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## June 2010



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### **Village Hall Bookings**

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

**Northall:** Lorna Cabbage, Tel: 01525 220361

**Eaton Bray:** Norman Lee, Tel: 01525 222831

**Dagnall:** Elizabeth Coates, Tel: 01442 842550

**Edlesborough Memorial Hall:** Beverly Sage, Tel: 01525 229509

## Village Diaries June 2010



### 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, Ellie Deeley on 07913 529574
- 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
- Mondays Dagnall Community Choir, All Saints Church 7.45 – 9.45pm
- 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, Naomi 01525 376575/07977 564449
- Tuesdays Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 01582 620576
- Tuesdays Yoga, Dagnall Village Hall 7.45 – 9.15pm
- Tuesdays Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy, Table Top Sale, 10-12noon, Salvation Army Hall, Booth Place, Eaton Bray
- Fortnightly Cheeky Monkeys Under 5's Playtime, 1:00pm - 2:45pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Contact Louise on 07784 165259
- Weds 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
- Wednesdays Northall & District Age Concern Wednesday Club, 10am - 3pm, Northall Village Hall, Contact Anna 221996 or Julie 220153
- Thurs 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 Grace Baptist Church (by the Post Office) Bible Study in the rear hall 7.30p.m.-9.00p.m. all welcome, Antony Coles, 01582 967173.
- 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

## Village Diaries June 2010

- Saturdays Drama Class for Children, 10.35am-12.35pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Claire Casey, 07792 508591
- Sundays Grace Baptist Church (by the Post Office) prayer time 9.30am, main meeting 11.00am-12.00pm. All welcome, Antony Coles 07848007977, 01582 967173.

### 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 Monday Knit n Stitch. 2pm-3.30pm. Coffee Tavern. Eaton Bray. Knitting, crochet & needlecraft. Tel Wendy 07908 828414. [www.wendy-poole.co.uk](http://www.wendy-poole.co.uk)
- 1st & 3rd Tuesday Dunstable & District Orbit Club meet at Dunstable Rugby Club at 8pm. For details contact 01525 222441 or 01582 755147
- 2nd Tuesday Toddlers' Church, St Mary's, Eaton Bray, 2.00pm
- 2nd Tuesday Dunstable & District Local History Society meeting, 7.45pm, Methodist Church Hall, Dunstable (opposite Wilkinson)
- 2nd Tuesday Edlesborough W.I. Meeting, 7.30 pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall
- 2nd Wednesday 8.15pm Healing Service in St Mary's Church
- 2nd Thursday CAMEO Coffee, tea & chat, 10am-12noon, Edlesborough Methodist Church
- 3rd Thursday Edlesborough Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 3rd Sunday Lunch club 11.30 to 2.00pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Chris Hewitt 222288

### Other Regular Events

- 6th Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club, 11.30am-5pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall. Visitors welcome
- 9th, 23rd Bingo, Dagnall Village Hall 8pm
- 11th Leukemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30am. All Welcome
- 12th Cafe Community, 10.30am-12.30pm, Eaton Bray Methodist Church
- 15th Over 60's , Garden Party at 3, Chestnut Close, home of John & Chris Yorke

### One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

- 3rd NSPCC coffee morning & Ploughmans lunches, 10am-2pm, Edlesborough Methodist Church
- 4th/5th Eaton Bray Village Hall Beer & Cider Festival, Fri 6-11pm, Sat 12-11pm, £3 entrance
- 8th Northall & District Age Concern A.G.M., 7.30pm, The Coffee Tavern, Eaton Bray
- 12th Edlesborough School Summer Fayre, 2-4pm
- 13th Open Gardens, 12-5pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, £4 (£3.50 in advance from church or Kay on 222849)
- 16th Eaton Bray Men's Group (men and women welcome). Quiz Night (Just for fun) at 7:45 p.m, Eaton Bray Methodist Church, Entrance £2 including tea and biscuits.
- 16th Christian Aid Concert, 7pm, St Mary's Eaton Bray
- 19th Eaton Bray Lower School Summer Fayre, 12-2.30pm
- 19th Dagnall Day @ the Park, 3pm, Dagnall Rec, Evening includes Hog Roast, live bands and bar. Book now on 01442 842550
- 19th Eaton Bray Lawn Tennis Club Play Day, 12-5pm
- 22nd Butterfly Tea Party, 2-4.30pm, The Swan Pub, Northall

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### **Opening Times**

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Tuesday	09:00 - 17:30
Wednesday	09:00 - 13:00
Thursday	09:00 - 17:30
Friday	09:00 - 17:30
Saturday	09:00 - 12:30

**Closed for lunch 13.00 - 14.00**

## **Eaton Bray Village Hall 100 Club Winners**

### **April 2010**

125	Sally Taylor	£100
21	Cheryl Dear	£25
36	Anthea Burke	£25
41	Vanessa Bradbury	£25

Drawn on 22nd April 2010 at Eaton Bray Lower School.

### **May 2010**

99	Carolyn Heslin	£100
44	John Veitch	£25
127	Vicky Whetton	£25
125	Sally Taylor	£25

Drawn on 10th May 2010 at Eaton Bray Lower School. Please direct any correspondence to Ross Bagni, 71 Bower Lane, Eaton Bray, Bedfordshire, LU6 1RB, Telephone: 01525 221411.

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- Cake stall
- Grab-a-bag
- Face painting
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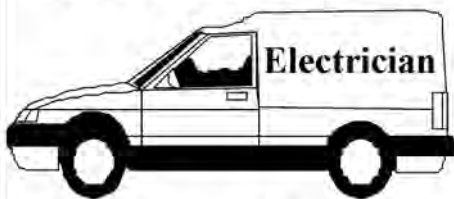
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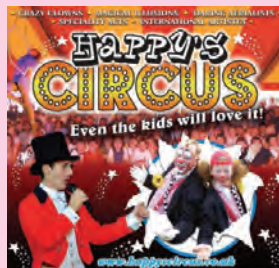
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To book your tickets, contact the school on 220431 – but hurry, last time the circus came to town we sold out fast!

## DAGNALL Day @ The Park

**Saturday 19th June 2010**  
All the fun will start @ 3pm on Dagnall Rec!

To take part in the day you need to enter a team: 10 people, at least one person in each category, mixed genders. Under 5, Ages 5-8, Ages 9-11, Ages 12-15, Ages 16-19, Ages 20-39, Age 40+ £5 per person to enter, total team entry £50.

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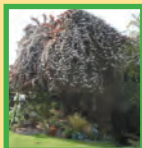
Saturday afternoon Family Magic Show

Saturday evening - Jerome Chance

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## ST MARY'S OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 13th June

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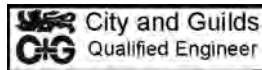
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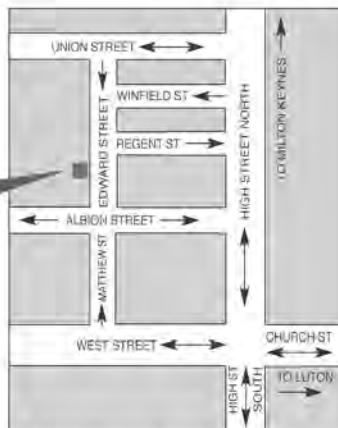
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I won't go on about it but if you do get to read this after the event I do hope you had a good time. I know I did, although I was made to have a shower before going to bed as the smell of burgers and onions apparently is not acceptable in the bedroom. Not sure why?



Next month I will let you know how we really got on. It is so much easier with the facts, rather than having to anticipate what we did a month ahead of the event. I do hope you are following all this as I am now completely lost!

What I do know is that the Quiz on the 24th April was a great success with "Not Maggie's Friends" (feel sorry for Maggie but that's the way it goes) winning a very close contest and just behind, in their usual place "Mary's Girls" came a very creditable last and collected all the chocolates! Between us the Village Hall and the Eaton Bray Tennis Club shared over £1100. Once again we must all thank Keith Blackburn for being, without doubt, the best Quiz Master in the Village. So thank you to all that came and we look forward to seeing you all again on the 23rd October. N.B. I have already sold the first 5 tables so please book early.

For some year now we have been running the Village hall 200 Club which started with 200 members and paid out £200 a month in 5 prizes. Over the years the membership has dropped slightly so we are taking away one £25 prize. The odds are still the same and value of prizes is still 50% of the total income so nothing is really changing that much. Thank you all for your support over the years we have between us put in over £10,000 in to helping the renovation of the hall.

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### Church Mouse

Chris Banks, in his role as acting Chairman of the PCC, welcomed the new members of the PCC to the meeting of St Mary's PCC held at Dagnall Church on April 29th. Areas of responsibility and the composition of committees for the following year were agreed. We are still looking for someone to act as coordinator for all the fund-raising and social events.

Christine Farrington will take one Sunday Service a month at St. Mary's.

It was agreed that £100 from the proceeds of the Open Gardens on June 13th would be donated to the Scouts attending the Jamboree.

The number of people attending the parish lunches on the third Sunday of the month is increasing and Jenny Hewett appealed for more volunteers to help with setting up the hall and preparing the meals.

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# St Mary's Village Carnival 2010

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The Carnival Queen, Carnival Princess and Attendants have now been chosen for the main event on 3rd July!

**Carnival Queen:** Kaitlin McVeigh

**Carnival Princess:** Tia Fry

**The Attendants:** Lucy Cooks and Katie Pratt

The four young ladies will lead the procession from the Orchards to the Green in a horse drawn carriage. Follow the procession and cheer them on their way.

The Carnival theme for this year is – “Inventions” – So come and join the procession representing anything associated with Inventions and Inventiveness; let your imagination run wild.

Decorate your house as part of the Carnival Theme and brighten the route as the procession makes its way through the villages. Could you transform the outside of your house into a submarine, a car, a plane, a radio or perhaps even the London gherkin?

This year it looks like there will be a record number of stalls on the Green, with more exciting entertainment and activities than ever before.

- A whole range of entertainment and spectacles will take place throughout the afternoon in the Grand Arena, starting with the arrival of the Carnival Procession led by the Carnival Queen and Princess accompanied by their Attendants
- Look out for the special techniques and contraptions used at the worm-charming event as contestants pour water, jump up and down, dance and play music into the ground to entice as many worms from the soil as they can in the allotted time.
- Listen out for the silent auction with the huge list of items to bid for.
- Watch out where you put your feet when Clarabelle the cow decides where to drop her special load which will provide a lucky person with a special cash prize. Be sure to buy your Clarabelle square on the Green; don't miss out or man'ure going to be sorry.
- There will be a wide range of tombolas and raffles for adults and children with instant prizes and non-stop fun. Make sure you get tickets for the Grand Draw too with extra special prizes!
- If it's breath taking thrills you are after be sure to try the giant bouncy castle and slide that will be on the Green on Carnival day.
- Are you a budding young artist? Be part of the massive picture that will be put together on the Green made from many individual paintings; all coming together on Carnival day.
- Don't miss the dog show! Whether you have a pooch or a pedigree the dog show is a don't miss event at the Carnival.
- If your garden needs that final splash of colour or you wish to nurture something for summer salads you can pick up beautiful plants at the charity plant stall.
- Be entertained and amazed by the wood carving demonstration and perhaps you'll head home with a carving of your own.





- Whatever your taste buds might fancy there will be something for you at the Carnival. Homemade cakes, sponges and sandwiches of all kinds with a cold drink or a cup of freshly made tea from the Tea Tent. Perhaps you would prefer something hot from the barbeque with an ice cold soft drink! There will be something for everyone at the various food stalls.

**Carnival 2010 will be a day out for the whole family to look forward to; free entry, free entertainment, and free parking. Various hot and cold foods and drinks will be available throughout the day on the Green, from the early hours until close down with non-stop entertainment. Make this a date in your diary!**

Are you a local charity? Would you like a donation from the Carnival proceeds? Contact Gordon Gray on 01525 220136.

• **Would you like to help at the carnival?**

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- **Charity Stalls** - If you want to book a charity stall at the Carnival, call Chris Banks on 01525 221556.
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## Bedfordshire's Open Studios

**1st June to the 30th June 2010**

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Locally in Eaton Bray and Edlesborough three artists will be participating in the event. In Eaton Bray Christine Gallagher from Bower Lane and Andrea Girling from Lords Mead will be opening their studios, they will be joined by Vicky Johns who has a studio at Sparrow Hall Farm in Edlesborough.

Further details of the event will be advertised around the villages in June. If our local trio of artists inspire you, full details of the Countywide event can be found at <http://www.artsnetworks.org.uk>. There you will see what a depth of talent there is in the 'Art World' of Bedfordshire.

Please feel free to get in touch with Vicky, Andrea or Christine through the online Bedfordshire Artists Network.





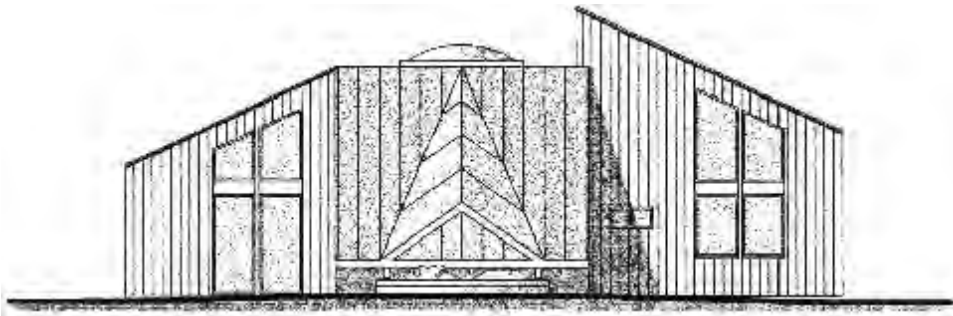
# Eaton Bray Lower School

## TOP MARKS!

*The opening paragraph from the OfSTED inspection report, after their October 2007 visit, said this about EBLs:*

"Eaton Bray Lower is an outstanding school. It modestly evaluates itself as good with some outstanding areas, but it is better than this. Its self-evaluation is correct in identifying strengths and areas for development. It provides an outstanding quality of education and care for its pupils and excellent value for money. Staff work exceptionally well in partnership with parents and the community for the benefit of all pupils. Pupils' enjoyment of school is impressive. The supportive parents are delighted with all aspects of its provision. Leadership and management are outstanding. The headteacher's vision for a school at the heart of its community is shared by the highly committed staff and excellent governors. This is set to become more firmly realised with the building of a new nursery with facilities for the local community and visiting professional from children's services."

**Please come and visit our friendly village school. Phone 01525 220468 or email [eaton@deal.bedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:eaton@deal.bedfordshire.gov.uk)**



**NOW OPEN:** EBLs Nursery with extended School provision and wrap-around care in a modern, light, environmentally-aware building. Please call at the school (01525 220468) to find out more.



## Dagnall News

### Over 60's

For our surprise May meeting we will visited the Grove Theatre in Dunstable for a show entitled "We'll meet again", a tribute to Gracie Fields.

In June are looking forward to good weather on the 15th as we are holding our annual garden party at 3, Chestnut Close, Dagnall by kind permission of Mr & Mrs John Yorke. An event which is always very popular, so we are keeping our fingers crossed! Hoping for sunshine.

### Dagnall School

Chaffinches reception class worked together to write new verses for the poem 'I Can' by Rozalia Makinson.

#### I Can

I can play games  
and score a goal.  
I can pour milk  
into a bowl.  
I can do magic tricks.  
They're really WOW!

At the end  
I take a bow.  
I can skip and hop  
and do a roll.  
I can juggle balls  
and I can bowl.

### Dagnall Community Choir

With an average attendance of about 40 musical souls at Dagnall Church on Monday evenings the Dagnall Community Choir continues to develop its repertoire of popular songs and songs from the musicals. There are definite signs of improvement and on the ever more frequent occasions when we all hit roughly the right note at roughly the same time we make a joyful sound.

We are working hard to be ready for our first public performance on June 19th, where we shall be unleashed on the good citizens of our area attending the Dagnall Day @ The Park.

Stuart Harding, our much revered, patient and ever optimistic Choir Master and entertainer in chief, occasionally casually mentions "The Albert Hall" but we will be perfectly content to fill a small marquee to start with!

If this is the first time you have read about us and feel inspired to sing do please come along, you will soon pick up the tunes. Contact either Geoff Ward on 01442 843515 or Val Lumley on 01442 842214 who will be pleased to re-assure you that enthusiasm is more of an asset than musical ability.

## Annual parochial church meeting

At the meeting on Tuesday 20th April, Peter Bennett and Graham Mockett were elected Churchwardens for the coming year. Also elected members of the P.C.C. for the coming year were David Mann, Chris Banks, Sheila Banks, Eileen Bennett, Catherine Hayden, Jennifer Hewett, Richard Potton and Natalie Spence.

Other P.C.C. members are Philip Lee and Dorothy Green, representing Dagnall; and Dorothy Green, Christine Hewitt and Sally Taylor who are our Deanery Synod representatives.

## Eaton Bray with Edlesborough Parish News

Vicar: The Revd Roger Chapman

Pastoral Matters: The Revd John Heffer, 35 Pebblemoor, Edlesborough (220618)

Associate Minister: Revd Canon Christine Farrington 01582 793409

Church Wardens: Chris Banks (221556) and Peter Bennett (221284)

I remember vividly my last day at Dunstable Grammar School. The last exam was over, it was a scorching summer day, we all dived into the swimming pool and let off steam. Ah, freedom – to quote Alice Cooper “no more pencils, no more books, no more teachers dirty looks”. Weeks of freedom ahead, sweet, utter freedom. What could be better?

But before long it happened to me – just as it does to most children. Inevitably, ironically, pathetically - that feeling of freedom slowly morphed into something else, something sad and unwanted - boredom!

Parents know what I'm talking about. For a few days in early summer your kids are thrilled. But before too long you hear that classic complaint: “Mum, I'm bored. There's nothing to do.” Freedom - it sounds great, doesn't it? But is it enough?

We tend to think of freedom as freedom from something that constrains or subjugates us. On the last day of school we celebrate freedom from the daily demands of education. Certainly, freedom includes freedom from but this isn't the whole picture.

There is another side to freedom, one we sometimes neglect. It's freedom for something - the freedom to be able to do things we haven't been able to do in the past. The freedom of summer holidays isn't just the freedom from school. It's also the freedom for lots of things: the freedom for getting enough sleep, the freedom for going on holiday, the freedom for doing some fun reading, and so on.

Paul is quite specific in his letter to the Galatians about what Christian freedom is for (Gal 5:13 & 14): You have been called to live in freedom to serve one another in love. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbour as yourself.”

We see a marvellous illustration of how to live as free people in the life of Nelson Mandela. For decades he laboured in South Africa to bring an end to apartheid. Ultimately his revolutionary strategies got him in trouble with the government, who put him in prison. Nelson Mandela was confined in a South African prison – for 27 years. Finally, in 1990, aged 72, he was released.

One might suppose that after almost three decades in prison Mandela had earned a comfortable, restful retirement. But he saw freedom from prison as freedom for service. So he used his new-found freedom to work for the cause of racial reconciliation and justice in South Africa. Four years after his release, he became the first African President of his country.

Now it's unlikely that you and I will ever make an impact on the world like Nelson Mandela has done, but our life in Christ should mirror his. For in Christ, all of us have been set free from the prison of sin and death, not so we can live for our own comfort, but so we can serve one another in love. The more we do this, the more our neighbours will see Christ in us and be drawn to him.

Why do I mention this? Well, by the time you read this I will have retired - I will enjoy

the freedom from having to go to work every day. Can I live up to the words I have just written?

Gordon, Reader at St Mary's Eaton Bray

<b>Services at St Mary's Church</b>	
<b>SUNDAYS :</b>	<b>8.00am</b> HOLY COMMUNION <b>10.00am</b> PARISH SUNG HOLY COMMUNION <b>On Third Sunday of each month:</b> <b>10.00am</b> – WORSHIP FOR EVERYONE a shorter, less formal service for families. (For anyone wishing to attend a service where Holy Communion is offered, there is a Family Communion at 10.30am at All Saints' Church, Dagnall, where visitors are assured of a warm welcome).
<b>WEEK-DAYS :</b>	
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>2.00pm</b> Toddlers' Church (2nd Tuesday)
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> Holy Communion
<i>EVERYONE WELCOME AT THESE SERVICES</i>	

## Long Live the Pavilion!

### But No 'Kick Wall' for Edlesborough Green

In November, December and March, Edlesborough Parish Council (EPC) published articles in 'Focus' in its endeavours to obtain parishioners' views on matters concerning the Pavilion and a possible, purpose designed Kick Wall. Some 29 people wrote to EPC about these - 9 on the Pavilion and 20 on the kick wall.

**Pavilion:** All of the responses concerning the pavilion were supportive of keeping this facility on the Green. As a result of this encouraging feedback, EPC is pressing ahead with a project to engage with existing and potential user groups to plan a way to improve the building and its appearance. In particular, EPC is now encouraging local sports and other organisations, to work together and develop ideas for the future of the Pavilion, which can then be considered by EPC and by the community at large. In order for you, and the clubs and societies to which you belong, to have your say about this, EPC has developed a questionnaire. This has already been sent out to the main contacts for existing users of the pavilion, but we want as wide a participation as possible, so **please give us your opinions by contacting the clerk on the email below for your copy of the questionnaire!**

In the meantime, EPC will be pursuing short - medium term ideas for improving the appearance and functionality of this facility, together with taking action to deter the Pavilion itself from being used as a kick wall.

**Kick Wall:** As far as the kick wall is concerned, there was a very different story! Only 7 out of 20 people were in favour, and a further 2 were not opposed in principle. However, 11 people were very much opposed to a Kick Wall, citing noise, nuisance and the feeling that this would be a blemish on the Green. Based on this feedback, and after careful consideration, EPC will not pursue this matter any further.

If you would like to comment on these, or other matters, please contact the clerk.

Lin Sargeant, Clerk to Edlesborough Parish Council. parish.council.clerk@edlesborough.gov.uk Tel: 01525 220859

# Edlesborough Parish Council News

(including Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall)

Following the Annual Parish Meeting below is the report given by the Chairman, Mrs. Anne Thompson.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT For Edlesborough Annual Parish Meeting 15th April 2010

My report covers the period May 2009 - April 2010

Your Council is made up from representatives from three Wards, the villages of Edlesborough, Northall & Dagnall. Edlesborough has 5 Councillors Cllr John Wilkinson Chair of the General Purpose Committee & also responsible for planning throughout the Parish, Cllr Marilyn Pryce-Jones deputy Chair GPC, Cllrs David Brown & Alan Williams both GPC members & Cllr Julie Ratherham. Northall has 2 Cllrs Kevin Cabbage Vice Chair of your Council and a GPC member he is also responsible for keeping the Web site up to date and oversees the accounts. Mark Wilson is Northall's second representative. Dagnall also has 2 Cllrs newly appointed Mark Taylor who replaces Tim Jones. Tim resigned due to work commitments. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his service to the Parish & also welcome Mark to his new role. I also represent Dagnall and I'm also a GPC member. Your Council would not be complete without our industrious Clerk Lin Sargeant. Lin not only deals with the everyday workings of your Council she is also the Responsible Financial Officer, she attends the GPC, recording minutes and it seems is always available to answer Parishioners concerns or point them in the right direction.

County Cllr Avril Davies and District Cllr Terry Jones continue to support and keep your Council fully informed on all issues of interest or concern. To the entire Parish, District & County Councillors, not forgetting our Clerk Lin on behalf of myself and the Parishioners I once again thank you all for your total commitment.

**[www.edlesborough.gov.uk](http://www.edlesborough.gov.uk)** Our popular Web site continues to go from strength to strength. Cllr Cabbage updates our website on a regular basis. This is your first port of call if you wish to know anything about the Parish.

**The General Purpose Committee.** The GPC makes decisions with regard to many issues, saving valuable time at full council meetings. Areas they cover include allotments, cemetery, street lighting, Memorial Hall and open spaces. This vital committee consists of the six Cllrs previously mentioned and the Clerk who takes the minutes. All decisions made by this committee are ratified at full council.

**Local Area Forum** Cllrs Wilkinson & Williams accompanied by our Clerk attend these very useful County Council organised meetings on your behalf. This is the one meeting where specific items can be discussed with the relevant Bucks CC officer. This forum also deals with the delegated budget where we can and do apply for funding for relevant projects. We are presently waiting for the results of our latest bids for a build out at Dagnall and bus shelters.

**Allotments** I'm pleased to report we only have one allotment available at Cow Lane, half a plot on the green, but there are still plots available at Northall.

**Cemetery** The new cemetery entrance, access road and turning circle has been

welcomed and everyone seems in agreement the contractors did an excellent job. The huge mound of soil has been removed; mowing the graves has commenced enhancing the appearance of the whole area, it's finally turning into the proposed lawned Cemetery. The new entrance is off the bridleway on the strip of land purchased many years ago by the PC parcifically for this purpose.

**Edlesborough Memorial Hall** The hall continues to be well used by a large range of local clubs, organizations and private individuals. Bookings for the hall and also the pavilion can be made through our helpful facilities & booking manager Beverley Sage. A clean venue is guaranteed thanks to our cleaner Lesley Riley. At the present time we are getting quotes to replace the boilers for a more efficient heating system in the hall. We continue to support Dagnall & Northall Village Halls with a £1,000.00 donation to assist with maintenance & running costs. We also help with their finances by grass cutting and playground maintenance.

**Edlesborough Green** The green continues to offer first class facilities to the community, and the various clubs that make use of the green offer great opportunities especially to the youth of the parish, for this we support and thank them. We recently have had a problem with dogs out of control; please if in doubt keep your dogs on a lead under proper control. Due to a very poor response to the proposal of a kick wall to try and protect the pavilion, which is used for that purpose at the moment, this project appears likely to be put on hold. We continue to host the very popular St Mary's Carnival, which raises huge amounts of funding for local groups.

**Pavilion** Cllr David Brown has spent many hours looking on the best way forward with regard to the development of this essential sports facility. All sports clubs & interested groups have now been contacted with a view to establish a vision project for the future of the pavilion.

**Open Spaces** We continue to report rubbish dumping to Aylesbury Vale DC who quickly remove the offending articles. The freighter service is still provided twice a year enabling you to dispose of unwanted large items. We also continue to support the green sack scheme for disposable garden rubbish. These can be purchased from Sue Parker or me.

Although we have increased the number of dog bins throughout the Parish some inconsiderate dog walkers are still not clearing up after their dogs. Please be considerate to others & clean up, or now the light nights are returning you could end up with a £1,000.00 fine. For your information the cost of emptying the dog bins costs £3,750.00 per annum to operate so please make use of this facility.

For the first time in 2009 Edlesborough entered the best kept village contest, unfortunately Dagnall & Northall did not fit the criteria, ie. they had no churchyard so couldn't enter, but I'm pleased to report Edlesborough received the runner ups award, a fantastic result in our first year. We have entered again this year so lets keep the village free from litter & dog faeces.

A matter of concern at the moment is the Local Development Framework Core Strategy which decides how many houses will be allocated to Edlesborough, at the moment it's between 20 & 80 but both Cllrs Wilkinson & Williams are attending consultations on your behalf, no decision has been made at this time.

**Road Repairs** We continue to monitor the condition of our roads & pavements and

report any holes or problems to highways on call. Conditions have been very difficult this year due to the severity of the winter. We are aware there is still lots of repairs to be done especially on minor roads.

**Traffic Calming** The speed limit review for our area 13 has at last commenced. You can view all the proposed speed limits, maps and relative information online via [www.buckscc.gov.uk/haveyoursay](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/haveyoursay). You can also register your support or objections to the proposals in writing, online or by email, before the 14th May for addresses contact the Clerk or visit our Website.

Cllr Alan Williams continues to input data & monitor developments on the Freight Strategy. Cllrs Wilkinson & Williams also monitor the Local Transport Plan (LTP3) Volunteers from the EDaN group continue to man speedwatch and collect data on speeding, the analysis is forwarded to the Police and other relevant parties.

**Police Matters** Our PCSO's Jackie Dobson & Chris Baker continue to bring a Police presence to our villages supported by our Community Police Officer Jared Levens. An Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) check was recently carried out in Edlesborough on the A4146. 700 vehicles passed through the checkpoint, many vehicles were stopped for irregularities. Speed checks are also regularly carried out throughout the Parish. If you have any worries or concerns please feel free to stop and talk to the officers as they patrol the streets or give them a ring on the 08458505505 if you wish them to come and see you with regard to a specific problem. I am pleased to report Anti Social behaviour seems to be on the decrease. We are all well aware of the problems the cars with their loud music in the Memorial Hall car park late at night cause, and we are working with the Police to solve this problem. Thank you Jared, Chris & Jackie for your continuing support to our community.

The highlight of the past year for me was standing on the A4146 at Church End on a November morning alongside the local Scout movement to my left, various organisations from Eaton Bray as well as our own Parish to my right and a large congregation all able to pay their respects to the fallen in the 2 world wars in complete safety and silence, a very memorable & moving moment indeed. This all came about by the tenacity of one parishioner ably assisted by our clerk Lin to obtain the Legal Road Closure notices, the barriers required and the volunteers who erected them, manned them and then cleared them away also the Police attendance, so a huge thank you to Mrs Lorna Cabbage who co-ordinated the whole operation which went like clockwork.

EDaN continues to go from strength to strength with all its groups working diligently to achieve their aims, I am pleased to report The Parish Plan recently won a well deserved award. If you have any ideas for improving facilities in the Parish or have concerns and are not yet a member of an EDaN group then why not join them, you really can make a difference. Regular updates on what the various EDaN groups are doing with regard to events they are holding or any ongoing projects can be found in the Focus magazine or on our website. I'm sure everyone admires the majestic display of daffodils on show throughout the Parish at the moment, another EDaN venture.

Cllr Alan Williams is the driving force behind the enthusiastic team of volunteers who work alongside your Council, we are indebted to you Alan and your groups for you are definitely bringing the community spirit back into our Parish and for that I thank you.



This concludes my report.

Anne Thompson, Chairman Edlesborough Parish Council

**Please note that there is a change of date for the July Parish Council meeting which will now take place on THURSDAY 22nd JULY 2010, not 15th July.**

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Website: www.edlesborough.gov.uk

Edlesborough Memorial Hall Booking Secretary: Beverly Sage – Tel: 01525 229509

## **Focus on your Life!**

Have you heard of “target fixation”? I heard about it recently, where drivers hit objects they’re trying to avoid. They concentrate so much on the tree, road sign or car that they want to avoid, that they actually hit it. There are thousands of people who do this – and it’s the same for many of us in our daily lives. We are fixated on the fact we may not be able to achieve what we truly desire, fixated on barriers that could get in our way, fixated on the fact we don’t deserve a more fulfilling, inspirational or exciting life.

If you are feeling a little uncomfortable with that thought I understand how you feel. I’ve been there too. Are you held back by your responsibilities? Are you held back by these words – “you’ll never be able to achieve anything like that”? Are you held back by other people? We all know that we have responsibilities; we all know that there are certain things we have to pay for in order to have a decent standard of living. How would it feel if you could do what you really wanted? What part of your life would you change? Would it be your work? Would it be your environment? Would it be your fitness or health?

It takes guts to make changes. If you are plodding through life feeling as if you are wading through treacle and glad to get through the day, why not change something? If you get into bed and think “let’s sleep before battle commences again tomorrow” then you are not in a good place in your life. If you want to change something, no matter how small, then do it. Think about one thing that you want to change and write it down. Make this your target. Make it real – write it in big bold letters. Close your eyes for a few minutes and visualise yourself achieving this goal. What can you see, hear and feel? Pin your goal up in your kitchen and read it every day for a week. Become very aware of it, become fascinated by it.

After a week sit down with that piece of paper in front of you and think about what it would mean to you if you could achieve your goal. Write down three actions that will get you closer to achieving it. Use colour, felt-tip pens, pictures, anything that will connect you with your goal and bring those action steps alive. Feel joyful! Feel excited! Feel motivated! Feel inspired! Feel creative! Feel energised! Feel the smile spreading on your face! These are extraordinarily wonderful feelings – really feel them.

Target fixation can be a good thing if it brings about inspirational and rewarding change in your life. Three steps, that’s all it takes. Why wouldn’t you want to do that? You can achieve great things – I believe in you - live a truly incredible life, you deserve it. Rebecca Carter, [www.freshchallenges.co.uk](http://www.freshchallenges.co.uk)

# Eaton Bray Lawn Tennis Club



## SUMMER 2010 DISCOUNTED MEMBERSHIP AND LESSONS

EATON BRAY LAWN TENNIS CLUB IS A FRIENDLY SOCIAL CLUB SEEKING TO INTRODUCE OR RE-INTRODUCE NEW MEMBERS TO TENNIS.

THE CLUB IS HOSTING A NUMBER OF EVENTS DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE EXISTING AND NEW MEMBERS TO GET ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN BOTH SOCIAL AND COMPETITIVE TENNIS AND TO IMPROVE THEIR GAME THROUGH PRIVATE OR GROUP TUITION.

### GET BACK INTO TENNIS (SATURDAYS 2PM FROM MAY ONWARDS)

AIMED AT SENIORS WHO WISH TO TAKE UP TENNIS OR FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WISH TO BLOW THE COBWEBS AWAY BEFORE GETTING MORE SERIOUS

### PLAY DAY 19 JUNE 12PM -5PM

COME TO OUR PLAY DAY. MEET SOME OF THE MEMBERS, HIT A FEW BALLS, GET SOME FREE POINTERS FROM OUR COACH, LET YOUR CHILDREN PLAY SOME MINI TENNIS. GET HALF PRICE MEMBERSHIP

### JUNIORS GET INTO TENNIS

COME ALONG TO OUR JUNIOR OPEN DAY ON BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY (31 MAY) FROM 2PM OR TURN UP ON ANY MONDAY 4-6PM OR SATURDAYS 10AM-12.30PM CALL OUR JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR OR COACH TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR DISCOUNTED MEMBERSHIP AND LESSONS

### FREE TASTER SESSIONS

SENIORS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND OUR OPEN SESSIONS FROM 10AM-12PM ON SUNDAYS AND 6PM-8PM ON TUESDAYS.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

HELEN WOODHEAD, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY  
STUART ADOLPH, JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR  
SARA LEAVY, CLUB COACH  
VISIT THE CLUB WEBSITE

01525 220192

07773 816320

07561 571578

[WWW.EBLTA.ORG.UK](http://WWW.EBLTA.ORG.UK)

**NSPCC** 

Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP

Enid and Debbie will be holding a coffee morning and ploughman's lunches for the N.S.P.C.C on Thursday 3rd June 2010 at Edlesborough Methodist Chapel.

Coffee will be served between 10am and 12noon. Lunches will be served between 12noon and 2pm. All welcome

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Please come to my

# Butterfly Tea Party



**22nd June 2010**

2.00pm - 4.30pm

The Swan Pub,

Lighton Road, Northall

Bring your friends, the more the merrier and have fun whilst helping to raise **£150,000** for Children's Hospices UK!

I will have a display of stationery, products and charity cards from our latest range and will be donating **15%** to this worthy cause from all sales.

For more information visit  
[www.phoenixinternationalcharity.org](http://www.phoenixinternationalcharity.org)

Children's Hospices UK



## Knit n Stitch

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**Now At**

**The Coffee Tavern  
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2pm to 4pm**

**Contact Wendy Tel 07908 828414  
[www.wendy-poole.co.uk](http://www.wendy-poole.co.uk)**

**Eaton Bray Men's Group  
(Men and women welcome)**

# QUIZ NIGHT

(Just for fun)

**7.45p.m.**

**Wednesday 16th June 2010**

**Eaton Bray Methodist Chapel**

**Entrance £2 including tea and biscuits**

**Contact John Digby (01525) 375229**

**All Saints Church,  
Dagnall  
Saturday 17th July**

## Ploughmans Lunches

**11.30am to 2pm**

**Cake Stall, Bring & Buy,  
Greetings Cards**

**in aid of 2010 Church Project  
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Eaton Bray Village Hall

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creative play    singing  
stories    baby corner  
craft    jule & biscuit  
tea or coffee    and more!

Come along, make new friends and join in the fun!




### Edlesborough Under 5's

<b>Monday - Friday</b>	<b>9.25 am - 12.00 noon</b>
<b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b>	<b>12.45 pm - 3.15 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday Lunch Club</b>	<b>12 noon - 12.45pm</b>

*"The quality of teaching and learning is good. Children are actively involved in their learning, play independently and are assisted by staff to develop their confidence." "Group times at all sessions were very positive experiences for all the children and enjoyed by all present." "Children of all ages have the opportunity to develop their skills in all areas, supported by a dedicated staff team." "Children are encouraged to make choices and decisions throughout the day, supported by a staff team that know them well."*

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 2 to 4½ year olds. If you would like to pop in for a look around, please phone Alison or Lindsey 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, please phone Sue Pickering on 01525 222199**

**"We are an Equal Opportunities Employer" [www.edlesboroughunder5s.org.uk](http://www.edlesboroughunder5s.org.uk)**



# Eaton Bray Lower School



## The Good Life...

Having grown and eaten our own produce for lunch, we have now extended the self-sufficiency life style! We planted our orchard in the autumn term 2009 with a range of fruit trees. More recently, we enrolled three new pupils. The general election to decide on their names has not yet taken place. They are, of course, chickens! The children will be eating their eggs for lunch and then the School Council are hoping to receive donations from parents for the remaining eggs. The proceeds will be used for the upkeep of the chickens so that the children have first hand experience of self-financing projects.

Our year fours won an Edenfoods competition. The prize was a cooking demonstration. The children were able to ask questions about the ingredients, to learn how to prepare and cook them and finally what they tasted like.

So we hope to have developed and encouraged some self sufficient, financially successful, voting, locally sourced chefs of the future!



## Eaton Bray Methodist Church

Our May Cafe Community was enjoyed by both our regulars and new friends. The "Cafe" was abuzz with laughter, music and friendly chatter. The newspapers were in great demand as folk looked at the varying reports on our Hung Parliament. There was even a fun topical Quiz on politics to muse over whilst enjoying coffee, a selection of teas, homemade biscuits, cakes and freshly made B.L.T.'s and sandwiches. The next Cafe Community will be held on SATURDAY JUNE 12th from 10-30am to 12-30pm and we extend a warm welcome to you to come and see what it is all about.

We are going to have a break after the June Cafe Community for the summer but watch out in Focus for the Autumn details.

# Edlesborough School Contributions



As part of their geography learning, the children in Year 5 of Edlesborough School have been debating the pros and cons of shutting Edlesborough High Street to traffic. They have enjoyed some lively debates and have been learning to understand different points of view. Here are some of their arguments for and against.

## Joseph Adolph

### REASONS AGAINST:

- The High Street should not be closed to traffic because you won't be able to get out of Edlesborough at all!
- If there was a fire or a fight or accident, then how can the emergency services reach it!
- Unless they live in Edlesborough how would relatives visit you? What's the point in having a road when no cars will go down it!
- People will starve to death because the nearest shop is in Dunstable!
- How would you get to school if you live in Dagnall, Dunstable, Stanbridge, Ivinghoe or Ivinghoe Aston etc?

### REASONS FOR:

- The High Street should be closed to traffic because it would lower pollution and your carbon footprint.
- It will cause less road rage and more fitness. It will save you money! Lots of it!
- It will be more peaceful and will inspire kids to cycle.
- There will be less accidents on the road.

## Harrison Ambrose

### REASONS FOR:

Edlesborough High Street should be closed to traffic because it wouldn't cause all that much pollution. Another reason would be that people would be able to exercise more. People wouldn't always have to pay their car insurance. For once people would actually be able to sit down and relax. It would also lower our carbon footprint. Also it would encourage children to cycle. There wouldn't be yapping and shouting in road rages!

### REASONS AGAINST:

Edlesborough High Street shouldn't be closed to traffic because if we closed it emergency services wouldn't be able to get through if someone was about to die, or something dramatic like that. The delivery lorries or vans wouldn't be able to deliver food to the post office or other food shops that are around.



## **Northall Village Hall Trust A.G.M.**

The residents of Northall are invited to the A.G.M. of the Northall Village Trust which owns Northall Village Hall and the Play Area and is responsible for managing them on behalf of the village.

**The meeting will be held at  
Northall Village Hall on Friday  
9th July 2010 at 8pm.**

Lorna Cubbage 01525 220361

## **Bedfordshire Area Group of the Association of 16mm Narrow Gauge Modellers**

We are the local group of the Association of Narrow Gauge Modellers. Our membership is drawn from the neighbouring counties of Beds. Bucks. and Herts and currently stands at around 30 members.

We meet monthly at the Eaton Bray Village Hall near Dunstable. The clubs exhibition layout is called Ridgmont, which takes its name from the Bedfordshire village where the club was formed over 20 years ago. During our meetings members bring along their own locomotives and rolling stock to run on the club layout Ridgmont and other visiting layouts. The locomotives are a mix of Live Steam engines most of which are gas fired but a small number of members have coal fired engines as well. During quiet periods when a member is waiting to raise steam a strange assortment of battery powered engines can be seen making leisurely progress around the layout.

All visitors are always welcome at our club meetings, any visiting 16mm Members from other groups are also welcome to bring along one of their own engines.

A full list of our clubs meeting dates can be found on the clubs Web Site at [www.bag16mm.org.uk](http://www.bag16mm.org.uk).

If you would like further detail or are interested in joining our club you may contact our club secretary: Chris Pretty on 01442 244345.



## **Edlesborough W.I.**

Our recent meeting was the annual Members' Night, when the committee had a break from arranging the evening. Letters of thanks were read from Iain Rennie Hospice at Home and the Hospice of St. Francis, thanking us for donations in memory of our friend, Linda. Thanks were also reported from two members, Sue and Wendy, for cards and good wishes sent during their recent times in hospital. Christine Yates gave details of the forthcoming EDaN May Day Celebration, when the new village sign would be unveiled, and she thanked the ladies who had agreed to bake cakes for the occasion.

Brenda Shields took over from this point, together with her helpers for the evening. She began by saying how much the committee were appreciated, including June and Jill who set out the Memorial Hall each month. Each lady received the gift of a vase and pansy plant.

During the evening Brenda read two very amusing descriptions of particular events by Pam Ayres. One which rang a bell for quite a number of us was regarding a wife's navigation during a car journey with her driver husband. Need I say more!

We all enjoyed a 'chat amongst yourselves' session, when we answered the question on the number of articles in our handbags. The amazing contrast was 36 highest against 4 lowest. Regarding the high level, no wonder some women suffer with shoulder problems! Refreshment time provided a choice of lovely home-made cakes, which added to a really happy evening. Phrena, our President, thanked Brenda and her team, which we all endorsed.

Later in the month the Committee all enjoyed lunch at Chez Jerome in Dunstable, particularly as we were referred to as 'girls' during the meal! Another happy time spent with friends.

Val Harris



## Edlesborough Book Group



### Catch 22 By Joseph Heller



Catch 22 is a satirical look at the hierarchical systems of war and the effects on those caught up in them. The book's title has passed into common language usage, as an illustration of a hopeless situation.

In this story, Yossarian is a bombardier, stationed in Italy during the final months of World War II. He is battle weary and desperate to finish his tour of duty and to return home. However, the Colonel keeps raising the number of missions and so the squadron must continue fighting.

Yossarian tries to plead insanity in order to be grounded, but the doctor points out that, according to army regulation Catch 22, men who ask to be grounded, prove themselves aware of personal danger and are therefore sane. Truly mad people, readily agree to put themselves in peril, therefore Yossarian is thwarted by Catch 22.

The story follows his many attempts to beat the system, introducing a huge cast of characters and sub plots to prove the main theme of the book. This being the absurdities and insanities of bureaucracies, military ones in particular and the people who enforce them blindly.

The group found the book difficult. The humour was a little obscure and we struggled with the large number of characters, finding it hard to engage with their situations. We did however, have a lengthy discussion about war, its effect on mankind and whether sometime soon lessons will be learned from history.

## St Mary's Ladies Guild

The members and visitors were welcomed to the home of Joan and Graham Chappell, for the meeting and afternoon tea on Wednesday 12th May. Joan led the devotions and read a poem that she had written and birthday cards and wishes were extended to Dorothy, Jean Bates, Deirdrea, Fay Smith, Barbara Ilic, June Morton and Anne Hunt. Deirdrea introduced Jenny Moody from the Luton Women's Aid and Refuge, who spoke about her work at the center over the years, with victims of domestic abuse and violence, both women and children.

Women enter a refuge to escape domestic violence and abuse, and with practical help, emotional support and a safe place to stay, they are able to slowly recover and rebuild their lives and regain their dignity. How grateful we all were, that our experiences were able to be so different to theirs.

In 2002 Jenny was awarded an MBE for her services and in 2005 was given an honorary MA for the work with the Luton Women's Aid.

The Guild members, over the past few months had collected toiletries and other essential items for the ladies and children at the center. Marjorie Mann presented two large boxes of goods to Jenny and a plant and thank you card for being the speaker. A special 'May tea' had been prepared by Joan and the committee which was greatly enjoyed and waistbands appeared much tighter afterwards !! There was a raffle and bring and buy stall.

Joan Chappell was thanked by Deirdrea for making everyone feel so welcome and for



the lovely cakes that she had made and Graham for all the preparations prior to our visit. Marjorie presented Joan with a plant and Graham some wine.

The next meeting is on Wednesday at 2.00pm at the church, when the speaker will be Sister Alvorina on "My life as a nun".

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings to hear the speaker, enjoy the teas and share in the fellowship and friendship that we enjoy.

Any queries please phone Deirdrea on 210426.

## **Wednesday Club at Northall Village Hall**

Many thanks to all who attended our recent Coffee Morning at which we raised a marvellous £196 despite not having as many visitors as previously. We had a very successful raffle with many lovely prizes.

We are busy collecting Target Stamps from the Leighton Buzzard Observer and would welcome any donations you may have. You can leave these in the box at Eaton Bray Stores or at Northall Village Hall, or even phone us and we will arrange collection.

If you are interested in joining us or finding out more, please phone either Anna on 221996 or Julie on 220153 to arrange to come along for a cup of coffee and meet the other members.

## **Dagnall Village – Your Say**

### **Dagnall Day @ The Park, 19 June 2010**

On Sunday November 15, we held a feedback session in Dagnall Village Hall to find out what you wanted from an annual Village Event

#### **You Told Us:**

##### **What You Enjoyed about Past Events:**

- Should be for everyone (free events should be for Dagnall residents)
- Hog roast/BBQ
- Having a compact layout/bringing the community together
- Race Day
- Disco/music/local bands
- Floodlights/heating needed for the evening
- Keen on free/low cost activities

##### **What You Wanted in the Future:**

- Mix 96/Heart radio
- Beer/wine tent
- Contests/sports tournaments/inter-village or inter-road events
- Local stalls/local products
- More variety for food (vegetarian/jacket potatoes)
- Street party on recreation ground/picnic

##### **What We Are Doing:**

Come along to the Dagnall Day @ The Park on 19 June 2010 (see the advert in this edition of Focus) and see how we have incorporated your ideas into this year's event. Enter a team, come along to cheer on the games, buy tickets for the Hog Roast and enjoy the refreshments and bar. Proceeds to Iain Rennie and other Dagnall Village good causes.

**You had Your Say - See you there!**

## All Saints, Dagnall - Services in June 2010

Sun. 6th June	9.00 am	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Morning Service
	6.00 pm	Evening Service with Holy Communion
Sun. 13th June	10.30 am	Morning Service
	6.00 pm	Sung Eucharist
Sun. 20th June	10.30 am	Family Communion
	6.00 pm	Evening Service
Sun. 27th June	10.30 am	Family Service
Sun. 4th July	9.00 am	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Morning Service
Sunday School meets each Sunday at 10.30 am		



## Table Corner

Table Corner – Pascale’s Raspberry Crème Brûlée

With little raspberries about to appear in our gardens, I thought that I would share with you one of the Little Dagnall Catering Company’s favorite dessert recipes – Pascale’s Raspberry Crème Brûlée. Not only is it easy to make, but it can also be made ahead of time - ideally the day before, to give time for the cream to set. At the last minute, the only thing you will have to remember is to glaze the sugar and decorate your ramekin. Serves 4 in small ramekins:

Ingredients:

175 g fresh or frozen raspberries	4 egg yolks
3 tbspcaster sugar	225 ml double cream
1tbspc Grand Marnier liqueur	2 tsp brown sugar

If using frozen raspberries, don’t forget to defrost them very gently so that they maintain their flavour. Preheat the oven to 150° Celsius. In a food processor, puree the raspberries with the caster sugar, Grand Marnier and the egg yolks. Strain the puree through a fine sieve and combine with the cream, leaving the seeds behind and discarding them. Divide the cream/juice combination between the 4 ramekins.

Place the ramekins in an oven dish or tin and fill the dish with boiling water until the water is about 1 centimetre below the top of the ramekins. Cook in the oven for one hour until the cream is set. If the top of the cream is slightly brown when you take the ramekins out of the oven, do not panic, the discolouration can be skimmed off. Leave the ramekins to cool down completely, and place them in the fridge for at least 6 hours or overnight.

Just before serving, sprinkle each ramekin with the brown sugar and place under a preheated grill to melt the sugar. Keep an eye on the process so that it doesn’t over cook. Take out, and if you so wish, you can also decorate each ramekin with a little icing sugar, a few raspberries and perhaps a mint leaf.

Bon appétit! And if you would like to discuss parties, recipes and cooking, why don’t you come and meet us at Edlesborough Carnival on the 3rd of July. We will have a stand near the tea tent with our pots, pans and pencils to share recipe ideas and cooking tips.

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Please keep collecting cans, ink cartridges and old mobile phones which we can recycle for cash. We are also collecting teddies/soft toys and raffle prizes. If you leave us a message on jamboree@centreboard.net or 07966 201852 we will arrange to collect items from you or you can put cans in the bins at Janes and EB Village store.

We are running a refreshment stall at Garden Scene in The Rye most weekends in June. Enjoy a drink and something to eat while you browse. Thank you to all the staff there for their support.

Dates for your diary – Edlesborough School Fair - 12th June

Village Carnival – 3rd July

An evening of nostalgic Eaton Bray and Edlesborough – 24th September

Thank you for your continued support – we are now all at least 1/3 of the way to our targets!

*Miguel Garcia, James Tate, Gemma Johnson, Cody Plaats and Matthew Johnson*

## 22ND WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE SWEDEN 2011 UNITED KINGDOM



### Scout Profile

Information from an interview with one lucky member of the Bedfordshire Pilgrims, who are travelling to the 22nd World Scout Jamboree in Sweden next year.

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|----------------------------|--|
| Name:                      | Matthew Johnson  |
| Unit:                      | Lionheart Explorer Scout Unit and Young Leader   |
| Age:                       | 16   |
| Other interests:           | Music (viola and trombone), Rugby  |
| Best Scouting achievement: | Chief Scouts Gold Award  |
| Favourite colour:          | Blue   |
| What's a Jamboree?         | A big celebration of scouts and guides from all around the world, around 40,000 of us aged 14 to 17.           |
| When and where is it?      | Kristianstad, Sweden 27th of July 2011   |
| Scouting Career            | Started 1st Eaton Bray and Edlesborough Beavers age 6 and progressed through Cubs, Scouts and now in Explorers |
| Camping Experience         | Lots of camps with Cubs, Scouts and Explorers but never been on an international camp.                         |
| Most looking forward to    | Meeting loads of different scouts from around the world  |

## Cakes

Eaton Bray resident, Michelle Shulman of Cakes by Shelly has been selected as a finalist for Self Employed Person of the Year 2010 in Bedfordshire's Small Business Awards.

Over the last four years Michelle has established herself as one of Bedfordshire's premier cake designers specialising in wedding, birthday, and celebration cakes, wedding favors and corporate gifts.

She has become renowned for her designs throughout Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire and beyond and has created cakes for private, corporate and celebrity clients, including Take That for the launch of 'Take That Singstar', and the celebrity attended 'Make a Wish Foundation' Valentine's Ball 2010, held at the Dorchester Hotel, Mayfair. She has received a number of international awards for her cakes at Cake international and Salon Cilinaire. Her cakes are bespoke, hand crafted and baked fresh to order with each cake designed focusing on the client's individual requirements. Cakes by Shelly is run from her home in Eaton Bray bringing true meaning to the term "homemade". All creations are baked in her home kitchen using only fresh ingredients. "Operating my business from home is a key part of my company's charm as it means that I am able to offer my clients a genuinely personal service."

The awards ceremony took place at the Warren Weir, Luton Hoo Hotel on Thursday 27th May 2010.

For more information about Cakes by Shelly please view [www.cakesbysshelly.co.uk](http://www.cakesbysshelly.co.uk) or give her a call on 01525221427.

## Cheeky Monkeys

Are you a mum that is looking for an opportunity to socialise and meet new people? Are you a dad that is worried about stepping into female territory? Are you a toddler looking for new friends and lots of activities to keep you busy all afternoon? Well look no further, as you will be made very welcome at Cheeky Monkeys under fives playtime!

Our thoughts over the next few weeks turn to the village carnival, and we hope to produce another award winning float. Our idea this year remains a closely guarded secret, so come along if you want to find out our "invention!" We will need lots of help on our craft table with our designs and pictures to decorate the lorry!

If you are a parent in the village and would like to join our friendly group, please come along on a Wednesday afternoon (term time) at 1pm, in Eaton Bray Village Hall. No booking is necessary, just turn up! 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 a tea/coffee break whilst the children sit down for juice and a biscuit. We end the afternoon with songs and music.

Cheeky Monkeys is run by three volunteer parents, Sarah, 07904 348113, Louise 07784 165259 and Sue 01525 222387 ([suefox4@hotmail.com](mailto:suefox4@hotmail.com).) For enquiries please contact anyone of us. All details can be found on our website. ([www.cheekymonkeys.btik.com](http://www.cheekymonkeys.btik.com))



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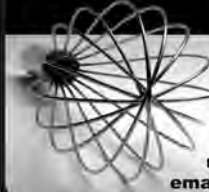
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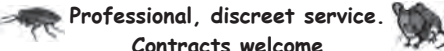
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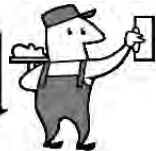
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## The EDaN Project Beautification Team

### Village Signs

We were delighted to unveil our beautiful village sign for Edlesborough at the EDaN May Day Celebrations on the village green. The “Green Man”, better known as Alan Williams, our EDaN Steering Group Chairman, crowned the lovely 11 year old Katie McCool as Edlesborough May Queen for 2010, with a crown of fresh flowers donated by Buds of May. Her attendants were Amy Thurgood, Summer Lucas, Charlotte Owen, Amber Walsh, Courtney Duffin-Hall and Sadie Lupson, who pulled the 7 cords to release the shroud covering the sign. Thank you to everyone who helped with the erection, especially Brian (courtesy of APS Environmental) and Peter Glenister for digging the metre deep hole for the post and concreting it in!



*Unveiling the village sign  
Photo by Kevin Cabbage*

Signs of the Times at Tebworth and RS Engineering of Stanbridge pulled out all the stops to complete the sign in time for May Day. Depicting the Edlesborough rose brass, flanked by woven straws and plum blossom, St. Mary’s Church being circled by a red kite, the tythe barn with our W.I. straw plaiter teaching children her craft and the ford with various wildfowl and mill; the war memorial in the centre and the rare, but local, Duke of Burgundy butterfly perched on the wording. The team were very grateful to these 2 companies for their expertise and commitment.

We have received a few ideas for the signs for Dagnall and Northall, but would like your input, so if you have any suggestions, please put them into the local EDaN boxes.

### May Day

On the only dry and windless day of the bank holiday we celebrated the return of the warm sunshine to the countryside, known back in the Dark Ages as Beltane. The children of Edlesborough school skipped round the Maypole, coached throughout the previous months by members of the EDaN Beautification Team, lead by Lorna Cabbage and assisted by Dawn Thurgood, Val Harris & Christine Yates. Thank you teachers and staff for your continued patience with us over this time. Their joyous dancing gladdened our hearts. Dagnall schoolchildren, lead by their headmistress, charmed everyone with their “Activate” demonstration; they were delightful.



*Dagnall School Children. Photo by Dawn Thurgood*

The Tug-of-War teams, ranging from 5 year olds to adults, both ladies and gents, were shouted on enthusiastically by friends and family, winners proudly sporting their medals. Kenton Burchell gained first place in the Straw Bale Tossing with a winning throw of 6.55 metres and the Garden in a Seed Tray Trophy was won by 6 year old John Chapman, cleverly depicting Hagrid's House. Well done John!



Food seemed to be a highlight of the day, with the queue to the BBQ, drinks and cakes rarely dwindling. Our cake stall, manned by the W.I., was a raring success, thank you so much to everyone who contributed – there's nothing quite like a home-made cake is there? The EDaN Mayday Stocks were a popular place to be if you wanted to pelt mum or dad with a wet sponge, which most of the children were only too pleased to do. The event was really well supported by local businesses coming up trumps, with donations from The Village Tea Shop, Janes, Buds of May, The Post Office, Archery Warehouse, Café Masala, D & E Hines, Penni Pinstripes, Garden Scene and The Swan at Northall. Our grateful thanks to Edlesborough Parish Council for the use of the green, pavilion and Memorial Hall and also to Edlesborough School for the use of their equipment. We are lucky to have Wendy (Wendy Clark Costumes) on team and she did a wonderful job creating our Green Man's outfit and the mop caps and aprons. Dawn Wells very kindly gave our Green Man his scary face – but as it was always smiling it didn't frighten anybody! There were also lots of pretty painted faces bobbing about, thank you Dawn.

To all the individuals who contributed with raffle prizes and valuable time, blood, sweat and tears, especially ALL the EDaN teams, good friends and family far too numerous to mention - thank you so much! This was a first off – probably in the last hundred or so years – so we had a few lessons to learn, but we hope you enjoyed it. The profits made amounted to just over £1000, which will be put towards our village signs.

Do you want us to do it again??

*More photos on page 72*

## Dagnall Under Fives

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# MAY DAY FESTIVAL



*Above: Children from Edlesborough School maypole dancing the 'Spider's Web'  
Photo by Dawn Thurgood*



*Above: May Queen, Katie McCool, being crowned by the Green Man aka Alan Williams  
Photo by Heidi Head*



*Left: Tug of War team: Ryan Connor, Daniel Pratt, Matthew Thurgood & Adam Priestley  
Photo by Dawn Thurgood*

*Below: May Queen, Katie McCool, maypole dancing with children from Edlesborough School.  
Photo by Dawn Thurgood*



*Above: Brandon Lupson in the stocks  
Photo by "Stocks Wardens" Carol & Brian McMurray*



# YOUR VILLAGE PHOTOS



*The flower bed the children of Eaton Bray Lower School created for St. Mary's Church, Eaton Bray. Photo by Eileen Bennett*



*Daffodils along Edlesborough Green  
Photo by Brian Russell*

*Eaton Bray Alpacas  
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**Cover photo of Edlesborough village sign by John Hockey  
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## Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

April has been a very dry month, with 40% less rain than last year. In the middle of the month, we had a period of 16 days where no rain was recorded at all (10th – 25th). We had many summer-like days contrasting with frosty mornings, with highs of up to 20.5°C and lows of -1.3°C. But, at this time of year, the frost or colder parts of the day are short-lived because the sun rises early; between 05.30 and 06.30 - see plot 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: [davidgkillick@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:davidgkillick@tiscali.co.uk)

### Weather Conditions for April 2010

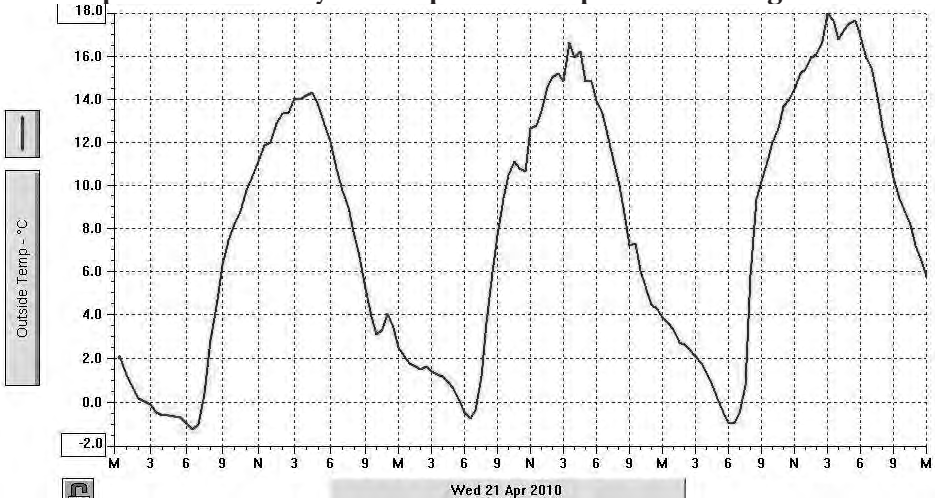


**Elevation: 450 ft – Latitude: 51° 50' 13" North - Longitude: 0° 33' 34" West**

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature:	20.5°C	28 April 15.00	- 1.3°C	21 April 07.00
Mean Temperature	9.0°C			
Dewpoint:	12.2°C	29 April 18.00	- 3.0°C	21 April 06.30
Humidity:	96%	27 April	31%	24 April 16.00
Barometer:	1033.8 hPa	10 April 07.30	997.8 hPa	2 April 15.00
Wind Speed	33 mph wnw	2 April 14.00	Months avg.	5.4 mph
Wind Chill:	19.9 °C	17 April 15.30	-3.4°C	April 02.30
Dominant Wind:	S			
<u>Rainfall</u> *T= total rain days and moisture. R= Actual rain				
*Rain Days: 10 (T), 9(R)	Wettest Day 30 April		5.0mm	0.19 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	April	22.4 mm	0.88 ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	4 Months	195.2 mm	7.68 ins

### April 2010

This plot shows the way the temperature drops as the sun begins to rise



### Church Humour

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir.  
They need all the help they can get.

# EB Lions AFC - The Village Football Club



## News

After another great season's football, we have some very good news to report! We are delighted to announce that our Under 9 Blues, coached by Nick Bramston and Becky McGee were winners of the Chiltern Junior Division 2 league. Well done to them and most importantly to the boys – Joe Thorne, Joseph Rabey, Oliver West, James Glover, Sam Carter, Cameron Burchill, Toby McGee, Sam Bramston and Myles Frederick. Heroes one and all!

In addition to another fantastic year of achievement throughout the club on the field of play, EB Lions AFC has been recognised twice by The Bedfordshire Football Association in the annual FA Charter Standard Club awards.

Firstly, the club has been recognised as Community Club on the Year. This comes on top of winning the Charter Standard Development Club of the Year only two seasons ago and only reaching Community status back in September. Again, this is a wonderful acknowledgment and recognition of everything that absolutely everyone involved in the Club contributes from Committee to coaches, to players and to parents together with all the people that support the club such as the Schools and Parish Councils.

Lastly, but by no means least, our Treasurer and U14s Coach Tim Sanders has been awarded the Outstanding Contribution to Community Football Award. This is the most prestigious individual award and within the club we all know how much time and effort Tim puts into everything that he does for the Club. This is fantastic recognition of his contribution over the years and is very much deserved award for someone who is definitely the driving force behind EB Lions, it is safe to say the Club would not be the success that it is without his sterling efforts over the last few years - Well done, Tim, we are all very proud of you!

## New Players and Teams

There is a real and strong demand for village based football now, where the skill levels, coaching and development of players and teams is among the best in the county.

Whilst we have been hugely successful in stimulating demand and our teams are all of a good size and standard, we do have a small number of opportunities still available in certain age groups/teams and these are detailed in our advert in this months Focus overleaf.

We are now actively seeking new players for the following:-

1. **boys and girls reception year** - to eventually form 2 new teams for our U7's season 2011.
2. **boys and girls year 1** (next seasons Under 7's). We have 4 coaches and 20 players, so there is just a couple of places left,
3. **girls in school year 3 and 4** - A new Girls team is being formed for next seasons Under 9/10 Girls).
4. **Boys 11 a side** – there is a small number of opportunities – a player or maybe 2 at most for our U11, U12 and U14 boys – that's current school years 6,7 and 9.

We would particularly like to hear from you if you fall into these age bands – but indeed from anyone who has a son or daughter of any age who wants to play competitive football for their village club please email us at [enquiries@eblions.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@eblions.co.uk)



## **Reception – September 2010**

We will create a new squad of boys and girls at our nursery entry age level of Under 5's, where we will hold regular sessions to introduce them to football in a structured, team environment. If your son or daughter is starting school this Summer, please pre-register with us at [enquiries@eblions.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@eblions.co.uk)

### **Sponsors**

If you are, or know of any local business that would be interested in supporting us next season please contact us at [enquiries@eblions.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@eblions.co.uk) to learn how this might boost your local profile for a modest outlay and support youth sport in and around the villages.

E B Lions AFC

## **Thames Valley Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter**

Here is the latest Wing South Neighbourhood update from Police Constable Jared Levens

### **Recent News**

On Friday April 30th a Trading Standards operation was undertaken in the Wing South area in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Policing Team. One Public House was caught selling alcohol to a young person under the age of 18 and has subsequently received a fine for this offence.

### **Crime Stats**

Overall crime is down in the Wing South area by 5.8%. Anti Social Behaviour is down by 45% and Burglary has reduced from 14 crime in January to 8 crime in March. For more information visit <http://maps.police.uk/> - This website provides you with information on crime and anti-social behaviour in your neighbourhood. It also enables you to access and compare the latest information on a range of crime types with other neighbourhoods.

### **Anti Social behaviour**

There has been one incident of young people being too noisy in High Street, Edlesborough. Often young people do not realise they are being too loud and this is magnified when they are on the quiet roads in our villages particularly when residents are at home expecting to enjoy a quiet evening.

In Pitstone however we received a report of young people in Cheddington Road not only being loud but using offensive language and running in and out of people's gardens.

In Wingrave we have once again received a report of wire being tied to a front door knocker and the culprits running away when the door was answered. We also received a report of young people playing football on the Bowling Green. Wingrave has very good facilities for playing football so it would seem the culprits wanted to damage the Bowling Green and/or upset members of the Bowling Club.

**If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non emergency number 0845 8 505505 or email [WingSouthNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:WingSouthNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk). Please note this email address cannot be used to contact Thames Valley Police to report crimes or for any urgent matters. Alternatively you can visit the force website at [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk) to view information on your neighbourhood.**

## Salvation Sound - June 2010

A child was painting a picture - the usual square box of a house with "Mummy, Daddy, and Me", in the foreground, but it was a little different in that the colours were not quite right. The sky was pink - the grass bright blue - "Why blue?" I asked. "Because I like it." was the reply.

Do you think that God thought about and liked the colours when He created the earth, and all that is in it and on it and under it?

As I walked through our village I looked at the beautifully tended lawns in some of the gardens, and watched the man from "Green Thumb" tending one of them, Then I noticed a verge alongside the road which had numberless tiny blue speedwell plants covering it - weeds?, well maybe, but they looked just like blue grass! Tiny, delicate, fragile flowers, painted by 'The Master'.

Blue - the colour of the heavens above. The children of Israel were told to make tassels on their garments with blue threads in them, a sign to remind them to be holy, to keep God's commandments, (Numbers 15: 38-40) for the colour spoke of His love and immeasurable power.

We still need reminders today; I write things down, lists of things to do - things to buy etc. otherwise I forget. We all so easily forget God and His love for us, we forget that He died for us, and yet He lives in us and around us today,

Blue the colour of the for-get-me-not flower, now that is a good reminder, a good sign, yes, blue, for it can jog one's memory, so that we are not unmindful of the fact that God is above us in the sky, all about us in the plants and flowers, He is unseen, but as real as all we survey. So think blue, think of God's love, especially His love for you...

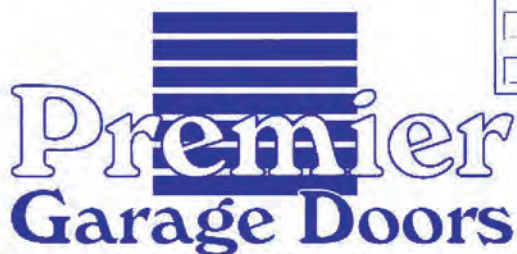
Blue - the colour of sunny skies,  
 And of a new-born baby's eyes;  
 Of magic distances and space,  
 Of placid seas and a dress of lace.  
 Feathers of Kingfisher and blue-tit too,  
 Who proudly flaunt their heavenly blue.  
 Of smiling bluebells in a wood  
 On a summer eve, when life feels good.  
 No other colour is so kind, as blue  
 For bringing peace of mind...

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"My soul is warmly caressed  
 By a blue splashed sunlit sky  
 Untethered from bonds of stress  
 Immersed in happiness am I."

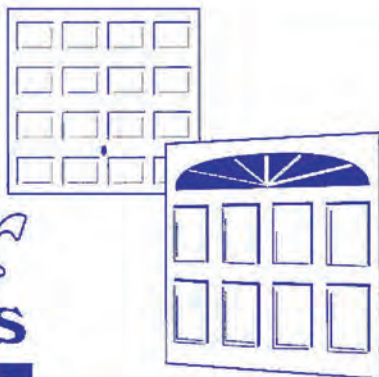
### The Salvation Army, Booth Place Weekly Activities

<b>Sunday</b>	
'Footprints' (Sunday School)	9.45-10.45am
Morning Worship	11.00am
Family Worship	
3rd Sunday in month	10.30am
Songs of Praise	
3rd Sunday in month	4pm
<b>Monday</b>	
'Champion's Challenge' Club (Age 5 - 9 yrs)	5.30-6.30pm
Junior Club (age 9+) (Term time only)	6.45-7.45pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Coffee Morning	
Once A Fortnight	10.00 - 12 Noon
Songster and band practice	7.30 - 9.00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Home League (Ladies Meeting)	2.30-3.30pm
Weekly Bible Study	7.30pm
<b>Thursday</b>	
Parent and Toddler Group (Term time only)	9.30-11.30am
<b>Thursday Evening</b>	
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