 entries, the judge had a job to pick 1st, 2nd and 3rd and said that every other entry was highly commended. This is the best seen in any of the local shows this year

Mrs Ann Thompson the chair of the parish council presented the prizes.

The winners in each of the sections with the most points in the there class were:-

Residents: Founders Cup, for vegetables: Eileen Killick

Nash Cup, for flowers: Eileen Killick

Wells Cup, most points by a resident: Eileen Killick

Open: Society Cup, for Vegetables: David Elkins

Society Cup, For Flowers: Alan Bunting

A M Fehr Rose Bowl, for pot plants: David Killick

James Mead Trophy, for floral art: Val Barrow

Clark Cup, for domestic classes: Wendy Pattison

Society Cup Children: 1st Joshua Thorne, 2nd Robert Bunting, 3rd Alfie Bunting

Best in Show: Society Bowl best exhibit floral art: Val Barrow

Society Cup, Best exhibit domestic: David Thorne

Best exhibit Flowers: K Fleckney " Dahlias" £5 voucher

Best exhibit Vegetables: David Elkins "Shallots" £5 voucher

Best Residents exhibit: Pete Thompson "Cauliflower" £5 voucher

Exhibitor prize draw: S Cutler £3 voucher

Schools Picture competition

Age 5 years 1st Matthew Hobson, 2nd Cameron Brown, 3rd Sammy Adoloh

Age 6 years 1st Alyssa, 2nd Molly, 3rd Annie

Prettiest Front Garden: Dick Johnston Memorial Shield: Ann Thompson

Thanks go to Basil Thorne and the members of the gardeners' society, wives, helpers and exhibitors for their support and work in running another successful show.



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How different from mine; a bean stick, with a bag on the end, made from an old net curtain. Yet the excitement of the catch was equal in both cases.

Some while ago I visited Israel, and went on board a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee and watched the fishermen throw the huge nets into the water;- they still used the same technique as did the fishers of Jesus’ time. The methods used were either the casting net or the drag net - though some were caught by the fishing hook. (Matt. 17 : 27)

Fish, called dag, in Hebrew, abounded, in the lakes in the valley of the Jordan. So no doubt the Hebrews were familiar with many species, although no fish are mentioned in either the old or the new testament by name.

It was from the fishing industry that Jesus called his first disciples; Simon, (called Peter), Andrew, James and John, - it was in a fishing boat that He rebuked the wind and waves. He fed the multitudes, twice, with fish and bread. Tribute money was found in the mouth of a fish; and He ate broiled fish with the disciples after his resurrection. He told the disciples to cast their net on the right side of the boat after a fruitless night of fishing - they did, and caught so many fish that they couldn’t pull it in!

When he called to Simon and Andrew as he walked on the shore of Galilee, he saw that they were fishers and said “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men”. We are still called to serve Jesus, even today; if we accept him as our Lord and Saviour we have hope for our future.

“Those first disciples heard and trusted God’s word - If we believed as they believed, great grace would hallow every deed.”

Now where’s my purse - for I think ‘twill be cod and chips for tea!!

Diary Date... Harvest Festival...October 5th. 11am.

6pm Thanksgiving Praise Meeting

Supper and sale of produce October 6th. 6pm.

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Morning Service	11.00am
Evening Service	6.00pm

Sunday Evening (1st and 3rd each month)

Youth Group (age 12+)	7.45-9.00pm
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Monday

Junior Club (age 8+)	6.30-7.45pm
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Wednesday

Home League (Ladies Meeting)	2.30pm
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Thursday

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There will be a full Winter Coaching Programme from October to March 2009.

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Due to our ever expanding Junior section we are always looking for mums and dads to help with the matches especially the new Mini Tennis formats. If you are able to assist please contact any committee member.

Dates for forthcoming Tennis Club events : -

- Friday 10th October – South Beds Dinner and Dance
- Friday 17th October – ETC Golf Day @ Mentmore
- Monday 10th November – AGM
- Friday 21st November – Quiz Night

For any of the above events please contact any committee member or the web site:

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Eaton Bray Under 5's Playtime

This term we are in great need of more people to come and join us for a relaxing afternoon of drinking tea or coffee while the children go off and play.

Our creative activities this term include Autumn trees, treasure maps, food plates, under the sea pictures, play dough, night pictures, make a big red bus, Halloween pictures, Christmas cards, Christmas decorations and puppet show.

We charge £1.50 per adult, £1.00 per child and 50p for babies under 1 year old. For this you get a hot drink and a biscuit/fruit and the children get a cold drink and a biscuit/fruit.

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Our President welcomed the members and one visitor to our September meeting and apologies were received from several people who are still on holiday. The minutes were read and signed as correct. Jerusalem was sung before we got down to business as follows.

Our summer coffee morning raised £125 for our funds, and the summer outing to Wisley Gardens was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Several social evenings are planned, one will be our harvest supper in October, followed by the Dunstable Group autumn meeting which will be hosted by Dunstable Downside WI. An invitation has been received from Studham WI for Eaton Bray to join them for an autumn outing and canal cruise. The WI Croquet tea party held at Hockliffe raised £600 for the MacMillan Nurses.

We welcomed our speaker Mel Rees. Mel is an author, who, over the past nineteen years has written and self published four titles; three of which have been autobiographical and one a novel. He has also written and narrated a 'look at life' talking book. He has been giving talks for the past six years that look at the characterisations and situations from everyday life in a very humorous way. Mel was very entertaining and extremely funny with his observations of people and everyday situations, his talk was chatty and light-hearted and similar in style to the TV show 'Grumpy Old Men'.

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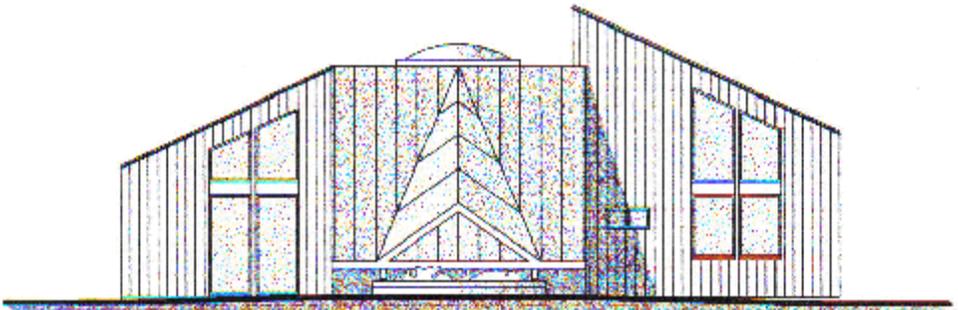
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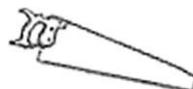
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Short and sweet this month. You may have seen summer in July but over all the two months have been wet with a total rainfall of 215m/m—8.5ins and big temperature differences with high of 30.4°C and a low of 6.6°C. Next month when I have more space I will show a chart.

If anyone has a question, comment or wishes to contact me please email me: aonb-weather@tiscali.co.uk

David G Killick, Station Owner



Weather Conditions for July 2008

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

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature:	30.4°C	27 July 15.30	6.6°C	22 July 03.00
Mean Temperature	16.5°C			
Dewpoint:	18.1°C	31 July 19.00	4.9°C	22 July 02.30
Humidity:	96%	12 July 07.00	38%	16 July 17.30
Barometer:	1025.8 hPa	22 July 12.30	993.7 hPa	7 July 11.30
Wind Speed	30 mph	19 July 15.30	Mths Avg.	6.0 mph
Wind Chill:	30.9°C	27 July 15.30	6°C	22 July 03.00
Dominant Wind:	W			
Rainfall				
Rain Days: 16	Wettest Day	9 July	29.21 mm	1.15 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	July	87.1mm	3.43ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	7 Months	470.1 mm	18.50ins

Weather Conditions for August 2008

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

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature:	25.9°C	30August 16.30	7.6°C	15August 06.00
Mean Temperature	15.9°C			
Dewpoint:	18.1°C	31August 15.30	6.3°C	23 August 05.30
Humidity:	97%	31August	45%	15 August 18.00
Barometer:	1021.2 hPa	26August 22.00	985.7 hPa	12 August 07.30
Wind Speed	33 mph	13August 15.00	Mths Avg.	6.4 mph
Wind Chill:	25.3°C	30August 17.00	7.6°C	23 August 06.30
Dominant Wind:	W			
Rainfall				
Rain Days: 21	Wettest Day	31August	26.8 mm	1.06 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	August	128.6 mm	5.06 ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	8 Months	598.7mm	23.57ins

Eaton Bray Cricket Club



Eaton Bray are champions of the Four Counties League. Since its inception in 2001, the club has won the league four times, but not for the last four years. Recently the trophy has been on an extended loan to other clubs before Andy Norris secured the division one title at his first attempt. Andy's tougher style of captaincy has worked

perfectly, putting the team ahead of individual performances, including his own. Winning the championship wasn't without difficulty, indeed the club suffered the ignominy of losing a match by 300 runs, being bowled out by 32 by the eventual runners-up New Bradwell. This was the biggest defeat in the club's and league's history!

The season was one of two halves. In the first part Wes Hoskin, James Flecknell and Gary Ellerton bullied most teams into submission with bat and ball. However in the latter stages of the league programme the games got tougher with Eaton Bray batting second. There were three almost identical run chases that Eaton Bray made difficult. The highlight of the season was the game against Newport Pagnell, when chasing 164 Eaton Bray had been reduced to 77 for 6. All-rounders Gary Ellerton and Lee Bearton beat the opposition single handedly (sic). In two other games Paul (Chopper) Harris showed his maturity by batting throughout the innings and scoring 2 unbeaten half centuries. Nick Pearson chipped in just at the right time against Cublington. But perhaps the best and most valuable innings was played by Josh Peacock in the last game of the season. Josh scored his only half century of the season in that game. It was a match, and championship winning innings full of champagne shots.

The club wishes to share its success with everyone that helped throughout the season. A BIG thank you to; sponsors, weed sprayers, 100 club owners, cleaners, supporters, tea ladies, groundsmen and to all the suffering wives and girlfriends!

MJ



Back row; John Salmon, Darren Kerins, Josh Peacock, James Flecknell, Wes Hoskin, Dave Hopkins, Gary Ellerton
Front row; Michael Jarrett, Nick Pearson, Andy Norris, Paul Harris

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Edlesborough W.I.

At the beginning of our recent meeting we all wished Mavis Purcell a very happy 'special' birthday. We all hope you had a lovely day, Mavis.

Our speaker was Keith Jansz, a member of the Association of Mouth & Foot Painting Artists. Most of us have bought cards and calendars illustrated by these artists, so it was a wonderful experience to meet one of them. Keith was born in London in 1961. He was a keen sportsman, particularly with football and athletics, and he ran in the London Marathon for Barnardos. In 1995 he was left paralysed from the chest down when he broke his back in a car accident. This involved a seven months' stay in Stoke Mandeville Hospital and being confined to life in a wheel chair.

A present from his mother-in-law, of the M.F.P.A. book "Painters First", gave him hope, and he was encouraged by Trevor Wells - a mouth artist - to take up this form of painting.

Keith paints with a brush nailed to the end of a long, bent arrow-type holder, which he controls with his mouth. As a result of this type of movement, he says his neck has become the strongest part of his body. Powered easels help with large paintings by moving them to different positions. Keith told us he makes a drawing of his subject first of all, and then works his painting from it. He likes to paint places he visits, statues, still life & some portraits. He feels lucky to be able to paint as he does. He exhibits his work here and abroad, and says his new career has given him a focus and different direction in life. Cindy, his artist wife, accompanied Keith, and assisted by displaying a number of his paintings. Considering he paints by mouth, it is fantastic to see the quality of his work.

Since 2000 Keith has been a full member of the M.F.P.A. which started in 1956. It is run by the artists themselves to earn a living, as they do not rely on the state. They have over thirty workshops in Britain, and many artists worldwide. They run their own trust fund for training handicapped children in the arts, and offer financial assistance to all concerned with such training. In 1992 they opened the first gallery in the U.K. dedicated solely to work of disabled artists. One such artist, Tom Yendell, has a studio in the gallery which is situated in Selbourne, Hampshire. Many original paintings displayed are for sale, as are other goods from the wide range of all the artists' work. Once a year all the artists come together.

It was a pleasure to meet Keith, and to hear how well he coped with life after his accident. He certainly earned our admiration.

Later in the month our Institute celebrated its 80th Birthday by holding a lunch in Ann Brinklow's lovely garden. It was a really happy occasion, and we thank Ann for her kindness, and for arranging the catering.

Thanks go also to Elizabeth Braiden for organising another garden outing. Such trips are always very much enjoyed.

Val Harris.

Eaton Bray Village Hall 100 Club Winners August 2008

103	Peggy Bearton	£100
189	Sonia Dean	£25
191	John Palmer	£25
110	Matt Ford	£25
62	Mr S. Coyle	£25

Drawn on 21st August 2008 at Hines the Butchers. Please direct any correspondence to Ross Bagni, 71 Bower Lane, Eaton Bray, Bedfordshire, LU6 1RB, Telephone: 01525 221411.



Edlesborough Book Group Review



Rabbit Run by John Updike

'Rabbit Run' is the first in a series of books spanning the latter half of the twentieth century, which chronicle the life of Harry 'Rabbit' Angstrom. This story takes place between the months of March and June 1960. Harry is twenty six, married with a three year old son and his wife, Janice, is pregnant. He is disillusioned by his marriage, bored with his wife and underemployed at a local store as a kitchen gadget demonstrator. He was once a high school hero, a star basketball player receiving acclaim and adulation on a regular basis. He is still tall and athletic and mourns his glory days.

One day, he decides on impulse to leave his small town life behind and embarks on a marathon drive across America, to achieve what he believes is his true potential. After just one night, his nerve fails him and he returns to his home town. Unable to decide whether to go back to what he thinks is the stifling atmosphere of his wife and her controlling family, he seeks out his old basketball coach, in the hope that he will help to solve his dilemma. The old man proves to be a negative influence and encourages Rabbit away from his responsibilities, also introducing him to Ruth, a 'good time' girl with whom he quickly forms a relationship, moving in with her. This of course is scandalous behaviour in 1960's small town America.

This sets the tempo of the novel, as Harry, rabbit like, zig zags back and forth, never really being able to make a commitment. Harry is the hero of the story, but as it unfolds, he is shown as very selfish, thoughtless and insensitive to the feelings of others. He seems to be totally oblivious to the pain and emotional chaos he leaves in his wake.

This introduction, to the character 'Rabbit Angstrom', did not endear him to our reading group. Only a minority expressed an interest in reading about his future life. Although most of the group disliked the story and characters, everyone agreed about the skill of John Updike's writing. His descriptive passages and evocation of life in middle America in the late 1950's is brilliant. The pace of the novel, which is written in the present tense keeps up a momentum in keeping with Rabbit's constant shifting and inability to settle for any length of time. Although, perhaps the present tense made it difficult to remember that the events were taking place nearly fifty years ago.



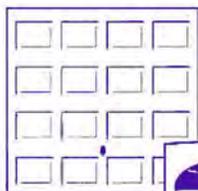
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