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To book your local village hall for an event please contact the following:

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

St Mary's Church Eaton Bray with Edlesborough

We are pleased to announce that a new Priest has been selected to take over as Priest-in-Charge of St Mary's church, which will end the vacancy created by Malcolm Grant's retirement in March. Roger Chapman, who is currently an assistant curate in the Letchworth area, will be taking over later this year and we very much look forward to welcoming Roger and his family to the parish.

Chris Banks, Peter Bennett, Churchwardens

Village Diaries August & September 2009



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 07956 526635
- Mondays Pilates, 10.45am, St.Giles Church Hall, Totternhoe, Lisa: 01582 412426
- Mondays (term time) 2nd Eaton Bray Brownies, girls 7- 10 years, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, 6 - 7.30pm, Sarah 01525 229194
- Tuesdays Yoga, Northall Village Hall, 1.30-3pm, Doreen 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 Pilates, 10am-12noon, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Nicky Roussou 07861 161680
- Tuesdays Totternhoe Baby & Toddler Group, 9.30-11.30am, Totternhoe Village Hall, 07986 730922
- Tuesdays Northall Toddler Group, 9.30am-11.30am (10am-12noon Summer School Holidays Only), Northall Village Hall, Lucy 01525 222498
- Tuesdays Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 01582 620576
- Tuesdays Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy, Table Top Sale, 10-12noon, Salvation Army Hall, Booth Place, Eaton Bray
- Fortnightly
- Weds (term time) Cheeky Monkeys Under 5's Playtime, 1:00pm - 2:45pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Contact Louise on 07784 165259
- Wednesdays Chi Kung & Wu Chi classes, Coffee Tavern 11am - noon
- Wednesdays Pilates, 7.15pm, Northall Village Hall, Lisa: 01582 412426
- Wednesdays Egyptian Dance Class, 7-8.30pm at Eaton Bray Village Hall. Contact: Soraya 01525 853360
- 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, 2-4pm, 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
- Thursdays Jazzercise, 9.30-10.30am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Angela Veryard, 01525 715208
- Thursdays Karate, 7-9pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Brian Bates 07958 348086
- Fridays Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 01582 620576

Saturdays Jazzercise, 9.30-10.30am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Angela Veryard, 01525 715208

Saturdays Drama Class for Children, 10.35am-12.35pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Claire Casey, 07792 508591

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

1st Sunday Grace Baptist Church Service, 3pm, all welcome, David Coleman 01582 664990

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 Lunch club 11.30 to 2.00pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Chris Hewitt 222288

Other Regular Events

5th, 19th Aug, 2nd, Bingo, Dagnall Village Hall 8pm.

16th & 30th Sep

14th Aug Leukaemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30am

18th Aug Dagnall Over 60's visit to The Houses of Parliament. Coach leaves Village Hall 8.30am.

15th Sep Dagnall Over 60's Lunch at The Cock, Wing. Coach 11.30am from Village Hall

One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

4th Aug Play Around the Parishes, 10-12.30pm, Edlesborough Green

10th, 26th Aug Play Around the Parishes, 2-4.30pm, Dagnall Recreation Ground

14th, 24th Aug Play Around the Parishes, 2-4.30pm, Edlesborough Green

17th Aug Play Around the Parishes, 2-4.30pm, Northall Village Hall

19th Aug Cream Tea, 2.30pm. Edlesborough Memorial Hall, £7.50, 220312

28th Aug Play Around the Parishes, 10-12.30pm, Northall Village Hall

5th Sep Dagnall Garden Show, Village Hall 2.30-4-30pm. Refreshments, Raffle. Schedules available from allotment hut Sunday mornings from 10am.

11th Sep Age Concern Harvest Festival Auction, 7.30pm, The Swan, Northall

12th Sep Dagnall Day @the Races, Recreational ground from 3pm into evening

13th Sep Hymns of Praise on Edlesborough Green, 4pm

19th Sep 5-7pm, Bingo & Beetle Drive for 8-13 year olds at Dagnall Village Hall, contact Liz Coates 01442 842550

19th Sep Harvest Supper, Eaton Bray Village Hall

25th Sep World's Biggest Coffee Morning, 9am-12noon, St Mary's EB

26th Sep Eaton Bray Methodist Church Concert, 7pm, £6, 220742

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30 Aug Live Reggae Music with Uprising
20 Sep Live Kingsbury Music (TBC)
27 Sep Young Pop Star (Singing Competition, in front of a panel of music industry experts)

4 Oct 70's Tribute Abba Tribute
18 Oct Dance Now - a celebration of dance old & new
Other Events
4 & 5 Sep French Market
13 Sep Charter Day - Tudor Fair
3 Oct Wear it Pink for Breast Cancer Day
10 & 11 Oct Farmyard Funtime
27 Oct Special Half Term Farmers' Market
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Adult Cycle training for all ages, all experience levels (complete Beginners, on-road confidence building, advanced level) is also available daytimes, evenings and weekends to suit you. 2 hour sessions cost £15 per person.

To reserve your place, contact Go-Cycle on 01525 635111 or email gocycle@leightonlinlade-tc.gov.uk

Pauline Roby, GoCycle Project Officer, Cycle Training, Cycling Network, Advice and support for Cycling.

Send an email to the GoCycle email address below to sign up for our regular GoCycle Update emails.

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Eaton Bray Village Hall Report

Firstly as we are getting into the summer holidays and this is the last Focus until October I think I had better mention the **Quiz**

This is being held in the Hall with the Tennis Club and tickets will again be just £8.

The date: **Saturday October 10th**

So please book early to avoid disappointment. We have already sold 4 tables after I was accosted at the Beer Festival by one of our regulars who booked 3 tables on the spot. Thank you John! See, not only are the folk of this village intelligent but they enjoy a good drink now and then.

I am, as usual, asking the editor to put an advert re the Quiz and the first person to ring me with the correct page number will be eligible for two free tickets. So go on and give me a ring, you will only need another 6 to make up a team! Remember if you cannot get up to 8 don't worry as we will make up teams and you get to make some new friends as well.

The hall is getting along fine with only Monday evenings free (most weeks) at the moment, so if you need a meeting place on Mondays then just give Norman Lee a ring, to see if he can help you. 222831 or 07975 797202. Obviously there are also plenty of various times available for all those special parties and celebrations.

The final figure from the beer festival was nearer to £3600 so almost a record and it would have been if we had had a few more beers and the weather had been kinder.

Thanks you all for your continued support.

For any further information please ring Ross Bagni 221411



Edlesborough Under 5's

The children spent the two weeks before the carnival making 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' decorations for their carnival float. They dressed up as caterpillars and butterflies on the day and had a great time, made even more special by their winning first prize in their age category. Well done and thank you to everyone involved. The children going to school in September and January went on a trip to Woodside Animal Farm and also had a leavers party. We wish them all well at school and hope that their regular visits to school via preschool help them settle easily. Other events in July were the enjoyable Sports day and Summer Party with Teddy Bears picnic. If you wish your child to attend Edlesborough Under 5's please contact Sue on 01525 222199.



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Edlesborough Tennis Club Annual Tournament “FINALS DAY”

Saturday 12th September from 10 o'clock to close of play

Starting with Mini Tennis followed by Junior and Adult finals. Lunchtime buffet available (for players and spectators) to purchase on the day, “everybody welcome” you don’t have to be a tennis club member. The standard of play will probably not be quite up to Wimbledon standard but the club have booked a team of “Wimbledon Umpires” to officiate. The day is concluded with an evening Barbecue and presentation.

Also the club would like to thank all the people (Iona Mclean-Hall, Edward Mclean-Hall, Margaret Bis, Carol Mercer, Sam Blumson, Charlie Morris, Rhys Dalkin, James and David Kight, Neil and Lindsey Rigby, Miles Emmett) who helped make the PLAY TENNIS DAY during the 4th July Carnival so successful and welcome all the new members to the club.

Eaton Bray Methodist Church.

On behalf of the 10 o'clock Club I have been asked to say a special thank you to the many village folk who supported their Coffee Morning when £180-00 was raised for their special charities.

Despite the changeable weather on the day, our Cream Teas were well supported and a cheque for £1000-00 has been sent to the Gaza Appeal. This was a real Fun event enjoyed by all ages; thanks go to Jane, James and Nikki McFarland for all their hard work and excellent organisation and to all the members who helped tirelessly before, during and afterwards.

Our Harvest Celebrations begin with a Special Charity Concert in our Chapel on Saturday 26th September at 7pm which will feature “Pasque Harmony”. The proceeds from the concert are to benefit The Keech Cottage Children’s Hospice and tickets are available from Graham Carter on 01525 220742 or John Mead on 01582 667963 at a cost of £6.00. This promises to be a very special evening and is an excellent way to support this Children’s Hospice. A warm welcome awaits.

The Harvest Festival Family Service will be on Sunday 27th September at 10.30am. Once again all tins and dried gifts will be given to Crombie House in Leighton Buzzard and donations given for the fresh produce. Following the success of last year we are to have a Harvest Lunch at 12.30pm on the Sunday and tickets will be available from Graham Carter on 01525 220742 from the 1st of September.



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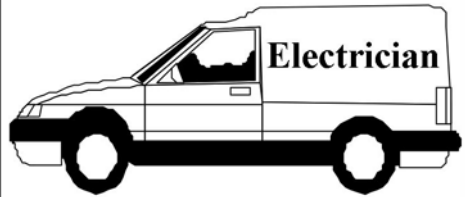
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Eaton Bray with Edlesborough Parish News

Hon. Assistant Priest: The Revd John Heffer, 35 Pebblemoor, Edlesborough - Tel: 01525 220618. Churchwardens: Chris Banks (221556) and Peter Bennett (221284)

At the time of writing, it is just two days since Carnival so you must forgive me if this article has a Carnival focus.

An event that was a church fete until the 1980s has grown to become today, not just one of the biggest events of its kind locally, but one of the biggest one day events of its kind anywhere in the country. Thousands of people came out on 4 July to share in a very special event; one where there was no aggravation, no trouble, no violence or greed. Instead, this community, the place where you and I live, put on a show which, as an elderly visitor from Hartlepool said to me, was the best he had ever seen in his life, anywhere.

Now it does need a very strong organising committee to lay the foundations of such an event and huge thanks must go to all of them, but the important thing is that the rest of the community of our villages has picked up and run with the framework that has been created. It is simply fantastic that so many families go to the trouble of putting out the bunting and balloons and that so many organisations make the effort to dress a float or run a stall - visitors to the event are amazed.

I hesitate to estimate the number of people it takes to run the event – simply to organise it and run the church stalls needs several hundred people, of all ages; and then there are our advertisers, sponsors, those who have donated goods, prizes and time. To everyone of you my heartfelt thanks. Perhaps more important are, the thanks of all the children growing up here – even some of the grumpy teenage boys could recognise how lucky they are to be growing up in a community like ours.

But I'm supposed to include a religious element in this article – so some of you may wish to stop reading now. What lessons have I learnt preparing for and helping to run this year's Carnival? Well, the first lesson is to trust – not just other people, though this is essential because the event has become too big for any one person to know everything that is going on, so people have to be trusted to do what they say they will do; but also to trust in God. If you have never experienced the power of prayer then whatever I say will not convince you, but in the week leading up to the Carnival all my prayers were answered – not that I sat back and waited for God to do all the work – he has no hands but ours and works through us and those around us.

Second, I learnt the lesson of the importance of a kind word. On the evening of Carnival, Christine and I arrived home to a message on the answer phone. We were both physically exhausted - it was almost too difficult for either of us to walk upstairs to hear the message, which was a short and simple "Thank you". It meant so much and gave both of us an immediate lift - it will be a treasured memory of this year's event.

Finally, don't forget to count your blessings – realise how fortunate you are to live in a community such as this – and thank God for it.

As a postscript I must say thank you to the warm welcome and generosity I received from my neighbours in Northall when I was out collecting in advance of the Carnival.

I hold each of you in my prayers.

GORDON GRAY, Reader, St Mary's & Chairman of St Mary's Village Carnival Committee

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Harvest Festival

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service will take place at St Mary's Church at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday 27th September.

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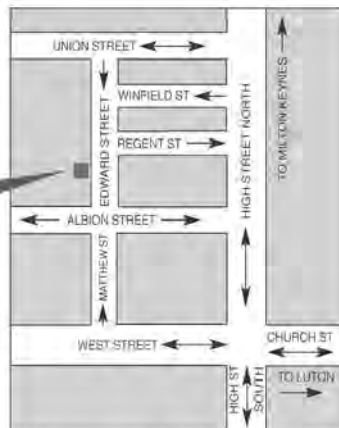
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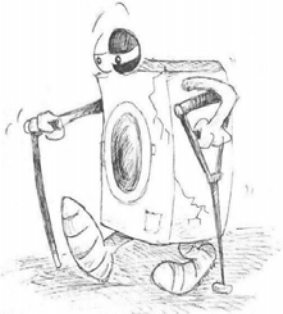
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Edlesborough School

Dear New Edlesborough School Parents,

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We hope that your children will enjoy their time and thrive at the school and we look forward to getting to know them, and you, better.

A strong feature of our school is our ethos promoting positive relationships between everyone and having fun whilst we learn. The school aims to provide an environment which actively promotes a warm and caring community, where all are positively recognised.

We would like to encourage you to get involved in the school. Parent helpers are always warmly welcomed and there is a thriving parent association, Friends of Edlesborough School (FOES).

With best wishes

Community Relations Committee,
on behalf of the School Governors

Amazing Technicoloured Balloon-Float

Hundreds of balloons filled the skies over Edlesborough School at Saturday afternoon's Summer Fayre. The event peaked as around 600 excited visitors counted down the launch of the school's balloon race; as the balloons soared, so did the profits, with over £2500 raised altogether for school funds.

Visitors to the Summer Fayre enjoyed a fantastic afternoon's entertainment, including gladiator jousting, archery, hook a duck, coconut shy and tombola. Children got hands on and noisy with the sirens on a fire engine from Dunstable fire station and a Thames Valley police car. Displays by Jazzercise and Harlequin Gymnastics entertained the crowds, under a cloudless sky, as they sipped Pimms and enjoyed a barbeque and cream teas.

The stalls were manned by staff, pupils and parents alike. As well as stalls selling Phoenix cards, spicy sauces, cookware, jewellery and home accessories, visitors could adopt a teddy bear, get their face painted, sieve for gemstones or attempt to beat the goalie.

Funds raised will be used for capital projects, including new computer equipment for the school.



Congratulations Edlesborough School !!

Winners of their first tennis tournament

Over the last five months Leon Leenders (Head Coach at Edlesborough TC) and I have had the pleasure of working with Edlesborough, Ramsey Manor, Houghton Regis and Templefields lower schools in establishing an annual inter school tennis tournament for 8-9 year olds.

This is the first time that many of the children have had the opportunity to play tennis competitively and, I have to say it was personally one of the most rewarding things I have ever done. It would not have been possible without the full support of the schools involved and the parents and teachers who allowed us to take them out for half a day

to take part in the first week of Wimbledon. Finally I would like to thank the Chairman of Toddington who kindly allowed us to use their fantastic facilities as the venue on the day.

The players were competing for the Janet Hatfield cup, named in recognition of the work that Janet has done at Edlesborough over the years, and we wish her well in her upcoming retirement.

The day itself could not have been better with perfect conditions both on and off the courts. The players were split into four teams of eight, with an A,B, C and D team. Each team played 4 games each with the winner being the first to reach 10. Bonus points were awarded for the winners. After a great battle of wills and minds Edlesborough school took the winning prize, with each player receiving a medal for their achievement along with the cup. All players received a certificate for their efforts. Each of the schools will also receive a photograph of the day as a memento. Bring on the replay in 2010!



Finally I want to thank Edlesborough FOES and Edlesborough Tennis Club for their kind contributions towards the costs.

Alistair Bennett and Leon Leenders

Dagnall News

Over 60's

Traditionally in July we held our Garden Party, which is always a favourite occasion with our members. This year we were very grateful for the hospitality offered by Rosemary and Brian. It was much appreciated by those who took the opportunity to visit their garden.

In August we are again visiting the Houses of Parliament, which proved to be very interesting on a previous visit. The trip, which includes lunch, takes place on Wednesday August 19th, please note the date. The coach leaves Dagnall Village Hall at 8.30am. Seats are still available.

Lunch at The Cock in Wing is the venue and object of our September meeting, followed by a visit to a local garden centre.

Dagnall Church

Christian Aid

The collection around Dagnall village for Christian Aid amounted to £320.48. Thank you for your support. Wendy & Bill.

Dagnall School

The parents have continued to support the school fantastically. Through Fods the school has been able to purchase some games tables and some smart new signs. They have also contributed to the award that the school received as part of the Safer Routes to School Initiative to allow wonderful playground markings to be created. Thank you all so much. We are all extremely grateful! The school now looks extremely smart.

By the time you read this we will have said goodbye to the Blue-tits and welcomed our new Chaffinches. We wish them all well as they begin a new stage in their lives.

Also, Mrs Izod and Mrs Bolton will have retired and Mrs Perkins and Mrs James will have returned to work. Again we wish them all well.

Dagnall Gardener's Society

The Dagnall Gardener's Society are holding their Annual Horticulture Show in the Village Hall on Saturday 5th September at 2-30pm. If you would like to enter, schedules are available from the Gardening hut by the allotment gate on Sunday mornings from 10am. Exhibits include vegetables, flowers, dahlia and chrysanthemums, floral art, cakes, jams, and children's section. There will be tea, home made cakes and raffle. Please support the auction of exhibits at 4.30pm.

Entrance is FREE, all welcome to our friendly village event.

All Saints, Dagnall - Services in August & September 2009

Sun. 2nd Aug.	9.00 am	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Morning Service
	6.00 pm	Evening Service with Holy Communion
Sun. 9th Aug.	10.30 am	Morning Service
	6.00 pm	Sung Eucharist
Sun. 16th Aug.	10.30 am	Family Communion
	6.00 pm	Evening Service
Sun. 23rd Aug.	10.30 am	Family Service
Sun 30th Aug.	10.30 am	Informal Worship
	6.00 pm	Eucharist
Sun. 6th Sept.	9.00 am	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Morning Service
Sun. 13th Sept.	10.30 am	Morning Service
	4.00 pm	Hymns on the Green at Edlesborough
	6.00 pm	Evening Service with Holy Communion
Sun. 20th Sept.	10.30 am	Family Communion
	6.00 pm	Evening Service with Holy Communion
Sun. 27th Sept.	10.30 am	Family Harvest Service
	6.00 pm	Harvest Thanksgiving
Sun. 4th Oct.	9.00 am	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Morning Service
	6.00 pm	Evening Service with Holy Communion

Sunday School meets each Sunday at 10.30 am



Highlights of the Minutes of the Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting held in The Coffee Tavern on Mon 6th July 2009 at 7:30pm

Police Representative

Inspector Steve Barrett, from Leighton Buzzard Police, attended the meeting and wished to respond to residents' concerns to lack of police presence in the parish; he believes that there are more police on the 'ground' than as previously and that they are in the process of improving this.

Residents attending the meeting expressed their lack of confidence in the police and believe there is apathy by the police to the village; especially in situations where residents have contacted the police with an issue to have no response back at all. Many residents do not feel safe in the village, as they do not believe there to be enough police presence within the parish. Although it was noted that since the addition of PCSO Jo Glenn there have been more police presence than before, however it was felt not enough. Inspector Barrett wished to reassure residents that the village is important to them. He informed residents that Eaton Bray village has on average 10 (ten) incidents per month, calls are made to the police and are then graded as to importance. Each call to the police is taken on board and is dealt with accordingly.

The Parish Council expressed disappointment that, despite several calls/emails to contacts within the police, they have not heard from anyone with regards to the option of incorporating specials within the parish. Inspector Barrett said he would look into this further.

Neighbourhood Watch

Mr Brendan Murray, the neighbourhood watch officer for this area, attended the meeting and wanted to remind residents that this initiative is not run by the police but by the community; coming together to look at problems occurring within the area and try to resolve issues. ALL residents can join the Ringmaster service, a site which updates members on crimes within their area, as it is believed that by keeping everyone aware of what is happening within their area it helps people become more aware of issues and to keep an eye on where they live. This in turn supports the police as residents are more likely to contact the police if they then see anything suspicious.

It was recommended that a meeting be put together with neighbourhood watch and the police, to look at issues within the area and what residents would like to see. Inspector Barrett confirmed that the police are putting together a 'Community Safety Forum' for parishes to which the issues of neighbourhood watch/policing could be discussed in more detail. A date for this forum will be announced in due course.

Homewatch Areas In Eaton Bray

If you are interested in becoming a Homewatch Co-ordinator, please contact the Parish Clerk for more details.

Play Equipment

The new springs, to replace the old, worn out springs for the 'springy animals' have now been fitted and the equipment is back in use.

School Lane Recreation Ground Improvements

The Parish Council has been informed that funding from WREN for the proposed

<p>Eaton Bray Parish Council Meetings 1st Monday of each month 7:30pm The Coffee Tavern Next Meeting: Mon 7th Sep 09</p>

Skate & Ride project has been approved.

Damaged Village Gateway

The Clerk has finally received acceptance of liability from the insurance company concerned and will be receiving a cheque to cover the damage shortly. Once received contractors will be booked to commence work to repair the damaged gateway.

Future Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting Dates

Parish Council Meeting: Mon 7th September 2009, 7:30pm at The Coffee Tavern

Parish Council Meeting: Mon 5th October 2009, 7:30pm at The Coffee Tavern

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

Contact Details For Eaton Bray Parish Clerk:

Clerk contact times: Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 09:30-13:30hrs [messages can be left on answer phone].

Parish Office: 20 Good Intent, Edlesborough, LU6 2RD [Tel 01525 222601/Email clerk@ebpc.co.uk]

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The Village Tea Shop

Lee & Karen would like to welcome you to your new tea shop, we have already been made very welcome by the people of Edlesborough and the surrounding villages.

After talking to customers, we realised that The Village Tea Shop is the perfect meeting place, but unfortunately we have no toilets for the public to use (yet?).

But that aside, we have a menu of homemade food including: soup, quiches, pies, cakes, panninis, toasted sandwiches, jacket potatoes, baguettes, plus daily specials.

We are trying to appeal to all ages, with baby food and children's packed lunches, to cream teas and scones.

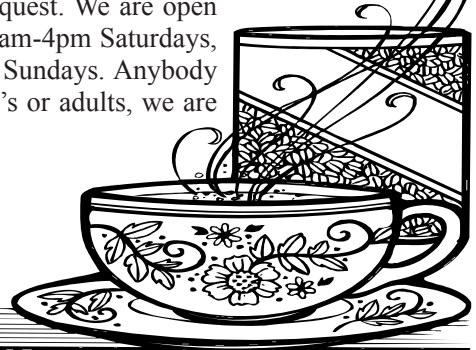
We still do a farmhouse breakfast, using the famous "Bunkers" sausages, and using Prudens for our bread and rolls. We have Cornish Pasties from Cornwall and for teenagers after school, pizzas with your choice of topping and Cornish soft scoop ice cream. We only use free-range eggs and fair-trade tea and coffee on request. We are open 9am-5pm Monday to Friday and 9am-4pm Saturdays, and are only open to bookings on Sundays. Anybody wanting a buffet, whether children's or adults, we are able to supply.

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EDaN Group Cycleways Project Team

The EDaN Report indicated a high level of interest for providing safe cycling facilities in and between Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northhall. A small, but enthusiastic group of residents from these three villages have now met on several occasions to pursue this project. After much discussion the following Objectives have been agreed:

- To publish a map of cycleways in the EDaN area, and how they connect with surrounding cycleways, Sustrans' routes etc;
- To plan and establish a cycleway connecting Edlesborough, Dagnall, Eaton Bray, Northhall and Ringshall;
- To make the surface of the recently, much improved bridleway from Edlesborough to Ivinghoe Aston, more suitable for cycling;
- To improve and promote cycling within the EDaN area;
- To plan and install cycle racks where needed in Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northhall.

The provision of cycleways is clearly a major undertaking. As the Project Team is aiming to provide these away from the A4146 where ever possible, much thought is being given to possible routes. In some cases this might involve making existing footpaths into multi-use, all weather surfaces suitable for cycling. Such aims will clearly require a great deal of consultation and agreement with land owners, Bucks County Council, other authorities and residents – as well as considerable expenditure. So, this project will probably take several years and will therefore demand unstinting support from residents.

In the meantime, the Project Team is endeavouring to achieve some quicker “wins”. Two potential sites for cycle racks have been identified and appropriate discussions are being held with the adjacent property owners. Available cycle rack designs are being researched, together with possible funding for their purchase and installation.

If you would like to join the Project Team, please contact Richard Dorrance (Tel: 01525 221273, or e-mail: richard.dorrance@virgin.net)



EDaN Project Traffic Management Team

The Traffic Management Team were present as part of the EDaN tent at the Carnival and we would like to thank all those who came to discuss traffic issues and shared their thoughts and concerns with us. By the time you read this, we will have contacted those who requested further information or wished to join us in a more active role, and we look forward to developing our plans on improving road safety in the villages with more helpers.

We are sure that others will write more about how successful the Carnival was again this year, but can we just add that the enthusiasm to maintain village communities and the commitment by so many to achieve this end encourages the Traffic Management Team in doing “their bit”.

Thank to all who support this ethic.

We hope that everyone will have seen Speedwatch in operation by the time this August issue of “Focus” hits the streets. Please be aware, drive carefully, be safe!

The Traffic Management Team

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Lorna Cubbage lornacubbage@larums.com



The EDaN Project Buses & Transportation Action Group

We have some good news to report this month. We have been successful in getting a Bus Stop for Northall along with a wonderful timetable showing where all the buses are going and their times.

Many thanks go to Jeremy Horwood and Paul Goodwin from Bucks County Council who gave permission for the Bus Stop, chose the location and installed it!

This will hopefully be a benefit to the villagers to have a particular place to wait for the bus and the additional benefit of having the very latest timetable information on the stop.

We had some favourable comments at St Mary's Carnival about the Bus Stop and comments were also made about other existing bus stops in Edlesborough and Dagnall that don't have any timetable information on them.

So the next challenge is to see if we can get timetable information onto some more Bus Stops in Dagnall and Edlesborough.



If you would like to join our team and help us to make a difference in the 3 villages, we would be very pleased to hear from you, we have a thriving group from Dagnall but only 1 representative from Edlesborough none from Northall.

Email kathybovington@hotmail.com or telephone 01442 842796 for more information.



EDaN Youth Project Team

We hope that many of you visited the EDaN Project stall at the carnival during July and saw the photos of children from the villages enjoying themselves at one of our Beetle Drives. Thank you to Edlesborough Village Store and Post Office for kindly providing the refreshments for the most recent Beetle Drive at Edlesborough. Details of our next event can be found elsewhere in this publication.

We are also in urgent need of more group members to take on tasks for the project team. If you are interested in seeing improved and expanded facilities for your children in the EDaN area please contact us now! No previous experience necessary.

Liz Coates 01442 842550 lizcoates@btinternet.com

Vicky Lee 01442 843361 vickylee35@hotmail.com



Beautifying The EDaN Villages Update

Congratulations to all the villagers of Edlesborough – we were runners-up in the “Best Kept Villages in Bucks” competition this year – second only to Stewkley, who also won the Sword of Excellence for the best winner overall, so we had very stiff competition in our category. We do appreciate all your efforts to make your own personal patch look attractive – well done Edlesborough, we're almost there!

Our planters are looking blooming marvellous, mainly thanks to all the local people of Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall who have ‘volunteered’ to water and dead-head the plants. If you live near one and they are looking a bit limp, it could be that the

stoic person doing this is on holiday or not well. Please feel free to step into the breach at any time! Our sponsors so far are Edlesborough Autos, Socratots, Premier Garage Doors, Ian Waldron Photography, JGS Metalworks & Son and Highbury Horseboxes. There are still 2 planters on the A4146 free, so please contact Christine if you would like to be included in this list – 01525 220739/chris@brooklyns.org.uk.

We all had a great time at the carnival and welcomed many interested locals to our EDaN stand. Sue Waldron drummed up support for our “Firewalk” on 7th November, details of which can be found at www.t4c.org.uk/edanproject. We will be sharing our takings that evening with the Keech Cottage Children’s Hospice, so please make a date in your diaries. It will be a fun-packed evening, with stalls and refreshments.

Letter to the Editors

Village Life



As we bump along the bottom of this latest depression, recession, credit crunch, or whatever name is put to it, much has been said about the effects of the closure of local businesses, such as the Post Office or the Pub. It is said that it will lead to the inevitable decline in the community. We often pass through a village in France where signs along the roadside insist that the forthcoming closure of the pharmacy will lead to the death of the village! That must say something about French hypochondria, but it reflects the worries we all have about changing society.

The success of the Village Carnival in July showed just how alive and well our community here really is. Margaret Thatcher once famously said “There is no such thing as community”, but as with a lot of other things, she was wrong, very wrong. The community here is alive and well. Hundreds of local people give freely of their time to help put on the events and provide the facilities that make these villages very special places to live. From Parish Councillors, to Village Hall Trustees, sports clubs and teams, W.I., Age Concern, EDaN, Open Gardens, Beer Festival, village and school fetes, panto, schools, numerous charities raising money for fantastic projects at home and abroad. All these people need support for giving us the community we have. Our village life does not depend on the Church or the Pub, or Post Office, it depends on us, the people, to join in and help each other. Although no one wants to lose any local facility, life can continue without them if we, the community, wish it to. We are very lucky to be living in an area where so much is provided for us and so many people put themselves out to make these things successful and enjoyable. Our villages are thriving but they need careful nurturing, so keep an eye on what’s going on, and get involved. Almost all the organisations need more help, so go on give it a go, give someone a hand and wherever possible buy locally and make use of local facilities.

Use it, or lose it is absolutely true, so by the time we emerge from this temporary lull in our financial health, our local communities will still be alive and well and our villages will still be fantastic places to live.

A heartfelt thanks to everyone who takes part in any local events in any way however small.

Pete Farrar



Some comments from our recent Ofsted report (Jan 09):

Children are consistently offered a stimulating range of activities and opportunities which enable them to make good progress towards the Early Learning Goals.

Staff have a good understanding of creating a safe and welcoming environment . . .

Staff support children well and encourage them to be active in their learning and to think critically.

We are a committee run playgroup operating five mornings a week 9:30 – 12:00 for children aged 2½ to school age.

If you would like to find out if your child would be happy here, please phone our Playgroup Leader, Ann Tobin on 07816 358 342.



Edlesborough Book Group Review



A Quiet Belief in Angels by R J Ellory

This month we read *A Quiet Belief in Angels* by R J Ellory. The book's setting is rural Georgia from the time just before the Second World War. It is narrated by Joseph Vaughan, a sensitive young boy whose life changes dramatically after the sudden death of his father. On that day, he notices a white feather which, to his impressionable young eyes, is from an angel's wing. At first, his belief in angels leads him to see them as guardians, but as the community is rocked by a series of brutal killings of young schoolgirls, Joseph begins to view them as harbingers of death. As he grows into an observant and intelligent young man, he is encouraged to write by his mother and schoolteacher and we hope for great things for Joseph. Alas, his life is dogged by tragedy, and the killings continue relentlessly without the killer being brought to justice. Joseph, because he knows and is familiar with most of the victims, feels personally involved and believes that he should somehow prevent the horrors from happening. This is impossible, of course, just as he is unable to prevent his own personal tragedies.

The murders continue for a full ten years. Then, the mystery appears to have been solved, when a neighbour is found hanging in his barn with incriminating evidence on his body. Joseph then attempts to forge a fresh life in New York as an author, but the past follows him and new horrors await.

This novel is extremely well written. The language is superb and quite lyrical in places. Although R.J.Ellory is English, his descriptions of the small towns and the rural Southern states are accurate and beautifully written. Sometimes we felt that the passages were a trifle overwritten and a little repetitive. There were, however lots of discussion points raised by the story; so a good choice for book groups.

Village Slide Show

presented by Peter Mayne

7.00pm

Saturday 3rd October

Eaton Bray Village Hall

entry by Ticket only
via Nick at The Roebuck
£5 per ticket - limited number
on sale from 1st September

all proceeds to IRHH
through Jane Tickells
Icelandic Ice Cap Trek

NSPCC ™ Cream Tea

Wednesday 19th August
Edlesborough Village Hall

2.30pm

Speakers:

Mrs Cynthia Gresham
High Sheriff of Bedfordshire
and
Mrs Christine Horn
"Flowers, Cups and Teapots"

Ticket £7.50

Raffle

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Dagnall Day @ The Races

Dagnall will be holding an event at
the recreational ground this year on

Saturday 12th September 2009

The day will start at 3.00pm with a
variety of different races for kids &
adults. You will be able to have a bet
on all races so join in the great family
fun in the name of charity!

We will also be holding an evening
event from 7.00pm until late with a
hog roast and a **live band**, so all the
family can party late into the summer
night.

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Annual Show

To be held in
Dagnall Village Hall
Saturday 5th September 2009



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Presentation of Awards
4:15pm approx.

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**EDaN Youth Bingo
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5 - 7 pm



Saturday 19th September
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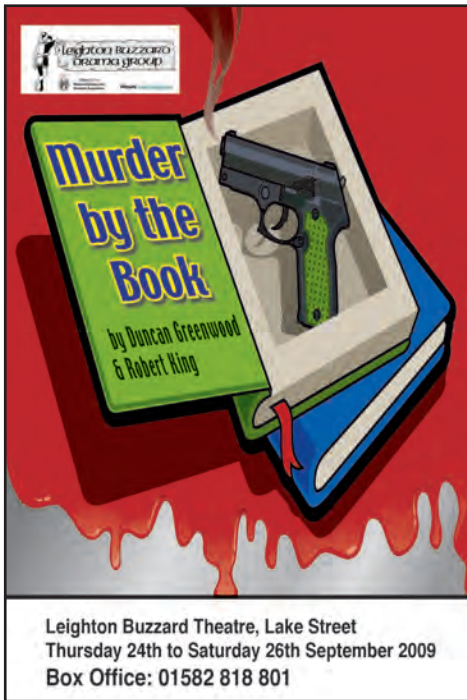
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 Edlesborough Under 5's

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‘Use it or lose it’

We are all aware of the saying ‘be vocal, shop local’ but how many of us support local entertainment? How many are aware that there is a lovely theatre in Leighton Buzzard that holds nearly 200 people? It’s sited above the library and hosts all types of entertainment from amateur dramatics, to musical events & cinema screenings. People looking for a night out will often pay a lot of money to go to the Grove Theatre or Milton Keynes Theatre, but we have some fabulous productions in our local town, at the Leighton Buzzard Theatre. Why not book up to see the Leighton Buzzard Drama Groups next production - Murder by the Book, on between 24th - 26th September. Tickets are just £8.50 with concessions at £7.50, and there’s a bar! Go on, book up now on 01525 818801 or pop into the box office, you will be pleasantly surprised! Remember the other saying - ‘Use it or lose it’!

DAGNALL GARDENERS SOCIETY
TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER 7-30pm
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A TALK BY JOHN BRANHAM
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Quiz



Eaton Bray Village Hall

Saturday 10th October 2009

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7.30pm for 8pm

Just £8 per person

Teams of up to 8 people

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**The churches of Eaton Bray, Edlesborough,
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Hymns of Praise on Edlesborough Green



**Led by the Salvation Army Band and
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Edlesborough Methodist Church
(Bring your garden chairs or picnic rugs.)**

Sunday 13th Sept at 4pm

Shout for joy to the LORD all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;

Come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

(Psalm 100)



Well, what a day! The sun shone, the crowds came, there were more stalls than ever, bands played, dogs were shown and Clarabelle dropped her load – a classic St Mary's Village carnival. Well over £11,000 was raised for local good causes, including the St Mary's Church fabric fund,

the neo-natal unit at the Luton & Dunstable Hospital and many other good causes.

The Carnival's guest of honour was Janet Hatfield, the retiring head of Edlesborough School, who opened the Carnival with the Carnival Queen Charlotte Nilsen. The Carnival Queen and her attendants looked wonderful in dresses supplied by Confetti Bridal Wear of Tring, carrying flowers from Buds of May and with their hair styled by High Street Hair.

The Carnival Procession was the longest yet, with some fantastic ideas that really brought the theme of 'books' to life. Winning floats were from Edlesborough Under 5s - who sported a wonderful 'Hungry Caterpillar', Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Group and the Cats Protection League. If there was an award for noisiest participants in the procession, it would surely have gone to the 2nd Edlesborough and Eaton Bray Brownies who, dressed as flower fairies, cheerfully chanted all round the procession route!

Other winners on the day included

Clarabelle: Beattie Hogan

Weekend in Rome: Mrs Lorraine Dearne

The awards for the best decorated houses on the carnival procession route were kindly donated by Edlesborough Autos and were won by 9, High Street Eaton Bray and 23, The Green Edlesborough.

As usual, a proportion of the proceeds of this carnival will be put aside for local good causes. If you are involved in a local charity or good cause and would like your organisation to benefit, please contact the committee via the website at www.stmarysvillagecarnival.com. See you there next year!

Dog Show Winners

Best Puppy	No 27	Lizzie Woodcock
Any Variety Sporting	No 25	Sillas Watkin
Any Variety NonSporting	No 9	Faith Ward
Any Variety Open	No 36	Bo Reeder
Best in Show	No 27	Lizzie Woodcock
Junior Handling	No 36	Bo Reeder
Best Local Dog	No 31	Blake Stedman
Best Veteran	No 47	Ghandi Stallard
Best Rescue	No 43	Taz Grint
Handsomest Dog	No 49	Bear Howard
Prettiest Bitch	No 45	Millie Hurley
Dog with Waggiest Tail	No 41	Fudge Gates
Dog the Judge would most like to take home	No 54	Amy Gorham
Best in Show	No 43	Taz Grint



Carnival Grand Draw Prize List 2009

1st	WEEKEND IN ROME	Mr. & Mrs. Dearne
2nd	VISIT TO PARLIAMENT with Andrew Selous M.P.	H. & R. Wilkinson
3rd	FAMILY TICKET TO FIVE ROYAL PALACES	I. & L. Stubbs
4th	ANNUAL TICKETS TO N.T. PROPERTIES	Adam
5th	GOLF FOR FOUR AT Dunstable Golf Club	Mr. Taylor
6th	DINNER AT Azzurri Restaurant, Dunstable	Roz Heffer
7th	GOLF FOR FOUR AT Mentmore Golf Club	Roger Thorn
8th	TEETH WHITENING by Peter le Roux	Tracey Steel
9th	ETE MAKE UP by Lorinda le Roux	Helen Wilkinson
10th	CASE OF WINE	Pat Forder
11th	GLIDER FLIGHT	Paul Wood
12th	MEAL at the White Horse, E.B.	Mrs. Nandhra
13th	GREETING CARDS from Sally Taylor	Beryl Bishop
14th	ORNAMENTAL TREE from Brian McMahon	Adrian Bull
15th	FAMILY TICKET to Mead Open Farm	Mrs. Lewis
16th	MEAL at the Old Palace Lodge	Paula
17th	'HAIR-DO' at Aurora, Edlesborough	Cindy Maytum
18th	MEAL at The Swan, Northall	Chris Thomas
19th	MEAT from D. & E. Hines, E.B.	Mr. Janes
20th	HAIR ACCESSORIES from High Street Hair, E.B.	Sue Woods
21st	MEAL at The Bell, Edlesborough	June Thorne
22nd	FISHING AT WATERMEAD	Janet Moorhouse
23rd	CHURCHES TRUST MEMBERSHIP	Elsie Hares
24th	TWO M.O.T. VOUCHERS from Chalk Hill Garage	Susan Thompson
25th	DAY'S FLY FISHING AT BELLOWS MILL	Siobhan Lloyd
26th	HARPER'S VOUCHER	Valerie Wyke

Another Carnival, another Grand Draw, and 26 happy winners (I hope!) Thank you to the winners, and everyone else who bought and sold tickets for me – well over 4,000 of them! Thank you also to my team on the day, for creating our Book Shop and being a 'dream team' and also a 'family affair' of Gaynor, Norman and Ellie.

Results of the Carnival Silent Auction 2009

Television	Laura Symonds
Ashridge Gym membership	Liz Bull
Mentmore Golf	Peter Brinklow
Tour of St Paul's	Chris Banks
Algarve Holiday	Philip Lee
Harrods Teddy Bear	Eileen Bennett
EBLTC tennis lessons	Steve Ravenhall
Woodside Clinic Treatments	Neil Brown
Garden statue	Ken Coates
Driving lessons	Philip Lee
Scuba experience	Keith Rawlings
Garage door mechanism	Ian Pritchard
Crockadoodledoo party	Ana Burne
Carving by Mel Grundy	Peter Bennett

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

Great News for Edlesborough

Edlesborough Village has come second in the Defrane Cup for the Best Kept Village Competition run by Buckinghamshire County Council. Thank you to all parishioners and volunteers who made a special effort to keep the village tidy, who knows, if we keep up the good work, maybe next year we could win the Cup.

Cemetery Access

A new gate has been installed at the entrance to the Cemetery and the remainder of the bridleway resurfaced. Vehicular access to the Cemetery is restricted to the Hearse plus one following car, but the Cemetery is now much more accessible for pedestrians on level ground.

Play Around the Parishes will be returning during the Summer, dates and times as follows:

Edlesborough, The Green	Tuesday 4th August	10.00 – 12.30pm
	Friday 14th August	2.00 – 4.30pm
	Monday 24th August	2.00 – 4.30pm
Dagnall Recreation Field	Monday 20th July	2.00 – 4.30pm
	Monday 10th August	2.00 – 4.30pm
	Wednesday 26th August	2.00 – 4.30pm
	Monday 17th August	2.00 – 4.30pm
Northall Village Hall	Friday 28th August	10.00 – 12.30pm

Traffic Calming

Council waiting for dates of Consultation.

Dagnall Recreational Track

The Track has now been completed and is being extensively used by all age groups.

Litter Bins

A Parishioner has kindly donated a black mesh litter bin situated on The Green and notices have been placed on all litter bins requesting that when possible litter is taken home. The litter around the villages is collected by Volunteers who also empty the bins. The Parish Council would be grateful for any parishioners who could assist. The bins are for general litter and not to be used for depositing personal household rubbish, newspapers etc.

Youth facilities on The Green

The Parish Council would welcome an approach from the teenagers of the village by suggesting what they would like to see on The Green (eg. A Kick Wall) Funding for equipment can be raised from the Buckinghamshire Youth Bank but this must be applied for by the youths themselves with assistance in completing an application form from the Parish Council.

Thank You from County Councillor Avril Davies

I'd like to thank everyone for the tremendous support given to me in the election. I have been returned as the County Councillor for Ivinghoe Division for the third time, with almost the same majority, but a smaller turnout this time. The two previous occasions coincided with the general election so more people voted. The County Council and District Council elections alternate every two years. For the County Council I represent ten villages (which include Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall). For the District I

just represent Ivinghoe and Pitstone. I particularly would like to thank everyone who sent me messages of congratulation, as they were so unexpected. Usually it takes a while for the results to become known, but with the Bucks County Council and Bucks Herald running such good websites, not to mention the village websites which are extremely well used, and dare I say it, Twitter. Communications are so much faster today. I got a lot of good ideas from talking to people during the campaign, and some very good ideas to take forward on a whole number of things. Standing for election isn't very enjoyable, but this time I do feel the campaign has been positively invigorating. Lin Sargeant – Clerk to Edlesborough Parish Council – Tel: 01525 220859. E-mail: parish.council.clerk@edlesborough.gov.uk Website: www.edlesborough.gov.uk

<p style="text-align: center;">Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings 3rd Thursday of every month 7.30pm Memorial Hall Next meetings: Thurs 20th Aug 09 Thurs 17th Sep 09</p>

North Chilterns Group
Spring Harvest 2010 – 13th-18th April at Minehead

‘Spring Harvest is a Christian event which takes place over Easter. It’s for people of all ages and church backgrounds and features inspirational Bible teaching, seminars, and spirit-filled worship. It’s about one thing: deepening your walk with God.’ <http://www.springharvest.org/>

We are having an open meeting on **Saturday 5th September 2009, 4pm, at Church House, Tilsworth**. Come along to find out more over afternoon tea and see if you would like to join us in 2010.

God bless.



The Church Mouse

The June meeting of the P.C.C was chaired once again by our Churchwarden.

It was recorded that a presentation had been made to Mary French to gratefully recognise her years of service to St. Mary’s. Mary has washed the church linen for many years.

It is not possible to make any announcement about a replacement organist.

The PCC expressed grateful thanks to the Bell Ringers for donating the fees they have received to a fund which has been used to pay for the repairs to the bells. New ringers are being trained and the bells should be back in action by the end of June.

The new pulpit will be delivered at the end of July.

Edlesbray Players have donated a very generous sum to St. Mary’s which will help with the cost of a new sound system for the Church.

The Parish Picnic will be held on Edlesborough Green after the 10am service on Sunday 13th September.

The Parish Council have agreed to maintain the churchyard and will be meeting with a PCC member to discuss what is required for the flower beds near the North Door.

The Saturday morning Coffee Mornings held in St. Mary’s Church were discussed. These are normally held the first Saturday of the month. Because of the Carnival the next Coffee Morning will be August 1st.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Eaton Bray Lawn Tennis Club



It's been a hectic few weeks at ebltc. The club tournament is under way which sees members vying towards an appearance on our Final's day on Saturday 12th September. This is always a spectacular occasion, not too dissimilar to the final Sunday of Wimbledon, but without the retracting roof if it rains. And we don't charge you £25 to park for the day or £6.70 for a Pimms, mainly because we don't have a car-park or a bar... however that gives me an idea – that Wimbledon roof cost £380 million but I know a bloke in the pub who said he could knock us one up for around 200 quid cash. He did say we'd have to wind it open and closed manually but that shouldn't be a problem. We'd only have to park 8 cars to pay for that. He does need payment up front as apparently he's moving away for a bit, so I'll speak with Madam Chairman and see if I can get my hands on the petty cash tin which the treasurer keeps under his mattress, along with various other assorted memorabilia which last saw the light of day in 1968.

Also progressing well are our teams in the South Beds league. When I say well, it must be said that some are fairing better than others. One of the others being the Men's D team. Our Captain, Glenn, has tried every combination of doubles partners, many different tactics and even doctored the balls, but that elusive first victory still awaits. So does a draw come to that. Although, there were wild celebrations last week when we won 2 sets out of 8 against the Luton Co-op (haberdashery department), which meant that we only lost by 18 points to 6. We counted that as a major victory in our book, and we washed down our post-match cheese rolls with copious amounts of hot tea to celebrate. Oh yes, we know how to have a good time in the Men's D team.

Last Saturday was once again our best attended tennis afternoon of the year - our 'Play Tennis Day' at the School Lane courts was undoubtedly helped by both the summer sunshine, and the extraordinarily delicious, meaty and wholesome barbequed sausages and burgers, much commented upon by our ravenous attendees, which were supplied by our local butcher D & E Hines and expertly prepared by my sous-chefs Anne and Helen, and myself. OK I can't play tennis but I can handle a barbeque! With a record selection of sauces available to choose from this year, junior member Mikey Daniels calculated that, together with the options of cheese and/or onions, there were no less than 3,560 different combinations of food to choose from. I wouldn't argue with him because he's doing AS level maths, but I defy McDonalds to compete with that. Meanwhile on the courts, our coach kept up to 25 youngsters amused at any one time, overseeing games of short tennis, 'follow my leader' and 'stuck in the mud' whilst the older juniors and adults engaged themselves in a fun mini-tournament where standards ranged from pretty good to 'which end do I hold this stick'; which after all demonstrated the whole idea of introducing people to tennis, and by the end of the day everyone could hold their 'stick' the right way round, hit a few balls and even score some points! Although I have to admit, the kids were a lot better...! As people meandered between the barbeque and the courts, burger in one hand and a racquet in the other, it was really pleasing to see so many people enjoying some tennis in the sun, and we were delighted to sign up several new members, taking our membership to well over the 100 mark.

Finally we must mention the village fete, which again basked in sunshine for most of the day. Several of us manned our stall there, offering youngsters (and several young at heart adults) the chance to ‘select a red-sticked lollipop’ or to ‘throw the tennis balls through the hole’ to win a magnificent prize of, well a lollipop or a strange plastic toy with spiky hair, definitely not suitable for the under 3s. Alas my comprehension of the rules was hampered by the necessity to run both games at once, and I was severely admonished by our fixtures secretary (aka my wife) for giving out too many prizes. It was just too confusing, what with having to throw 5 balls and get 3 through the hole (or was it 6 balls and 4 through?) but then what happened when you got all 5 through, and if you chose a red stuck lollipop as well? What did you win then? In the end I was giving everyone under the age of 90 a prize because frankly I’d given up trying to work out who had won what, and I still don’t understand it to this day. Fortunately at that point a nice lady walked past with 2 big dogs who took a fancy to our tennis balls and promptly ran off with them and proceeded to slobber all over them (the dogs, not the lady) so that halted proceedings for a bit whilst we got a gullible junior member to chase after the dogs, prize open their mouths, retrieve the balls and wipe them dry on their trousers (the balls, not the dogs). Next year I’m going to recommend we do a cake stall with everything priced at a pound, I can’t cope with all this any more.

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, you can visit our website at www.ebltc.org.uk; Alternatively call Bernadette Hillman on 01525 222531, Coach Nick Boys on 07810 832774, or if they’re all out and I’m not in fete rehab, me, Andy Cross, on 01582 477114.

News from Terry Jones

John Bercow

Since his election as speaker there has been some uncertainty about John Bercow’s role as MP for Buckingham. John has written to many residents to explain the situation, but in case you are not aware, this is what he has said.

He will still be responsible for taking up constituent’s concerns with local authorities, public bodies and government departments as he has always done. Also, he will continue to stage regular surgeries and to correspond on behalf of constituents. Letters that he sends to ministers will be accorded special priority for early reply as the speaker does not table questions or speak on the floor of the House. This special arrangement for dealing with ministers means that he will be able to deliver at least as good a service to constituents, if not materially better.

John will continue to attend events and undertake visits of a non-party political character throughout the constituency. He will be delighted to continue visiting schools, health services, local authorities, charities, voluntary organisations and community gatherings.

In keeping with the convention that the speaker stands aside from the party fray and is politically neutral, he will stand at the next General Election not as the conservative candidate, but as the speaker seeking re-election. You will understand that he has had to resign his membership of the Conservative Party.

John will continue to dedicate himself to the twin tasks of continuing to represent the people of the Buckingham constituency as their Member of Parliament and serving to

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Now to a light hearted theme, if you want to know about the activities available this summer, register at www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/textalerts to receive free mobile phone texts about the summer holiday activity programme and play schemes for younger children.

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One of the most exciting dishes we have created recently is a fruit salad. But not any fruit salad. One served with rose cream. Yes, literally - rose cream. This recipe goes back to the time when flowers were used extensively in cooking. If you want to try this dessert, I would suggest you use delicate, exotic fruits such as mangoes, passion fruit etc. as the cream has a really delicate flavour and is best suited to exotic and equally delicate fruits. This means, due to the cost of those fruits, you might not want to prepare it for a large party of guests but instead just for a few special friends. This recipe will serve 6, so please buy the fruits accordingly.

For the cream:

1 red rose – fresh, and not treated with pesticides
150 ml Single Cream 1 tbsp Caster Sugar
1 tbsp Lemon Juice 150 ml Double Cream

Remove the petals from the rose, and discard the rest. Wash the petals thoroughly, dry them and set a couple of them aside for decoration later. Place the petal leaves in a blender with the sugar and the single cream, and blend until smooth. Add the lemon juice. Now whip the double cream until it forms soft peaks. Incorporate the rose cream into the whipped cream. Et voilà! Keep the cream in the fridge for a couple of hours as it tastes better when chilled.

When ready to serve, don't be tempted to mix the cream with the fruits. The exotic fruits are very much part of the visual attraction of this dish and deserve to be seen – so gently pour the cream over the fruits and decorate with the remaining petal leaves! Bon appétit!

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These are just a few of the comments made in our fifth OFSTED Report (March 2008 - available via our website). The report reflects the high quality of learning on offer to all children at Edlesborough Under 5's and highlighted the quality of teaching by the staff. We are currently operating a waiting list for 2½ to 4½ year olds. If you would like to pop in for a look around, please phone Tracey on 07854 939226 between 9am - 12 noon, to arrange an appointment. A warm welcome awaits you.

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Samaritans Outreach Team Left Out of Pocket After Break In

The Samaritans regional outreach team were left out of pocket recently when thieves broke into Stopsley Fire Station, and stole items worth nearly £300 and sprayed 'graffiti on their trailer. It is very sad that anyone would break into the premises of 'The Emergency Services' and take things that are used to help the general public. A Samaritan sign frame, 2 solar lights, 2 gas stoves, and a bench were taken from the station and will now have to be replaced before the team can resume their outreach work at festivals, around the district.

The team are made up of volunteers from several branches of Samaritans and who attend festivals and events in order to support members of the public who may need to talk, at any time during the event.

Samaritans don't receive any funding from the Government and the task of fundraising falls on a group of volunteers from each branch who shake tins, organise coffee mornings, and other events to help raise money to keep the branches running.

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Edlesborough W.I.

We are pleased to welcome Caroline Colleran, our newest member, and two visitors to our last meeting.

Elizabeth Braiden had recently represented our Institute at the W.I. Annual General Meeting held at the Albert Hall, and she reported back to us at our meeting. She said how interesting the speakers had been, particularly 'Mr Yorkshire Tea'. His speech, Trees for Life, outlined the work Yorkshire Tea was carrying out, together with Oxfam, in the planting of trees to replace those lost in the destruction of rain forests. Other speakers included Eve Pollard (journalist), Maureen Lipton (actress) and one who considered bumble bees to be more important than honey bees in plant pollination. Elizabeth, like those who had attended the A.G.M. on previous occasions, said how impressive "Jerusalem" sounds when sung by so many W.I. ladies in the Albert Hall.

David Lee was the speaker at our meeting that evening. David is a Met. Office weather forecaster who has worked on 3 occasions in the southern part of Antarctica. He joins scientists, electricians, plumbers, etc. all working on difficult projects, but staying at the same base. The accommodation is modern and quite comfortable, with 2 people sharing a bedroom with bunk beds and an en-suite. All workers eat in a large canteen, and primus stoves are still used for much of the cooking. Work equipment naturally varies according to the research undertaken. Quite a number of women are employed alongside the male scientists. Weather forecasting plays a large part, as many planes go back and forwards, because ships do not go so far south due to the ice. Weather balloons are sent up three times a week to assist this work.

The area David stayed in was not nearly as cold as some. The further south you travel, the less snow there is. There is a small amount of wildlife in the area, including seals, penguins and skuas. The scenery is fantastic, as seen in the beautiful slides David used to illustrate his talks, particularly those of aerial views of the massive glaciers. David's visits to Antarctica certainly make his work far from humdrum. Val Harris

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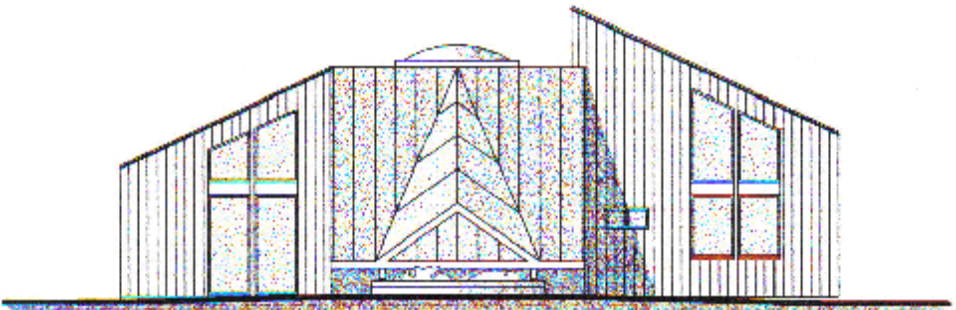
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The Bedfordshire Wheels2Work Scheme was officially launched on Friday 20th March 2009 at Tilsworth Golf Centre, Dunstable Road, Tilsworth, Bedfordshire. Andrew Johnston, Member of the National Development Team and Co-ordinator of the Hambleton & Richmondshire Scheme gave the keynote address.

Wheels2Work provides an innovative way of overcoming transport barriers to key services offering individuals their own transport solutions for up to a nine-month period until a longer-term solution can be found. The scheme is delivered through a 50cc Yamaha scooter loan, which is provided complete with fully comprehensive motor vehicle insurance, road tax and provision of service costs. Clients meeting the criteria are required to undertake a Compulsory Basic Training (CBT) course and Rural Ride training, both of which are free. A monthly fee is payable for the scooter loan.

The scheme is eligible to those who meet the following criteria:

- Being of working age (16 – 64) with priority given to those aged 16 – 24
- Living in South Bedfordshire area (excluding Luton)
- Having limited or no access to transport to employment, education or training opportunities.

The scheme is led by Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity. Funding has been sourced principally from the former Bedfordshire County Council, with additional grants from the Learning and Skills Council and South Bedfordshire District Council. Other partners include Jobcentre Plus, Connexions, Dunstable College, Leighton-Linslade Town Council and Bedfordshire Youth Service

The scheme is the latest edition to the growing network of over 50 across England. Each provides a tailor-made service to meet the needs of their clients and geographical area.

For further information please contact Bob Hughes on 01234 832646 or by e-mail at boh@bedsrcc.org.uk or visit the following website:

www.bedsrcc.org.uk/community_transport/wheels



Your Panto Needs You!

Following the success of last winter's out of this World frivolities, the time is now upon us when we start nagging you to help with next years' effort. We have most of the major personnel all revved up and raring to go ready to drag out Oscar winning performances from all you talented amateur performers.

To get the very best cast we can, we are holding informal auditions on two separate days in the hope that if you are interested you should be able to make one of them.

Sunday September 13th – 3pm to 5pm at the Coffee Tavern

or

Monday September 14th – 8pm to 10 pm at the Coffee Tavern

If you are interested but are unable to make either date, give us a ring, 01525 221583 or email us on farrarandr@yahoo.co.uk.

We are always open to anyone who would like to help in any way in all departments, i.e. backstage, scenery, wardrobe etc, so if you've always fancied the idea but never got around to it, now is the time. We particularly need scenery painters this year.

Hope to see you all in September.

Pete and Ronnie Farrar.

Events at Dunstable Downs

We will lead a Nature Walk on Sunday 16th August at 10am. This will be a 2 hour stroll to look for the creatures that call Dunstable Downs home and we might be lucky enough to see the Chalkhill Blue Butterfly. The £5 cost includes soup and a roll and participants will be entitled to a 20% discount in the shop. Please book on 01582 500925.

We will be holding a week long Food Festival from 25th to 31st August, events will include:

Tues 25th Aug: Farmers and Craft Market

Weds 26th Aug: Teddy Bears Picnic in the marquee, with packed lunches from the Chilterns Gateway Centre

Thurs 27th Aug: Tea Dance in the marquee, with National Trust Cream Teas in the Chilterns Gateway Centre

Fri 28th Aug: BBC Introducing and Hog Roast. We will be hosting thirteen different bands throughout the day with the afternoon and evening sessions being broadcast live on BBC Beds, Herts and Bucks. A locally provided Hog Roast and real ales will be on offer.

Sat 29th Aug: Multi-cultural food stalls and demonstrations

Sun 30th Aug: Historical Food Day, including local foods and venison roast

Mon 31st Aug: Summer Fete including an attempt at the largest cream tea, kite making, guided walk and various games

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Cheeky Monkeys Under Five's Playtime

We hope that everyone is enjoying the summer break.

We must mention our float in the carnival! A massive thank you to everyone involved, Jim our driver, Dean at Drive Style for providing our van, Daniel for volunteering to be Charlie, Zoe and family for providing bucket loads of sweets and giving out leaflets, Willie Wonka and all our Oompa Loompa's. Also, a big thank you to all the parents and children who helped with the decorations, from lollies to candy canes, and from wonka bars to golden tickets! Will we do it next year...?

All the children enjoyed ice-creams in the Church Yard in July, and we finished with a great prize raffle. Congratulations to all the prize winners.

After our break, we hope to welcome some new parents and look forward to welcoming back all the "old faces" too!!! We re-open on September 2nd.

Please keep an eye on our website during the summer, we will be adding new calendar items from September until Christmas.

If you are a parent or carer and would like to join our friendly group, please come along to Eaton Bray Village Hall on a Wednesday afternoon at 1pm. Everyone is welcome. We charge £1.50 per adult, £1 per child over 1, and 50p per child under 1. Cheeky Monkeys is run by three volunteer parents, Sarah, 07904 348113, Louise 07784 165259 and Sue 01525 222387 or suefox4@hotmail.com. For enquiries please contact anyone of us.

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A deckchair by the seaside, a shady place in a park or garden, a river bank, a comfortable armchair, should it dare to rain, ideal situations for losing oneself in the pages of literature, whether it is fictitious prose or a tale representing real life.

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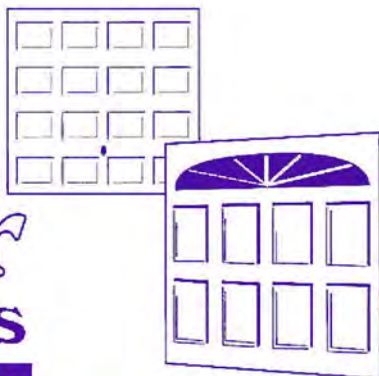
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