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THE FOUR VILLAGES MAGAZINE

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Christmas Menu 2009



(G) Homemade Cream of Potato Soup with Chives & Parsnip Crisps

(G) Crab Timbale with Smoked Salmon & Dill Crème Fraîche

(G) Shredded Duck with Hoi-Sin Sauce on Salad

(V) Pan-Fried Mushrooms in Garlic Butter & Fresh Herbs



Roast Turkey with Sage & Onion Stuffing

& Chipolata Sausage Wrapped in Bacon

Roast Lamb with a Port Wine & Minted Gravy

(G) Chargrilled Sirloin Steak with Garlic Butter

(G) Slow Roasted Belly of Pork with Black Pudding
on Braised Red Cabbage

(G) Sea Bass Fillet in Lemon Butter on Crushed Potatoes
& Wilted Spinach

(V) (G) Celery Hearts Braised in Red Wine with a Stilton Sauce,
Topped with Chopped Walnuts



Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce

Homemade Sticky Toffee Pudding

(G) Chocolate & Orange Mousse

(G) Raspberry & Hazelnut Meringue Roulade
Tiramisu Glacé

Cheese & Biscuits



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(V) Vegetarian

(G) Gluten-Free

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PCSO Joanne Glenn Mobile 0796 1067867

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Village Hall Bookings

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

Basil Frederick Ruffett

Gladys and family would like to thank all relatives, neighbours and friends for their kindness on the loss of Basil.

Thank you also for the donations received for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Village Diaries October 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 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, 10-11am, 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 & 3rd 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 & 4th Tuesday Grace Baptist Church Bible Study, 7.30pm, all welcome, David Coleman 01582 664990
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

9th Leukaemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30am
14th & 28th Bingo, Dagnall Village Hall 8pm.
20th Dagnall Over 60's Sausage & Mash Lunch Village Hall 1.30pm

One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

3rd Village Slide Show, presented by Peter Mayne, 7.00pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Tickets £5 from Roebuck garage
7th Autumn Bazaar, 2-4pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall
10th Quiz, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 7.30pm for 8pm, Sold out
13th Dagnall Gardeners Society Talk by John Branham. Tickets £2 available from allotment hut on Sunday mornings. Proceeds to Macmillan & Scanner Appeal
21st Edlesborough School Open Day, 9.15-10.30am
21st Age Concern Coffee Morning, 10-11.30am, Northall Village Hall
30th Supper Quiz, Northall Village Hall, 7.30 for 8.00pm, Tickets £8.00 Vivienne 222726.
31st Quiz Night, 7.30pm Eaton Bray Village Hall, £8, Tickets 222831

World Challenge Summer Barbeque

I just wanted to say a very big thank you to everyone who supported and helped to make this event such a success. I raised £700 towards my 'World challenge' target of £3400. Special thanks to Adrian Bush for all his help setting up and cooking, Debbie Lake for organising and selling all the raffle tickets and Paula Walsh for tirelessly cooking with Adrian all evening!

Thanks again everyone! Hannah Mustoe

Cheeky Monkeys Under Five's Playtime

For those of you that are not familiar with Cheeky Monkeys, we are a friendly mother and toddler group that meets each Wednesday at Eaton Bray Village Hall at 1pm. Everyone is welcome. We charge £1.50 per adult, £1 per child over 1, and 50p per child under 1. During the afternoon we have our tea/coffee break whilst the children sit down for juice and a biscuit. We end the afternoon with songs and dancing.

There is plenty of time for all sorts of messy play, including junk modelling, chalk boards, playdough and painting. We also have a quiet reading corner, colouring tables, a farm yard, bricks and blocks, home corner, and ever increasing baby corner. We have been able to purchase a brand new slide and seesaw over the summer, together with two new easels for painting and colouring.

Our planned activities on the craft table for the next few weeks are Teletubbies, Owls, Halloween magnets, Rockets and Fireworks. For those of you that are planning even further ahead, our Christmas party will be on 16th December, when we hope that Father Christmas will be visiting us!

Cheeky Monkeys is run by three volunteer parents, Sarah, 07904 348113, Louise 07784 165259 and Sue 01525 222387 (suefox4@hotmail.com.) For enquiries please contact anyone of us. Please see our website for lots more information: www.cheekymonkeys.btik.com

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The café is staffed by trained volunteers and Health Professionals, who can provide one-to-one consultations if required.

We need more volunteers of all ages and backgrounds to act as:

- Peer Supporters: Mums who were successful at breastfeeding and can talk to other mums about what they will go through. (Training will be provided)
- Hostesses: To make teas/coffees etc., and help prepare the room and clear up.

If you have a couple of hours to spare on a Tuesday morning (as little or as often as you like), or simply wish to know more about the Baby's First Café, please contact your Health Visitor, or Jill Latch, Pitstone Surgery, Yardley Ave., Pitstone. LU7 9BE. 01296 663784



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St Mary's Village Carnival 2009

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Now that the dust has settled from this year's Carnival we are able to let you know that the Organisers have been able to donate the magnificent sum of £12,800 – over £1,000 more than was achieved in 2008. A massive

'THANK YOU' to everyone who has contributed to this total in any way.

As usual, half of the money is for St Mary's Fabric Fund, half of the remainder goes to our principle charity, the Luton & Dunstable Hospital Neo Natal Unit and the rest has been distributed among local (or locally connected) good causes, in line with commitments resulting from the Carnival or as requested by people in the villages, as follows:

St Mary's Fabric Fund	£6400	Edlesborough Under 5s	£75
L&D Neo Natal Unit	£3200	Expedition - Amy Ryder	£318
1st E Bray & Edlesborough Scout Group	£100	Expedition - Hannah Mustoe	£82
Appledown Rescue	£75	Iain Rennie Hospice at Home	£75
Cheeky Monkeys	£75	Link	£75
Dagnall School	£100	Lionheart Explorer Group	£150
Dagnall Under Fives	£75	Luton, Dunstable & District Branch of	£50
Down's Heart Group	£75	Cats Protection	
Dunstable & District Handicapped Typing Club	£75	Orbit	£75
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Eaton Bray Lawn Tennis Club	£75	Merlin	£75
Eaton Bray Lions AFC	£75	Police Charity Fund - Beds	£100
Eaton Bray Lower School	£100	Police Charity Fund - Thames Valley	£100
Eaton Bray Methodist Church	£50	Salvation Army	£50
Eaton Bray Village Hall	£125	School tennis tournament	£50
Eaton Bray W.I.	£75	Shooting stars majorettes	£75
EdaN Project	£75	St John's Ambulance	£300
Edlesborough Parish Council	£100	Surrey and Sussex Support Group for	£75
		Fibromyalgia	
		Taskers Row Sheltered Housing Scheme	£75

Over the past 10 years St Mary's Village Carnival has raised over £100,000 for local good causes. The Organising Committee have already started making preparations for next year's Carnival which, as usual, will take place on the first Saturday in July – 3 July 2010 – when the theme will be 'Inventions'.

If you have ideas or offers for the event please ring Gordon Gray on 220136 or leave a message via the website – www.stmarysvillagecarnival.com

Hopefully we'll see you there.

Whipsnade Village Flower Festival

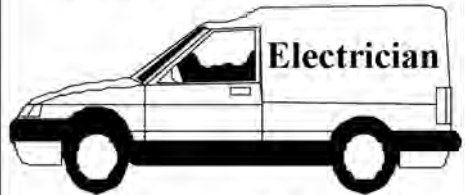
Edna Moore would like to thank all her friends in the four villages and beyond for their overwhelming support in making the Whipsnade Flower Festival a huge success. Together with all the other events organised by Pam Ward and her team the weekend raised over £9000.



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BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

Enquiries for these should be made in the first instance to:-

BAPTISMS – Mrs Eileen Bennett (221284)

WEDDINGS & PROCLAMATION OF BANNIS – Mrs Jenny Hewett (220295)

FUNERALS – Mr Peter Bennett (221284)

or leave a message at the Parish Office (222254)

From the Parish Registers

With apologies from the Churchwardens for failing to record these names in past editions of Focus.

Weddings

“To love and to cherish till death us do part”

13 June: Richard James Gibbons
& Crystal Marie Venn

18 July: Robert David Parr &
Laura Ann Thrift

22 July: Andrew Barry George &
Samantha Christy Heath

1 Aug: Peter Michael Hack &
Kelly Louise Relihan

Funerals

“Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest”

5 May: Doris May Willmot

6 May: Rosamond Elise Theodore
Hayward MBE

20 May: Yvonne Louise Hall

17 June: Ronald Edward Overhill

23 June: Edna Elizabeth Batt

3 July: Samuel James Jamieson

9 July: Brenda Rose Martinelli

29 July: Basil Ruffett

12 Aug: Roger Gaius Thorne

21 Aug: Mary French

Baptisms

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

April: Isobel Carla Thorne
Seff Clifford Shane Pretty Boy Eastwood
Benjamin Struan Edmund Campbell
Cameron James Messetter

May: Emma Grace Harwood
Hannah Elizabeth Johnson

June: Matilda Evie Maddern
Lucas Michael Durry Smith

July: Eloise Lucy Sherwood

August: Erin Mae Thorne

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William Scott Anderson Shields

Confirmation

“May they daily increase in your Holy Spirit”

By the Bishop of Bedford 28 June

Emma Julia Fry

Cameron Kheldar Micklom Johnson

National Trust Events at Dunstable

Downs during October

Sunday 4th October: we will be hosting our usual monthly Farmers' Market from 10am to 3pm at the Chilterns Gateway Centre

Tuesday 7th October: Groundwork Luton & South Bedfordshire will be leading an intermediate level Health Walk, starting at 10.30am at the Chilterns Gateway Centre

Tuesday 21st October: Groundwork Luton & South Bedfordshire will be leading an beginners level Health Walk, starting at 10.30am at the Chilterns Gateway Centre

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Wednesday: **10.00am** – Eucharist

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About the Future Occupants of Eaton Bray Vicarage

We are currently two 49 year olds with a 5 year old son, (going on 25) currently living and working in Letchworth Garden City, Roger as curate in the Parish of Norton.

When time permits Gill loves nothing better than a good dig in the flower or vegetable garden, and is now working in a pre-school using her experiences as a one-to-one learning support assistant in a junior school.

John-Daniel (JD to his friends) is currently perfecting a deep knowledge of David Tennant as Dr. Who, and is looking forward avidly to his (Dr. Who's) regeneration, although he doesn't know what this entails.

Roger enjoys cycling (very badly, on his clapped out cycle), painting (when time allows), trash novels, following Spurs, most sports, and real ale.

As a family we love our annual camping trips (invariably in the rain) and are hoping for a few narrow boat holidays again, as we seem to be closer to the Grand Union canal than ever before.

We really look forward to beginning a new chapter of our lives in Eaton Bray in November, and to meeting you all both in Church and on the school-run (or in Tesco).

Roger & Gill Chapman

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - 2009



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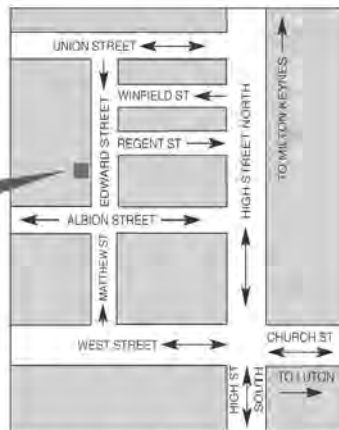
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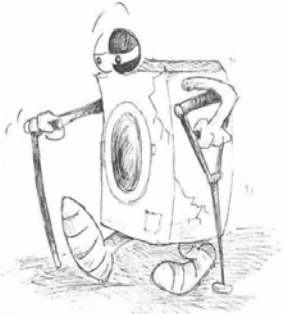
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Blocked Sewerage Pipes

A PLEA To all our neighbours and residents of Edlesborough whose sewerage and waste water flows through our property into the main sewer pipe before it heads off towards Summerleys into Eaton Bray, then making its way to the pumping station. As those of you who live close to us know we have not only the main sewerage drain of Edlesborough Village in the middle of our back garden but also the smaller pipes coming from local properties and I believe Cooks Meadow development that take the waste and sewerage from these properties into this main sewer.

Over the past 24 years of living here we personally have had to deal with the clearing of the smaller pipes on a regular basis as and when it becomes blocked. We have had Anglian Water out for blockages of the main drain on numerous occasions. They know immediately who we are when we call as the record file must be inches thick.

Ed usually has to unblock the smaller pipe on average once or twice every couple of months sometimes more and during the past 6 weeks of June and July has had to rod the drain on 4 occasions– usually after it has rained heavily for some reason. On Wednesday 22nd my immediate neighbour called out Anglian Water Authority as his drain had become blocked again so I also phoned them to come out as it is getting ridiculous and although we know it has to be done it is unfair that Ed gets this very unpleasant job and then has to hose down the equipment and garden because of the smell and germs. When Anglian Water arrived they told us that the main sewerage was clear and refused to unblock the smaller pipes stating that only the main sewerage was their responsibility. After a lot of persuasion we eventually got them to put their pressure washer into the pipe to clear it BUT they have told us they will not clear these pipes in the future. For years we had 2 nice older guys who came from Anglian Water who did all they could to help with this problem. They were able to see from the records that we had a major problem with blockages due to more houses being built in the village and more waste having to travel through these pipes without any upgraded work being carried out on the current sewerage system. I do not know what will happen if they have plans to build any further developments which will use the same pipes to get rid of the extra waste – they just cannot cope with what we have now.

I cannot understand that if we are talking about Sewerage and due to the amount of blockages that we actually get on our property and on our small Estate why we can be held responsible for keeping this small pipe clear surely it must be down to the people to whom we pay our Water Rates to keep the waste flowing to the pumping station. All our washing machines, dishwashers, sink water, bath water and sewerage flow through the same pipe and we feel it is too small to cope.

Lastly I would ask all of you to be careful what you actually put down your toilets & drains as apparently Anglian Water personnel state it is the responsibility of all of us to keep the smaller drains clear. Items such as DOUBLE THICK TOILET PAPER, SANITARY ITEMS AND EVEN NAPPIES although apparently bio-degradable this does not happen instantly so with FATS, COOKING OILS and even WASHING POWDER etc. cause the blockages. Please try to reduce these items or even put them in the dustbin and maybe the drain might not block as frequently and then my husband will not have to clear them so regularly once I might add on Christmas Day and also another time his Birthday.

Thanks for reading

Rita & Ed Kiely, Good Intent

Dagnall News

Over 60's

Unfortunately due to inclement weather we had to hold our Garden meeting in the village hall, although the weather cleared sufficiently for the more intrepid of our members to visit the garden of Rosemary and Brian after tea. It was much appreciated by those who took the opportunity.

In August we visited the Houses of Parliament. This proved to be a most interesting day. The weather was perfect and our members voted it a huge success... .

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

October sees our traditional Sausage & Mash lunch, followed by Apple Pie & cream.

Dagnall Church

Ploughmans Lunch

£647.45 was raised at the ploughman's lunches, held on 18th July, in aid of the Church project for 2009.

Dagnall School

Welcome to all the new children at Dagnall school.



Dagnall Gardener's Society

The results of the Dagnall Gardener's Society Annual Horticulture Show in the Village Hall on Saturday 5th September are detailed in a separate item.

Dagnall Village Hall

Dagnall Dip Results – July 2009

Dagnall Dip tickets are sold around the village 3-4 times a year. Approximately half the money collected is paid out in prizes and half is donated to the Dagnall Village Hall Funds. The results are published in Focus.

Results of the tickets sold in July are:

Date dip drawn – 21 July 2009

Total dip collected - £156.50.

Amount to Village Hall - £81.50.

Amount for prizes - £75.

1st Prize – Mr and Mrs Cutler, £30

2nd Prize – Mr and Mrs Fountain, £20

3rd Prize – Colin and May Provis, £15

4th Prize – Jean Austin, £10

Dip drawn by Basil Thorne and Ann Tobin

Dagnall Under Fives

Welcome back to all our children and parents at playgroup.

The summer term ended with a lovely lunch for all our leavers and we wish them all well in their new schools.

Our topic for the start of this term is 'All About Me' and we will have some visits to our allotment to see how our potatoes and squashes are doing. If you would like your child to attend our playgroup please come along and visit us Mon-Fri 9.30 till 12.00 or ring Ann on 07816358342 for more information.

Tring & District NCT Nearly New Sale

Sat 3rd October

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Edlesborough School

Thank you!

I would like to say a HUGE thank you to every one for the extremely generous gifts and kind words received on my retirement as headteacher of Edlesborough School. I was overwhelmed by all the wonderful events of the final week and apologise if I haven't thanked everyone in person.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the last 15 years and have been fortunate to get to know so many families in the villages and beyond. It has been a real pleasure to see hundreds of children develop academically and socially and to share part of their growing up with them. I will really miss their enthusiasm; sense of fun and of course their boundless energy.

Although I am moving on to new ventures I hope to keep in touch with the school and villages through the many friends I have made.

I am leaving the school in the very capable hands of Jane Foster, her excellent staff and governors and wish them every success for the future.

Best wishes to you all!

Janet Hatfield

The pupils in Year 5 were asked to write about significant events in their life and Jack Nevitt wrote:

In 2008 I had a match for my local team EB Lions. I was playing against a team called AFC Dunstable. After the match a Luton Town coach came up to me and asked if I wanted to do trials for Luton. I got through and I am still playing with them now in 2009 and I'm really proud.

In 2009 I won player of the football tournament in Denmark for Luton Town. The coach called Darren said I played very well and gave me a little triangular certificate that said 'Jack Nevitt Player of the Tournament'. In 2008 (in school) I went on the praise bench for doing all my tables. I got ten house points before I went on, and then got a sticker and a certificate.

In 2009 my football team split up and everyone left. But luckily I managed to get in a football team with two of my friends George and Toby. The football team is very good and I am really enjoying it.

In 2008 me and my team got into the final. It was 1-1 at half-time and at full-time it was 2-2 so it had to go to extra time. And the last kick-off the game was a goal by the other team.

In 2004 I learnt to ride my bike in the front garden. When I learnt to ride my bike I feel into a bush, it was very painful.



Edlesborough School are holding an Open Day

*for prospective parents on
Wednesday 21st October 2009
from 9.15 – 10.30 a.m.*

We look forward to seeing you

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

Police Representative

PC Viv Dady and Police Sergeant Ian McBrearty attended the meeting. They confirmed they are in the process of installing a camera in the High Street. The police reassured residents that they are dealing with the issues arising from youths hanging around certain areas of the parish. The police reiterated the importance for residents to contact them when they see/hear anything improper.

Youth Club

The police confirmed that they have members of the parish who are interested in reforming the youth club and are in the process of going through checking procedures for these roles.

Planning

The Parish Council Meeting was attended by a large number of residents with concerns for a planning application and following a discussion of this application the Parish Council gave unanimous support in recommending the application be turned down. The Parish Council raised concerns with regards to the time limit put upon planning applications to be put before the Planning Committee. The Parish Council believe the timescales are too short and do not give Parish Councils time to look at and discuss planning applications in detail.

Central Bedfordshire Representatives

Central Bedfordshire Councillors, Cllr Ken Janes and Marion Mustoe attended the meeting. The Parish Clerk clarified to Cllr Janes that the Parish Council had supported Eaton Bray Lower School's application for an additional classroom but had commented that they thought the design not being in keeping with the current building.

Refuse Collections

The Parish Council have received this response from Central Bedfordshire regarding fortnightly refuse collections (AWC): *"...the issues of public health were thoroughly explored... Environmental health professionals generally agree that AWC does not pose a health risk provided householders take precautions... The introduction of AWC has been very successful...total amount of waste collected has reduced, increase in recycling has been very significant and the cost of waste management has been kept as low as possible."* Residents with concerns should contact Central Bedfordshire Council direct on 0300 300 4344.

School Lane Recreation Ground Improvements

The Parish Council reported that as the funding for the Skate & Ride project has been approved, they are now in the final stages of the project and currently going through the proposed designs/quotation for this facility. As soon as this process allows build will commence.

Bower Lane Cemetery

The ground under the back hedge has been cleared and seeded with grass, has grown very well and looks really good. Food has recently been found in the Cemetery ground; the throwing/eating of food in the cemetery is prohibited, the Parish Council are looking into the possibility installing a notice board for the cemetery to display ALL cemetery rules/regulations.

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

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<p style="text-align: center;">Eaton Bray Parish Council Meetings 1st Monday of each month 7:30pm The Coffee Tavern Next Meetings: Mon 5th Oct Mon 2nd Nov</p>
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Edlesborough Book Group – Review

‘My name Is Elizabeth’ by Dawn Annandale



This is the story of a married woman, with 6 children, who decides, when she is deeply in debt, that the only way to improve her financial situation and keep her children in private schools is to become an escort. The book has a good balance between description, storytelling and reflection which made it a good read.

Dawn reveals her journey from young girl to married mother and escort, dwelling on her choice of husbands and boyfriends, purchases and expenses, friends and clients, pimps and madams. This is a far cry from the glossy world of ‘Belle du Jour’, replacing sexual delights with the real world of prostitution; exhausting, dangerous and hardcore.

The story was well written and the group felt some sympathy with Dawn but considered that there were other ways of overcoming her problems. There was a mixture of admiration for her honesty and the way she put her children first and annoyance that her values were so unrealistic. It doesn't seem possible for one person to put themselves through so many ordeals that could have been avoided.

New Egyptian Dance Classes Now Started

New Beginners Class started on 2nd September at 7pm. Would you like to know the difference between a hip drop and camel step, then why not come along to the Beginners Egyptian dance class held every Wednesday at Eaton Bray Village Hall, all you need is a great sense of fun! Over the weeks in the class you will learn the basic dance steps.

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Fancy doing something different? Why not perform an amazing feat by taking part in the EDaN Project Sponsored Firewalk. Why not give it a go! It's so much fun to do! Help raise funds for the beautification of the villages and the Keach Cottage Children's Hospice.

The Venue: The Green, Edlesborough

The Date: Saturday 7th November 2009

The Time: 6.30 p.m. stalls open and guy entries taken

8.00 p.m. prompt the firewalk will commence

There will be hot food and drinks, stalls and sparklers and also the Best Guy Competition - it's free to enter - just bring him along. You can "torch" your guy at the end of the Firewalk on our hot coals. The prize for the winning guy is 2 free tickets to Whipsnade Zoo.

So please do come along - support the "walkers" and enjoy yourself - the more the merrier. There is still time to join in the Sponsored Walk - impress your friends and family!

For more information please contact Sue Waldron on 01525 220987 or visit www.t4c.org.uk/edanproject/

Balloon Race

"Congratulations to our balloon race winner - Matthew Thurgood - whose balloon flew all the way to Sandy."



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 W.I.

What a delight! Sue Mitchell and some of her feathered friends (Birds of Bray) came to our August 2009 Meeting at the Memorial Hall. Her elegant birds were the very model of decorum and quite impervious to the admiration bestowed upon them by the Members. Whisper, the Eagle Owl, reigned supreme over her “parliament”, all she needed was a pair of specs and a mortarboard and she could have stepped straight out of a kiddies story book.

We were all pleased to hear that all of Sue’s birds are bathed, de-bugged, wormed and allowed to fly freely regularly and that none have been taken from the wild. Sue also told us of the many expressions and words still in use today which originated from the days of falconry, when it was a way of life. i.e. “on the cadge” and “rousing” from sleep.

All Sue’s birds are birds of prey and they are all capable of killing mammals very efficiently if they need to for food. Roughly speaking the larger the bird the larger the mammal.

A couple of us acted as trees for Willow, the barn owl’s roost, so that she could launch and return in pursuit of her supper.

It has to be said, that the 2 aforementioned lady trees were more of the spreading chestnut type than the slender willow. (sorry Val R). None-the-less, Willow performed with precision as she positively whizzed across the heads of the ladies.

What pleasure Sue’s dogs and birds must give to the patients they frequently visit in the local hospices, schools etc., It is really good to know that if a bird is fortunate to “land” on the Mitchells doorstep, then it has a home for life and is never handed on to anyone else. How lucky is that?

These magnificent birds didn’t seem at all disturbed by the general W.I. clamour or all the petting and tickling they received, and this alone, has to be a true testament to the care and kindness received from the Mitchell family. A super evening all round, and right up my street I can tell you.

Sue Parker.

At a recent meeting we were thrilled to learn that Edlesborough was runner-up in one section of ‘The Best Kept Village’ competition. Congratulations to everyone whose hard work had made this possible.

Our speaker that evening was Christopher Clarke, a Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths, whose subject was hallmarking. He said it was the oldest form of consumer protection for gold, silver and platinum, the three precious metals. Hallmarking is not Government controlled. The Goldsmiths Co. carry out the tests and marking, and there are four basic marks: the maker, where marked, when marked and quality. The work is done in one of four assay offices found in London, Birmingham, Sheffield & Edinburgh.

The quality of gold is measured in carats - 24 (pure), 22, 18, 14 & 9. Silver is either Britannia or Sterling, but platinum has one quality only. Mr. Clarke said hallmarking was very important and was fact. There were huge fines for fakes.

To end, we report the sad news of the death of an ex-W.I. member, Marjorie Clarke. We remember Marjorie as a keen and supportive member over many years.

Val Harris

Protecting Your Back During Pregnancy

During pregnancy changes in your body can affect your back and your posture. As the weeks pass your weight is no longer centred in the middle of your pelvis but moves forward with the weight of the growing baby. For most women their posture adapts to compensate for this shift and you may find yourself either slumping forward and flattening out the curve in your low back, or counter balancing the weight by leaning back, at your upper body, which leads to a greater curve and a shift of your weight on to your heels. The muscles of your back, lower abdomen and your pelvic floor are designed to move and stabilise the joints in your back and pelvis but as your baby grows they are not able to do their job as efficiently. This ,along with the adaptations you may make to your changing shape, combined with hormonal (hormones are chemicals that carry messages around your body) changes that loosen the ligaments around the pelvis, can result in low back pain, upper back pain, pubic bone discomfort and general postural strain.

What can you do to reduce those risks?

Stand Tall – imagine that someone is making you feel taller by pulling a string attached at the back and top of your head at the same time as you tightening your tummy muscles and pelvic floor as much as you are able .

Sit Correctly - make sure your back is well supported. You may prefer a dining chair to a soft chair or sofa. Placing a small rolled up towel in the hollow of your back may help if you are finding your back is adopting a flattened posture.

Avoid Heavy Lifting - Your loosened ligaments make them vulnerable so ask for help whenever possible. If you do have to lift, make sure you hold the object close to your body, and bend your knees rather than your back. If you are shopping divide your goods into equal loads for each hand.

Wear Comfortable Shoes – Generally, if you are finding the curve in your low back increasing, flat shoes may be more comfortable as heels will accentuate the curve.

Adapt The Way You Carry Out Your Chores- e.g. when vacuuming stand in a walking position, with the Hoover in front of you, then move your feet to the next area and Hoover in front of you again. Don't be tempted to push it so far away from your body that you end up bending and twisting your back.

Exercise Regularly- but unfamiliar routines may damage the joints that loosen during pregnancy so it is wise to seek advice if you are unsure of the suitability of your exercise regime. The most appropriate forms of exercise include swimming, walking, aqua natal classes, Pilates and yoga. It is important that the instructor is qualified or experienced in teaching pregnant women. If you are experiencing pelvic girdle pain, or symphysis pubic dysfunction, then always seek advice from a Chartered Physiotherapist prior to beginning any exercise.

You can reduce the risks to your pelvic area and pubic joint by;

- a) Standing evenly on both feet.
- b) Sitting on both buttocks and not crossing your legs.
- c) If you have other small children don't carry them on one hip.
- d) Avoid movements where you are swinging your leg sideways, for example when you get in and out of bed, or a car, turn your hips, pelvis and back in the same direction, while keeping your back straight, so you are moving as a whole and not

twisting.

Once your baby is born there is a period of time, while your hormones re-adjust and you resume your usual tasks, when your spine remains susceptible to damage. This may even be increased by a busy, unfamiliar schedule involving lifting and carrying car seats and prams, combined with feeding postures, picking baby up from their crib and carrying them. It is important to protect your back in the same way you did when you were pregnant.

If you find you cannot resolve your discomfort with this simple advice seek the help of a Chartered Physiotherapist who will be able to identify your specific problems and aggravating activities. They can then provide you with a tailored programme that will fit in with your schedule. They can also advise and provide you with supports to relieve/reduce low back pain and pelvic girdle discomfort.

Call us at St Judes to book an assessment on 01525 377751 or email us for this or any other enquiry at enquiries@stjudesclinic.com.

Diana O'Reilly, Physiotherapist, Grad Dip Phys MCSP

Roger Gaius Thorne

The family of Roger Gaius Thorne would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to Roger's memorable church service and celebration of his life. Special thanks to Father John Heffer and church wardens and Dillamores for all their support during this very difficult time. The family were overwhelmed by the generosity of the messages of condolence and donations to the British Heart Foundation which have been a great source of comfort. Roger would have been extremely humbled by the enormity of his popularity and sentiments expressed and the thought that he had touched so many peoples lives during his lifetime.

All Saints, Dagnall - Services & Meetings in October 2009

Sun. 4th Oct.	9.00 am	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Morning Service
	6.00 pm	Evening Service with Holy Communion
Wed. 7th Oct.	7.45 pm	Mid-week Meeting – With a speaker from the Paul Strickland Scanner Centre, Mt Vernon Hospital
Sun. 11th Oct.	10.30 am	Morning Service
	6.00 pm	Sung Eucharist
Wed. 14th Oct.	7.45 pm	Mid-week Meeting
Sun. 18th Oct.	10.30 am	Family Communion
	6.00 pm	Evening Service
Wed. 21st Oct.	7.45 pm	Mid-week Meeting led by Revd Peter Dudeney
Sun. 25th Oct.	10.30 am	Family Service
	6.00 pm	Eucharist
Wed. 28th Oct	7.45 pm	Mid-week Meeting – Speaker: Rachel Sanderson on “Special Trees and Woods of the Chilterns”
Sun. 1st Nov.	10.30 am	Family Communion for the Festival of All Saints
	6.00 pm	Evening Service with Holy Communion
Wed. 4th Nov.	7.45 pm	Mid-week Meeting – Speaker: Daphne Brown on the charity “Water is Life”



Sunday School meets each Sunday at 10.30 am.

Village Slide Show

presented by Peter Mayne

7.00pm

Saturday 3rd October

Eaton Bray Village Hall

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Friday 30th October

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*The proceeds from this event are going to
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BARN DANCE for BELLS

17th October

Cheddington Village Hall

With all proceeds going towards the
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Giles in Cheddington, come and join
the Cheddington Bell Ringers for what
promises to be a really fun evening.

There will be live music performed by
the fabulous Hayloft Ceilidh Band, a
licensed bar and the ticket price (£10
adults, £8 children under 16) includes
supper. Come along just to enjoy the
music and food - or join in the dancing.

The event will take place in Cheddington
Village Hall, Church Lane, Cheddington
LU7 0RU – doors open at 7.30pm for an
8pm start, finishing at 11.30pm

Tickets are not going to be available on
the door and must be booked in advance
– they are available from Pat on 01296
668652 or Rose on 01296 663744

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Tuesday 13th October, 7.45pm

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Monday - Friday 9.25 am - 12.00 noon

Tuesday & Thursday 12.45 pm - 3.15 pm

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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.

**For registration details or to place your child on the waiting list,
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Edlesborough Parish Council (including Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall) News

The Summer 'Play Around the Parishes' entertainment for the children has once again been very successful with good attendances, only one wet day when it had to be held in the Memorial Hall thus restricting various planned activities and reduction of children who could attend. AVDC are proposing to create an 'On The Road Project' which again will visit the Parish with a portable skate park and i-van for the benefit of children from 11years onwards hopefully to commence during October. Further information will appear on the Parish Notice Boards.

Traffic Calming

A public consultation on the Area 13 Speed Limit Review is due to take place shortly, information will appear on the Parish Notice Boards and on the Edlesborough Parish Council website: www.edlesborough.gov.uk

Dagnall 'Build Out'

Further discussions are taking place with Bucks CC to create a safe crossing for children to cross Dunstable Road and be able to walk through the allotments to Dagnall School without having to use the main roads. It is hoped to report something more positive regarding this project, which has been discussed by the Parish Council and Bucks CC over the past 10+ years, in the not too distant future.

Litter Bins

Regrettably the litter bin kindly donated and placed on The Green has been vandalised

Vandalism

So far this year the padlock on the bridleway gate at the side of Edlesborough Church has been sawn off three times. Continuing repairs have to be carried out to The Pavilion, replacing broken gutters and roof tiles, due to footballs being aimed at The Pavilion, graffiti removed and the Council are aware of further drug dealing taking place in Edlesborough.

Road Signs

New signs have been erected in Edlesborough indicating where Moor End finishes and High Street commences.

Lin Sargeant – Clerk to Edlesborough Parish Council – Tel: 01525 220859.

E-mail: parish.council.clerk@edlesborough.gov.uk

Website: www.edlesborough.gov.uk

**Edlesborough
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3rd Thursday of every month
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Next meeting: Thurs 15th Oct 09**

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**Wednesday 21st October
10 – 11.30am
Northall Village Hall**



Stagecoach Leighton Buzzard – now running Parties!

Stagecoach has now been established in the area for over seven years. During that time, several hundred children have passed through our doors, experiencing the fun of our classes, and feeling the benefits of the life skills learnt; some have never left! Shy children become more confident, lively ones channel their wonderful energy, and everyone learns to use their innate creativity, communicate better and work effectively, both as an individual and as part of a team. Students attend for three hours on a Saturday, dividing their time between Drama, Dance and Singing. Classes for the younger children, aged 4-7, last for 90 minutes. Stagecoach is for all children and teenagers. There are no auditions, and it doesn't matter whether or not your child has any previous experience. Everyone is encouraged to try their best, and they will see for themselves what they can achieve. All we require is enthusiasm!

And now we can offer all the fun of Stagecoach for your own party! Birthdays, Halloween, entertainment for children during Wedding Receptions, or any other celebration; let us take the hassle out of your day! Choose from our wide selection of Themed Parties for children aged 4-10 or for an older audience, try our Murder Mysteries, aimed at budding crime-solvers aged 11-16. All you need to provide is a suitable venue and the food you wish to serve. Choose from themes such as Disco Divas for aspiring popstars, Wild, Wild West for little cowboys or Take a Bow, where the party is based on a choice of well-known musicals. Children are invited to come in fancy dress, while our Party Host will wear full costume and bring a trunk full of props, prizes, balloons and stickers. The original stories for each party are unique to Stagecoach and are designed to unleash the imagination and creativity of the children, ensuing that no two parties will ever be the same. The Murder Mysteries may be set on a Caribbean island or perhaps a mysterious ski lodge, but whichever you choose, it's bound to be a dramatic evening! The event is set round a simple three course meal provided by you. The participants receive an invitation explaining their character, and are asked to arrive in costume. Your costumed Detective Host will take care of all the entertainment, and will bring props to use during the party.

There's so much more we can tell you, so if you'd like further information on either Stagecoach classes or Parties, please visit the website www.stagecoach.co.uk/leightonbuzzard where you will find information on an Introductory Discount Offer on the News and Events page if you book a Party! Alternatively please telephone Wendy Ashman on 01525 222715. You can also talk to Melody Ashman, our Party Organiser, on 07805 568432.

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Did you know that there is a Children's Centre in your area?

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On your first visit we will ask you to complete a registration form and there will always be someone on hand to help you with this.

All our services are free and as well as offering valuable play opportunities we can signpost you to many different agencies if you are in need of specialist advice or guidance.

If you would like to speak to a team member before you visit or, have any questions, please call us on 01525 384368.



Katie O'Brien, Buttercup Lead Play Worker

Based at the Preschool at Eaton Bray End Lower School, School Lane, Eaton Bray. All our sessions are FREE for families with children from 0 to 5 years

Day	Time	Session	Activity
Wednesday	1:30pm - 2:30pm	New Bumps 'n' Babes For expectant parents and new parents with babies 0-12 months Drop In	An opportunity to chat and make new friends
Thursday In school hall	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Jo Jingles For parents / carers and their babies Booking Required	An active fun, music and movement session with an educational slant.
Friday at Buttercup	1.30pm - 2.00pm	Story/Rhyme Time For parents / carers and their pre school children Drop In	
Friday at St Giles Church Hall Totterhoe LUG 1RH	2.45pm - 3.15pm	New Story/Rhyme Time For parents / carers and their pre school children Drop In	Helps your child's speech and language development

For more information call: 01525 384368. All sessions are held at the Buttercup Children's Centre unless stated otherwise. If you are unable to attend a pre-booked session please phone to let us know. N.B. Pre booked places not cancelled in advance will be forfeited and future dates given to families on reserve lists. We look forward to welcoming you at the Children's Centre soon.

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News from Terry Jones

Aylesbury Vale Community Chest tops the £1 million mark

More than £1 million has now been awarded to voluntary and community organisations through the Aylesbury Vale Community Chest scheme.

Since the £5 million grant fund was launched in 2007, nearly 200 local groups have received funding for community projects.

The Community Chest is run jointly by Aylesbury Vale District Council and the Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust. Each year up to 2017, the fund will award around £500,000 in grants to support projects that improve lives in our communities.

Two types of grant can be applied for: micro-grants of up to £1,000, which are awarded monthly, or project grants of up to £25,000, which are awarded three times a year. To be successful, each project application needs to demonstrate local need and involvement plus the benefit to the community.

The deadline for the next round of project grants is 11 December. If you would like more information on how to apply for a grant please see www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/community-living, call the grants team on 01296 585634 or [email communitychest@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk](mailto:communitychest@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk)

Register to vote the easy way

Aylesbury Vale District Council has started signing up voters to the electoral register in readiness for the forthcoming General Election, which can be called anytime between now and June 2010.

More than 71,000 voter registration forms have been posted to households across the district, asking residents to confirm their details so that the electoral register is up-to-date and everyone who is entitled to vote can do so.

Residents can confirm their details by using the council's telephone, text messaging or online facilities, making it even easier to register. So far, more than 31,000 households have registered to vote, with 16,000 registering electronically.

The automated telephone registration service is free to use (mobile networks may make a charge) by calling 0800 197 6185 or you can log onto www.registerbyinternet.com/aylesbury to register. Texts to 80212 will be charged at the service providers' standard rate.

Support through the recession

A-Z help for Aylesbury Vale Residents

AVDC recognise that its residents and businesses are experiencing difficult times financially in the current climate and want to therefore support the local economy and its residents by putting together a range of services and initiatives which have been introduced to ease the burden.

If you need further information please contact the Customer Services department by telephone on 01296 585858 or by email economicdevelopment@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk or visit our offices at 66 High Street, Aylesbury, Road, Aylesbury, Bucks HP20 1SD. Here are two examples of the sort of help which AVDC could give:

Arrears

If you are struggling with your council tax or housing rent, why not speak to AVDC as soon as you are experiencing difficulties. They will try our best to come together to reach a solution over this difficult time. You could be eligible for council tax benefit, council tax discounts or even a council tax exemption. For further information contact the benefits team on 01296 585618 or email benefits@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk

Small Business Rate Relief

Small business rate relief can only be claimed on one property and eligible businesses with a rateable value of between £1 and £5,000 can receive 50% rate relief on their liability. To apply for small business rate relief please contact AVDC's Business Rates on 01296 585096 or email businessrates@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk or visit the website www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk

Home Buy

Home Buy is a government led programme which helps individuals and families to get on to the property ladder by offering assistance in a number of different ways.

The government has appointed Catalyst Housing Group to promote Home Buy in the Aylesbury Vale area.

Further details of the scheme are available by visiting www.homebuy.co.uk or telephone 01296 585197 or email housingneeds@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk

Flexible loans for homeowners

Residents aged 60 or over will soon be able to apply to Aylesbury Vale District Council for home improvement loans that will help them stay warm, secure and comfortable in their houses.

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The Church Mouse



The September meeting of St Mary's PCC was held in the Church and we were able to admire the new pulpit and the work being carried out to refurbish and decorate the vestry, to make better use of the limited space. A new sound system has been installed in the Church and, thanks to new technology, will be a great improvement on the old system.

The induction of Roger Chapman as our new Priest-in-Charge will take place in the Church on Monday, November 2nd. The Bishop of Bedford will conduct the service which will be followed by refreshments in the Village Hall. The PCC are grateful to Eaton Bray WI and the Pantomime producers for changing their bookings with the Hall for the evening.

Roger has agreed to open St. Mary's Christmas Fair, in aid of Church funds, on Saturday, November 14th. This event promises to be bigger and better than previous years so make a date in your diary now!

Dates were agreed for Christmas Services

Saturday, December 19th – Carols at Edlesborough Church

Sunday, December 20th – Carol Service at St. Mary's, Eaton Bray

Thurs, Dec 24th - candle Services at St Mary's, Eaton Bray, 11.30pm Midnight Mass.

Friday, Dec 25th: 8am Eucharist, 10am Sung Eucharist with Sunday School Play.

The members of St Mary's Mothers' Union have agreed to disband and instead meet as St Mary's Ladies Guild, with the approval of the PCC.



Eaton Bray Lawn Tennis Club

A magnificently sunny Saturday afternoon hosted our club's Final's Day on 12th September, the culmination of several months of eagerly competitive knock-out rounds, and the barbecue sizzled succulently as once more our 3,016 menu options were hungrily devoured by players and supporters alike. Helen Woodhead donned the apron as my sous-chef, whilst the day's umpiring activities were carried out by Dave Hillman, Peter Hale, Ross Bagni and the visually challenged John 'how am I going to get up into that chair?' Palmer. John actually tried to blag a free burger on the basis of being an OAP and even flourished his bus pass in an effort to avoid paying the £1.50, but the promise of a nice sit down later with a cup of tea was sufficient to entice him into the chair. Thinking about it, I don't recall anyone helping him down again, he might still be there. If anyone's up at the courts, would they mind checking?

On court, the Men's Singles final was a rematch of last year's, but this time Darren Kerins was able to overcome Michael Tatham in two sets, beating his own record of being our most prolific Champion, making this his 22nd title overall, and the 29th for the Kerins family. His first was all the way back in 1993 when he won both the Singles and the Men's Doubles. This year though, Darren could only make runner-up in the Men's Doubles final with his partner Dave Williams, when in another very close encounter they just lost to Simon Mitchener and Pete Messetter, whose unique style of serving left his opponents open mouthed. Those that have seen Pete serve will understand this ironic juxtaposition....! The Ladies Doubles saw Danielle Tansley and new partner Carol Thorp play very well together as a team to defeat Jane Cross and Anne Moxey, giving both ladies their first title. Later however, Jane did take her 11th overall title in the Mixed Doubles when paired with Keith Hillman, who took a day off from his football, badminton, squash, rugby and basketball (he's almost as fit as I am...), in victory against Judy Venn and Simon Mitchener. Simon was standing in for the injured Peter Hill, who had a fault with his foot. This was Judy's 20th year competing in the club tournament, having won her first title in the Mixed Doubles back in 1989 at the club's inaugural Championship. No clubhouse, floodlights or barbecues back in those days; we used to bring up our own chairs and picnics and if you were caught short then it was off into the bushes!

We also savoured a keenly competitive junior tournament: in the under 8s Finlay Tarvit won in a close match against Mollie Baylis, and in the over 8s, Sophie Mitchener ran out the winner against Laura Baylis, in a reverse of last year's competition when Laura won. Judging from the talent being displayed on court three by these juniors, the club has a great future to look forward to; who knows what records will be being broken on Final's Day in 20 years from now! One thing's for sure; it won't be me breaking them.

As a 'change from the norm' this year, Madame Chairman had the excellent idea of staging a social evening in the clubhouse following the Finals. So after a quick hose down, about 30 members, both adult and junior, all gathered together having brought along various savoury and sweet dishes, the quantities of which could have fed most of Eaton Bray for a week. Our clubhouse fridge was bulging with copious amounts of bottles and cans of suitable liquid refreshment, consumed whilst regaling ever more exaggerated stories of heroic exploits on court earlier in the day. It was after one particularly potent can of lemonade that I was asked by the Chairman to act as master of

ceremonies for the trophy presentations. Matters were not aided by Ross, who despite being in charge of the junior tournament couldn't remember the names of any of the winners, or indeed any competitors at all. Despite this setback, I struggled through the address with an almost 100% record on the finalists' names, my only challenge being my interpretation of Peter Hale's handwritten note confirming a 'Dave W' as a runner-up in the Men's Doubles, which for some inexplicable reason I interpreted as Dave White, another member but one not present on the day. It was of course Dave Williams, who was there, to whom I apologised profusely blaming dementia, poor lighting and Peter's lack of written clarity, but not necessarily in that order. 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 please call Chairman Bernadette Hillman on 01525 222531, Coach Nick Boys on 07810 832774, or if they're all out and I'm not mixing up people's names, me, Randy Coss, on 01582 477114.

Sold out 4 weeks in Advance

I know our twice yearly quiz (held jointly with the Eaton Bray Tennis Club) is popular, but can you believe it as I write this, on September 8th, we are already sold out for the Quiz on October 10th! What can we say, but thank you to all our fabulous supporters who have rallied round and done the business. And a really big SORRY to those of you who had wanted to come, but, we are unable to fit in.

See you there, don't forget 7.30 for 8.00pm.

On a very sad note I am sure many of you know of the passing of Mary French. She had been a keen supporter of the hall since its building and was, until only very recently, a trustee. She taught me a lot when I joined the trustees, as she was a "doer" not a talker and did many things to support us.

Recently she gathered many members to the 200 Club and collected their monies on a regular basis and I hope that they will continue with their support for the "Club". She always organised a team for the quiz which, always managed to come last! We are sure they only did this to collect the special booby prize, which is usually some nice confectionery! We are delighted that Mary's ladies are coming to the quiz and we wish them the best of luck in trying to maintain their record!

You may have noticed that the inside of the hall has been repainted and that we have a new sign over the front door. We are really trying to make sure that the hall is kept in excellent condition. We will hopefully start work on redoing the paving at the front, so the entrance is user friendly and a lot smarter than at present.

We know that the car park needs a lot of attention, but that will be very costly so we need to keep fundraising. We will be announcing further fund raising events next month, do keep a look out for more information. If you have any queries or just want a chat about the hall, give me, Ross, a ring on 221411.



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Dagnall Gardeners' Society Annual Show

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Again it was well supported with 338 exhibits including flowers, vegetables, and domestic classes and children sections, on the whole a successful harvest.

This year a new cup was presented "Edlesborough Parish Cup" for Best in Show by a Parish resident, so next year all you gardeners in the rest of the parish get growing and we will see you at the show.

Pictures from the children of Dagnall School were displayed for all to see on the stage.

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 & David Killick
 Nash Cup, for flowers Pete Thompson
 Wells Cup, most points by a resident Eileen & David Killick
- Open: Society Cup, for Vegetables David Elkins
 Society Cup, For Flowers Alan Bunting
 A M Fehr Rose Bowl, for pot plants: Jeff Norwood
 Clark Cup, for domestic classes: Wendy Pattison
 Society Cup Children: 1st Joshua Thorne, 2nd Harry Ockwell, 3rd George Ockwell
- Best in Show: Society Cup, Best exhibit domestic: Maureen Sear
 Edlesborough Parish Cup "Best in Show by Parish resident: Ivor Thorne "Gladioli"
 Best exhibit Flowers: Doug Leslie £5 "Chrysanthemum" voucher
 Best exhibit Vegetables: Bill Stanard "Tomatoes" £5 voucher
 Best Residents exhibit: Ivor Thorne "Gladioli" £5 voucher
 Exhibitor prize draw: Harry Ockwell £3 voucher
- Rosettes Best Pot Plant: Ralph Skingle
 Best Photography: Brian Westwood
- Schools Picture competition
 Age 5 years 1st Georgina - Joint-2nd Ben Main, Ryan Boyes 3rd Charlie Stoke-Butler
 Age 6 years 1st Daisy Harris, 2nd Rosie Basson, 3rd Katie Patterson
 Age 7 years 1st Annie Taylor, 2nd Maggie- 3rd Allan Fue
- Prettiest Front Garden: Dick Johnston Memorial Shield: Mr & Mrs White Deans Meadow
- A thanks goes to Basil Thorne and the members of the gardener's society, wives, helpers and exhibitors for their support and work in running another successful show

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Unsung Heroes!!!!

After recently returning from helping at the 1st Eaton Bray and Edlesborough Scout and Cub camp in Sherwood Forest I now realise how lucky we are to have such wonderful leaders for Scouts, Cubs and Beavers in this area

Paul Hurley, Nick Evans, Sandi Glover and both husband and wife team Simon and Sue Tate are all truly wonderful and definitely unsung heroes!

They spent many months planning and executing a fabulously organised Summer camp in July for 50+ Cubs, Scouts and helpers, with such activities as Kayaking, rock climbing, quad biking and the highlight for all was a amazing medieval jousting competition and hog roast on the last evening. The boys and girls had to ride 'piggy back' with long jousts whilst running at top speed towards an amazing wooden target handcrafted by the talented Martin Mercer! .

Nick Evans was in full character as The Evil Sheriff of Nottingham, Simon Tate as Friar Tuck and Paul Hurley as Robin Hood. Following the joust the children took part in other competitions including tug of war and the 'slippery pole' which involved a pillow fight whilst sitting on a raised, wooden pole over water, hysterical as you can imagine.

It was not long before other scout groups camping nearby came to watch and cheer at this amazing work of art!

Without such people prepared to give up their time for the preparation, packing and shopping, let alone a weeks annual leave for the actual camp! Our children would not be able to benefit from such a fun experience. It however also teaches our children to be responsible for their belongings, work as a team, look out for younger children, to cook and prepare food and wash and tidy away afterwards. Every member was encouraged to work as a team, whilst some were collecting wood others were fetching water and 'Mummy' was not around to step in!

Cooking for 50+ people from a tent was incredible to witness and be part of, especially as at every meal the children were encouraged to help cook or prepare the vegetables. Nick Evans had taken a lot of the vegetables that had been grown on the scout and cub allotment to camp, which was great for the children to see. The meals were amazing, always with fresh vegetables and nut allergies always carefully catered for. Lunches were sandwiches, which took 8 loaves of bread everytime! Carol Mercer was the main camp cook and had to start cooking the breakfast at 6.30 every morning to ensure all the children had eaten and cleared up before their activities were due to start. Cereal and a cooked breakfast every morning gave the children the fuel they needed for their morning activities. Carol was amazing and the food quantities and quality was always spot on.

Evenings were quite often spent round the campfire singing songs, which was great for the wide age range of children. Nick Bramston was helping for the week and was given the trusty job of looking after the fire and ensuring there was always enough fire wood, which given that we were camping right next to a wood was not such an easy task as you might have thought! He also taught the children a lot of new camp songs and even wrote lyrics for a new song.

Martin Mercer worked continually and tirelessly boiling water for washing up and cleaning the most disgustingly greasy pans you have ever seen! As well as being the camp joiner, crafting jousting targets and generator covers and anything else needed

made from wood.

I don't think as a parent anyone realises how much hard work goes into these camps and the great responsibility they take for our children.

I have written this article not only to say a huge thank you to all our leaders for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts but also to try and give a small insight to what is involved for other parents who may read this this.

We are very lucky to live where we do and to have such an active scouting team thanks again to all of you.

Karen Mustoe

And.....A Big Thank You

We have been part of the 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout group for the past four years and would like to give out a huge thank you to the 3 special people who give up their precious time every Friday evening to entertain the youth of today.

Our biggest thank you is to Paul Hurley who, in the last two years of leading the group, has brightened up the activities that Scouts now enjoy. For example, Scouts have been gliding at the London Gliding Club, wakeboarding at Willen Lake and Skiing in the Milton Keynes Snow Dome. Also since the arrival of Paul, the whole scout group has earned many more badges to the extent that both of us have achieved the Chief Scout Gold award. Since Paul has arrived at scouts, we have found ourselves camping and exploring in many exciting places across the country. For example, spending a week in Sherwood Forest, a week on Brownsea Island and a night on HMS Belfast along with many others.

Our next thank you goes to Nick Evans. He is the Group Scout leader and is loved in all parts of the local scouting community. Not only does Nick help with the scouts most weeks he also gives up his Tuesdays to run the Cubs. As you can imagine this is most probably an exhausting task, running about trying to control a bunch of excitable 8-10 year olds. Along with Paul, Nick puts a lot of time and effort into planning and preparing all scout summer camps as well as every Friday evening.

Last but not least we would like to thank Simon Tate. Simon is the quieter of the three but no less important. without him we would suffer dearly trying to keep the scout group in control. He turns up to every meeting and camp without fail, even if his son does not turn up. Like Nick, Simon does not only help out at scouts, but also with the cubs.

Although our biggest thanks go to these three special people, we would also like to give our thanks to all parents that give up their time to help every now and again, one or two come without fail every week. We have thoroughly enjoyed our time within the scout community and will miss all the fabulous activities that go on every week as we move on to the next level- EXPLORERS!

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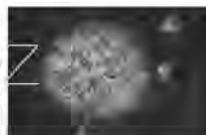
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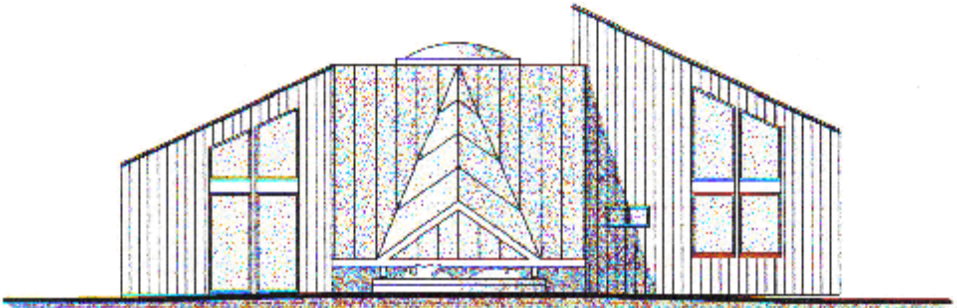
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Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

Sorry there wasn't any weather in the last issue there was a bit of a mix up so I have condensed the 3 months below.

The Dagnall weather station is now live on the web with 15 mins updates from approx 0800-2200 hours each day. <http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/dagnallweather>.

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

Weather Conditions for June July August 2009

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

June

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature	31.2°C	30 June 16.00	1.8°C	4 June 05.30
Mean Temperature	15.2°C	Dominant Wind:	NW	
Humidity:	96%	5 – 28 June 11.30	35%	2 June 17.3 0
Barometer:	1028.5 hPa	23 June 08.30	998.1 hPa	7 June 05.00
Wind Speed	30 mph SSW	17 June 12.00	Months avg.	4.1 mph
Wettest Day	7 June		23.19 mm	0.91 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	June	63.20 mm	2.49 ins

July

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature	31.0°C	30 July 15.00	1.8°C	4 July 05.30
Mean Temperature	15.2°C	Dominant Wind:	W	
Humidity:	96%	17 July 06.30	35%	2 July 17.3 0
Barometer:	1022.4 hPa	1 July 09.00	998.70 hPa	23 July 05.30
Wind Speed	33 mph SSW	6 July 14.00	Months avg.	6.5 mph
Wettest Day	17 July		13.41mm	0.52 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	July	73.80 mm	2.90 ins

August

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature	28.3°C	19 August 16.00	7.7°C	22 August 05.00
Mean Temperature	16.8°C	Dominant Wind:	S	
Humidity:	97%	7 August 05.00	36%	31 August 17.3 0
Barometer:	1022.8 hPa	22 August 10.00	1002.7 hPa	31 August 23.30
Wind Speed	34 mph SSW	26 August 12.30	Months avg.	5.4 mph
Wettest Day	6 August		42.39 mm	1.67 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	August	61.6 mm	2.42 ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	8 Months	443.4	17.50 ins

Anti Social Behaviour in Edlesborough

Anti social behaviour has long been a problem in Edlesborough. The Parish Council faces a considerable bill each year simply repairing vandal damage to Council property, particularly to the Pavilion, Memorial Hall and the play equipment on the Green. Also villagers often complain about unacceptable behaviour by a minority of youths, particularly late at night.

The Parish Council has recently managed to get the problem recognised as a priority by Thames Valley Police through the medium of the Neighbourhood Action Group. Consequently our Neighbourhood Police Officer, Jared Levens, and our two PCSOs Jackie Dobson and Christine Baker, are trying to address the issue. Jared would like to organise extra officers to patrol the village late at night to deal with the problems, but he needs the evidence to justify the deployment of what are very limited resources to this task. Unfortunately the number of incidents currently being reported to the Police is not sufficient to provide the evidence that Jared needs.

Whilst the Parish Council always make a point of reporting damage, we believe that many people don't because they think that nothing will be done about it – “so what's the point?” Unfortunately that becomes a self fulfilling prophesy - as far as the Police are concerned, if you don't report it, there isn't evidence to suggest that incidents are occurring.

Similarly people observe unacceptable behaviour but don't want to get involved for various reasons. Either they feel that if they get involved they will become a target for troublemakers, or whilst they may be disturbed by the behaviour, they don't believe that a specific crime has been committed and so they don't feel entitled to report it.

If you are the victim of anti social behaviour, however slight, or if you witness unacceptable behaviour taking place, don't leave it to someone else to do something about it - Phone 0845 8 505 505 – the non emergency number for this district. You will be asked for your name and address, but that doesn't mean that your name will be divulged to the individuals that you are complaining about. You are entitled to anonymity if that is what you want. The Police can and do take action if a nuisance is being committed even if it doesn't involve an identifiable criminal offence, but they have to be there in the first place to deal with it.

Key information the Police will need if you can provide it is:

- Names of those you know are responsible.
- Description of the people including clothing.
- Registration plate of the vehicle and description of the car / motorbike.
- Explanation of what the individual(s) and / or vehicle(s) are doing.

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John Wilkinson, Edlesborough Parish Council Neighbourhood Action Representative

Salvation Sound...October 2009

Harvests are once again “gathered in”, barley, oats and wheat, from the fields, plums, apples and pears from the trees, vegetables from gardens and allotments, blackberries, elderberries and crabapples from hedgerows.

The countryside is changed from its summer garb to the rich colours of autumn; rain has softened the earth and ploughing and digging has started in preparation for another season; before the winter sets in, for Christmas is just around the corner.

It is time now for cooler weather, we feel the nip in the air - time to bring in the delicate

plants that have lived in their pots in the garden for summer, before the frosts get to them. Nature warns us that soon the cold of winter will set in, but before that we can enjoy the beauty of the season. All too soon the trees will be denuded and only here and there a hardy bush will remain evergreen.

How rarely do we ponder on the wonders of creation. We take for granted that a burst of sunshine will follow rain; that we can look up to heaven and see the stars and moon at night. That if we plant some seeds, some at least will grow. How lavishly God gives His gifts to us - how meagrely we give ours. God's love manifests itself in nature.

Earth's annual sleep will soon begin - stark tree trunks will appear lifeless, but I cling to the knowledge that birds will nest again and hatch young among new leaves developing on the branches of old trees. Where there is darkness, light follows, death is superseded by renewed life as night comes after day. He watches over the sparrow, and the lily, and He cares for you.

“The sower went forth sowing,
The seed in secret slept.
Through weeks of faith and patience
‘Til out the green blade crept;
And warmed by golden sunshine
And fed by silver rain
At last the fields were ripened
To harvest once again”.

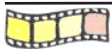
The King James version of the bible in Matthew 9 : 37 - 38, says:

“The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;
Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest,
that He will send forth labourers into His harvest.”

Come and join with others next Sunday and give your thanks to God for the gifts He gives to you and yours, for they really are too many to list.

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Thursday	
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Thursday Evening	
Young Ladies Fellowship	7.45pm
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New Season Focus on Film Society



September sees the start of another season for the society.

For those of you who have not been before, we meet in Eaton Bray Village Hall at 2.0pm on the second Monday of each month between September and May. Films are selected by the members and shown using a modern digital projector on a large 13ft by 9ft screen. After the film we serve tea and biscuits and there is a chance to chat. Annual Membership costs £32 payable in two instalments.

This season we will be showing the following films:

The Dish	Shadowlands	Ghost
High Society	Miss Potter	The Devil Wears Prada
To Kill A Mocking Bird	Easy Virtue	Mamma Mia

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For more information call Graham Chappell on 220883

Eaton Bray Cricket Club

Eaton Bray Cricket Club are champions of the Marrant Four Counties Cricket league for the fifth time since its inception in 2001. Andy Norris's team retained its crown recording 12 wins from the 18 games played, which included bowling out eventual league runners-up New Bradwell for just 63, in the very last game of the season.

It is not surprising that Eaton Bray won the league as it has the best players! In Wes Hosking, Gary Ellerton and James Flecknell the club has the league's best batsman, bowler and allrounder. Wes topped 500 runs, Gary twice took 8 wickets in an innings, and James hit a century and recorded five wickets in an innings.

Whilst these three were the stars, it was left to Nick Pearson and Michael Jarrett to win the season's two tightest matches. Nick's huge straight sixes relieved the worries at North Crawley and veteran (very) slow bowler MJ mesmerised the Aspley Guise lower order batsmen.

The 2009 season was not all about winning cricket matches, it was the year that Edlesborough CC withdrew from the league and saw Jacko transfer his allegiance to Eaton Bray, albeit, maybe temporarily. It was also a year that saw the sad loss of Mary, Basil and Roger, all three with strong ties to local cricket. It was however a year that saw six 14 year olds competing in a 10 over friendly. It was also good to see Charlie Tickell and his mates Kiki Churchyard and Ryan Shilleto playing in Josh Peacock's experimental sunday team. Whilst mentioning good news it was pleasing to see Brian Hing return to form and return from self imposed premature retirement.

As always the club is indebted to its sponsors; Hawkins Transport and M&M Properties, and to its band of mostly willing helpers; Sharan, Emma, Jenny, Robbo, Geoff, Quinno. Barm, Chris, Margaretand to ground's manager Mick Flecknell, without whom nothing would get done!

Roll on next season. MJ



Mothers' Union – Eaton Bray With Edlesborough



In June members were delighted to welcome Simon Heffer again, who came to talk to us on his role as a Civil Enforcement Officer in Haringey Borough.

Formerly a Police Inspector in the Met, Simon described life for him working with people of many different nationalities and the cultural difference in his area generally. An excellent speaker, appreciated by all who heard him.

The annual outing in July was to Ely, again much enjoyed.

August brought the sad news of the deaths of Roger Thorne and Mary French. Roger was the husband of June Thorne, one of the most active members of the M.U., who, with Audrey Reynolds, arranged most of the meetings and activities of the Group. Mary French was a long-standing member of the M.U. who was Treasurer for many years, and will be sadly missed. The Group extends its sincere sympathies to June and her family, and to George and his family, knowing only too well that everyone in the Group has lost two good friends and companions.

We have also 'lost' Audrey Reynolds, who with her husband Keith has now fulfilled a long held ambition to 'retire' to Bognor, to which they moved recently, and it is understood, are thoroughly enjoying their new home. We wish them much happiness, good health and long life in their new environment.

For the September meeting, members visited Poplars Garden Centre in Toddington.



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