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**Focus would like to remind contributors that the deadline for articles is the 10th of the preceding month**

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#### **Bedfordshire Police (Eaton Bray)**

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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 May 2011



## 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, 9.15am - 12.15pm, Mrs Ann Tobin 07816 358342
Mon-Fri (term time)	Edlesborough Under 5's Pre-School, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Angela Paine, 01525 229529
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
Mondays	Weight Watchers, 7pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall
Mondays	Zumba Fitness Class, 9.30-10.30am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Zoey 07595 986892
Tuesdays	Line Dancing, 1.30-3p.m., Eaton Bray Village Hall, Lyn Stubbs 220731
Tuesdays	Baby's First Cafe (Support for Breastfeeding mums), 9.30 - 11 am, Ivinghoe and Pitstone Sure Start Children's Centre, Brookmead School, High Street, Ivinghoe
Tuesdays	Pilates, 10-11am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Nicky Roussou 07861 162680
Tuesdays	Totternhoe Baby & Toddler Group, 9.30-11.30am, St. Giles Church Hall, Nicki Banfield 07855 888338
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	
Weds (term time)	Cheeky Monkeys Under 5's Playtime, 1:00pm - 2:45pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Contact Louise on 07784 165259
Wednesdays	Pilates, 7.15pm, Northall Village Hall, Lisa: 01582 412426
Wednesdays	Egyptian Dance Class, 7.30-8.45pm at Eaton Bray Village Hall. Contact: Soraya on 07976 964316 for more details
Wednesdays	Northall & District Age Concern Wednesday Club, 10am - 3pm, Northall Village Hall, Contact Anna 221996 or Julie 220153
Wednesdays	Surestart Sensory Play for under 5s, 1.30-3pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall
Thurs (term time)	Baby & Toddlers Group, Dagnall Village Hall, 12:45-2:45pm (12:30 if bringing lunch) £1 adult 50p child. Contact Faye 07746 120163 or Samantha 07882 903282
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 7.30p.m.-9.00p.m. all welcome, Antony Coles 07848007977 or Peter Feben 01525 221048.
Thursdays	Karate, 7-9pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Brian Bates 07958 348086
Thursdays	Central Bedfordshire Children's Centres' Toy Library, 9-9.45am, Eaton Bray (School Lane) Public Car Park
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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
Sundays	Grace Baptist Church (by the Post Office) prayer time 9.30am, main meeting 11.00am-12.00pm. All welcome, Antony Coles 07848007977, or Peter Feben 01525 221048.

### Monthly

1st Monday	Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, The Coffee Tavern
1st Monday	Eaton Bray W.I. Meeting, 7.30pm. Eaton Bray Methodist Church Hall. Contact Barbara Collier on 01525 221401
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
1st & 3rd Tuesday	Dunstable & District Orbit (social and charitable) 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 Thursday	CAMEO Coffee, tea & chat, 10am-12noon, Edlesborough Methodist Church
3rd Thursday	Edlesborough Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
3rd Saturday	Farmers/Craft Market, 12.30 till 3.30, Edlesborough Memorial Hall
3rd Sunday	Lunch club 11.30 to 2.00pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Chris Hewitt 222288

### Other Regular Events

1st	Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club meeting, 11.30am-4.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall.
7th	Cafe Community, 11am-1pm, Eaton Bray Methodist Church
11th, 25th	Bingo, Dagnall Village Hall 8pm
13th	Leukemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30 am
17th	Dagnall Over 60's Ploughmans' Lunch at 1.30pm at Village Hall

### One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

1st	May Day & Royal Wedding celebration on Edlesborough Green, 12-4pm
7th	Community Choir concert in Totternhoe Church. 7.30pm Tickets £5
7th	Eaton Bray Lower School Nearly New Sale, 11am-1pm, Adult admission 50p
14th	Spring Sale, 10-12 noon, Salvation Army, Booth Place, Eaton Bray
14th	Just Jazz Evening, 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Eaton Bray, Tickets £8.50 01525 222726
14th	Rotary Club & DAOS Charity Concert, 7.30pm, Leighton Buzzard Theatre. Box Office 0300 300 8130
22nd	Cheddington Bowls Club open day, Recreation ground, Cheddington, 2pm
26th	Cheddington Bowls Club open day, Recreation ground, Cheddington, 6pm
28th	Coffee Morning 10.30 – 12.30 All Saints Church Dagnall.
28th	St Mary's Ladies Guild Coffee Morning, 10-12 noon, St Mary's Church, Eaton Bray
28th, 29th, 30th	St. Mary's Church, Pitstone, Festival of Art and Flowers. 28th 2-6pm, 29th 11-5pm, 30th 11-6pm
28th, 29th, 30th	Mentmore Arts Festival, 11-5pm, St Mary's Church and village hall, Mentmore

Edlesborough Parish Council



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Edlesborough Parish Council are opening this competition to commemorate the life and work of Mrs Anne Thompson who was Chairman of the Edlesborough Parish Council for many years. Anne was actively involved with the youth of the Parish during this time and developed a close relationship with both Dagnall and Edlesborough schools.

Entrants should submit a photograph either electronically to the clerk of the Council ([parish.council.clerk@edlesborough.gov.uk](mailto:parish.council.clerk@edlesborough.gov.uk)) by post to Mrs L. Sargeant, (41 Pebblemoor, Edlesborough, Nr Dunstable, Beds. LU6 2HZ), or through the collection points at Edlesborough school, Dagnall school or Edlesborough Post Office. Entries should be clearly labelled on the reverse with competitors Name, Age and Contact details.

Competition entries should reach the Parish clerk, Mrs Lin Sargeant by Friday 24th June 2011. Winning photographs will be displayed at the village Carnival on Saturday 2nd July 2011 where Certificates will be awarded in each age category and the overall winner will be presented with the Anne Thompson Cup.

It is anticipated that the cup will be awarded each year but that the theme of the competition will change to appeal to different interests.

## **Serious Incident**

Thames Valley Police is investigating an incident in which a young girl was approached by two men as she walked along Mill Road in Slapton between 4.30pm and 4.45pm on Friday 1st April.

The girl, who is aged 14, was walking home from an equestrian centre when a small white van with blacked-out windows pulled up alongside her.

Two men got out of the car and one grabbed the girl by her hair. The second man then grabbed her around the neck and made threats towards her, before the men got back into the vehicle and drove off.

The girl was shaken following the incident but unharmed.

Officers are appealing for anyone who saw a white van acting suspiciously in the area, or anyone who has information about the incident, to contact the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on 0845 8 505 505, or if you don't want to speak to police or leave your name, call the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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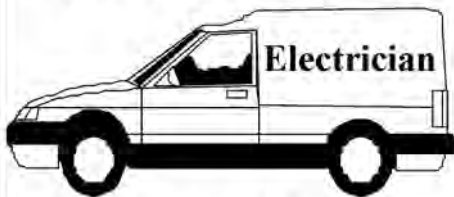
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Evening tickets £8.50 per adult, and £2 a child.

There will be 8 races with maximum of 8 people per race. A tote will be running throughout the day so you can join in the fun!

Free entertainment for the children throughout the day, including: face painting, bouncy castle, football and for the adults a Pimm's tent, refreshments.

**This event in aid of raising money for the Hospice of St Francis in Berkhamsted**

List of Races:

Wheelbarrow race

Hobby Horse, 5-7

Teenage Hurdles

Bikes & Trikes, Under 5's

Great Dagnall Race

Hobby Horse, 8-12

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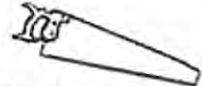
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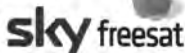
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## Lions Club

### A proposed new Lions Club representing Eaton Bray, Edlesborough, Northall & Dagnall

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Local residents are invited to an open evening being held on Wednesday 1st June at 7pm in the Eaton Bray village hall. Here you will be able to meet some Lions members of other clubs to find out more about the worthwhile activities that Lions partake in, including youth campaigns, diabetes research medic alert, speech, sight and hearing, and our famous message in a bottle campaigns to name just a few....

You will also be able to hear first hand about the fun Lions have as members of this international organisation including dinner dances, quiz nights, club outings etc.

So why organise a new Lions club here?

Our motto is '**We Serve**'. We have more volunteers in more places than any other service organisation in the world and since 1917, Lions clubs have offered people the opportunity to give something back to the communities they live and work in and to help those in need. Whenever a Lions club gets together, problems get smaller and communities get better. That's because we help when help is needed both in our own communities and around the world with un-matched integrity and energy.

Over the years as community needs have increased, Lions have also broadened their focus towards humanitarian efforts. Each Lions club is autonomous and is free to choose projects and activities that fit the lifestyle of its members and impacts the community the greatest.

So come along and meet with us at 7pm on Wednesday 1st June to find out more about the work Lions do, the proposal to launch a club in your community and to see how you can get involved.

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## South Beds Burglaries: Man is Charged

DETECTIVES investigating burglaries in South Bedfordshire have, on the direction of the Crown Prosecution Service, charged a man.

Carl Thompson, 30, of Heswall Court, Bailey Street, Luton, is charged with two burglaries in Eaton Bray on Tuesday (April 5) and another in Leighton Buzzard on Sunday (April 3).

He was further charged with assaulting a constable in the execution of his duty, driving whilst disqualified and using a vehicle without insurance and is due to appear at Luton Magistrates Court later.

Anyone with information about burglary can contact the division's dedicated Priority Crime Investigation Team (PCIT), in confidence, on 01582 473195, the main switchboard on 01234 841212 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

## The 8th Annual Village Hall Beer Festival

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What does this tell us? It means that more of the good people of Eaton Bray and Edlesborough are growing to appreciate the Real Ale, as chosen by our good friends from CAMRA.

Only last week a few of us had to attend a meeting with Roy Chatto and his friends (the beer experts), so over to Dunstable and the Globe pub we went. Obviously we had to have a couple of pints of real ale so we could talk about logos and the possibility of our own Festival glasses! I don't think people realise the efforts we go to in order to make the event a success!!

We will be having live music both nights and a family entertainer on the Saturday afternoon for the younger folk, so do come along and join in the fun.

There will be 25 barrels of beer, 2 types of cider, plus perry (pear cider to the uninitiated; really refreshing if a bit alcoholic).

Whilst writing this article in early April, I notice that we have sold 160 tickets for the quiz on April 30th, which we hold jointly with Eaton Bray Tennis Club. I hope another good night will be had by all. We really appreciate people coming along, as when we decided on the date we had no idea that Prince William and Kate Middleton would be getting married the day before. When the government decided to make this day a public holiday, we wondered, whether a lot of people would go on holiday after Easter and miss the quiz. However, in true local style we are nearly booked out with 4 weeks to go. Thank you all for your support.

Winners of the quiz will be announced next month but, please don't forget the BEER FESTIVAL.

If you need anymore information Please call me (Ross) on 221411.

### Dagnall Village Hall 100 Club Winners – April 2011

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The following Village Freighter dates are once again included in this report as a reminder particularly of the May collections.

### **Advanced Notice of visits of Village Freighter in May, July and November 2011**

<u>Edlesborough:</u> (Memorial Hall Car Park)	24th May 2011	12.00 – 15.30pm
	22nd November 2011	7.30 – 11.00am
<u>Dagnall:</u> (Village Hall)	24th May 2011	7.30 – 11.00am
	17th November 2011	7.30 – 11.00am
<u>Northall:</u> (Village Hall)	27th July 2011	7.30 – 11.00am
	23rd November 2011	12.00 – 15.30pm

### **Dog Fouling**

It has been reported that bags of dog fouling are being left in South End Lane, Northall despite a bin positioned by Northall Village Hall for people to dispose of the bags. All dog bins throughout the parish are emptied once a week during the winter months and twice a week during summer months. If the bins are full the Parish Council would respectfully request dog owners to take bags home with them and not to leave them on the verges or in hedges.

### **Memorial Hall Car Park**

Further work is to be carried out to the car park and a guard rail will be installed immediately outside the new entrance/exit onto the High Street.

### **Police Patrols**

Thames Valley Police have been carrying out parking patrols, in conjunction with Safer Routes to School, at the junction of Pebblemoor and the High Street to prevent cars being parked whilst parents are taking or picking up their children from Edlesborough School. This has so far proved successful and the Parish Council thank parents for their co-operation.

### **Edlesborough Sewerage problems**

The Parish Council are continuing to liaise with Anglian Water regarding the ongoing experiences of raw sewerage occurring in Edlesborough and are currently awaiting a response from Anglian Water to arrange a site meeting to discuss this matter further.

### **Area 13 Speed Limit Review**

It has been confirmed by Buckinghamshire County Council that new speed limits will be implemented throughout the parish by the Autumn of this year. Dustbin stickers will be handed to residents in due course.

### **Best Kept Village Competition**

Edlesborough will again be entered into the 2011 competition. The Parish Council is never informed when judging takes place but this is usually during June/July.

### **Village Signs**

The Northall village sign is being manufactured and will be erected at Knolls View in the Autumn. Details of the Dagnall sign have been approved by the Parish Council.

### **Cycle Event**

A cycle race for women only has been planned by Cycletta to take place in September. The route will start at Whipsnade and go through Dagnall, Little Gaddesden, Ivinghoe, Cheddington, Mentmore, Ledburn, Grove Lock, Slapton, Ivinghoe Aston and finish at



Whipsnade. There will be some road closures in place whilst the race is in progress and further information will be notified in due course.

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## Local Mum of Three Takes The Plunge!

Like most mums who've spent years looking after young children, Therese Ryan from Edlesborough was finding it difficult to carve out a flexible job that could work around school runs and her demanding family life. Once she had taken into account child care fees for three, financially there was no real incentive for her to return to work.

Rather than dwell on the negatives, she decided to find a solution that would give her the flexibility she was after and above all a new challenge! The answer was a hundred or so fish, a large tank and **Spa-Tickles** fish spa was born!

Therese said the treatment is very simple, "Customers immerse their foot in a tank of fish (*Garra rufa*), sit back, relax and let the fish get to work. Apart from offering Natural exfoliation, the treatment is ideal for dealing with psoriasis, eczema and it also helps fatigue and stress. The fish nibble gently upon loose skin removing it in a surprisingly tickly manner. The clever fish ignore areas of unaffected skin and remove dead skin by sucking rather than nibbling.

Undoubtedly a fish spa session sounds fun, relaxing and ultimately a rewarding experience with obvious, visual results!

For further information call Therese Ryan 07949 709831

[www.spa-tickles.co.uk](http://www.spa-tickles.co.uk)



## Dagnall Village Hall Committee AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Dagnall Village Hall Management Committee will take place on **Tuesday 24 May 2011 at 6.30pm.**

All residents of Dagnall aged 18 and over are welcome to attend and eligible to vote. The following officers of the committee will be elected:

Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Bookings Officer

Anyone wishing to stand for election to one of the offices may obtain a nomination form from the secretary (telephone 842129).

Village organisations currently represented on the committee are Dagnall Church, Dagnall Under Fives, Dagnall Over 60's and Dagnall Gardeners' Society. These organisations are invited to appoint a person to the committee as their representative. Any village clubs or societies not currently represented on the committee are welcome to attend the meeting in order to seek the opportunity to appoint a person to the committee as their representative.

Please do make the effort to attend the AGM – it's your village hall and you have an opportunity to influence how it is managed.





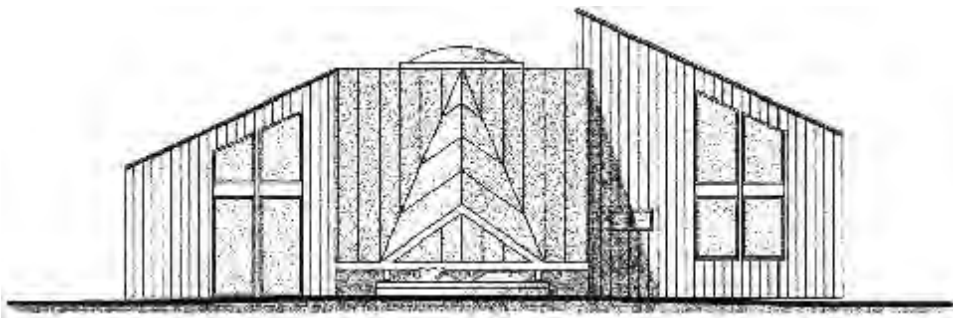
# Eaton Bray Lower School

## 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)**



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## Cheeky Monkeys

Cheeky Monkeys would like to let you know about some changes that are happening here. Sue, Louise and Sarah have been running Cheeky Monkeys for over two and a half years. During this time they have done a great job at providing a wonderful environment for children to play and learn and the opportunity for parents and carers to come together for a chat and a cuppa! However these lovely ladies have decided that they have done their bit and let go of the reins at Easter.

Oh no! I hear you cry. Don't panic just yet. Rachel Turner (Nathan and Leah's Mum) has agreed to take over the weekly running and organisation of Cheeky Monkeys. However if you would like to see Cheeky Monkeys continue, she does need your help. Cheeky Monkeys is a playgroup that has always been run by Mums in the community for the community and Rachel would like to see this continue. Just coming along every week is the best way to support us. However if you would like to be more involved with Cheeky Monkeys on a weekly basis or just help out every now and then please speak to Rachel or contact her on 07789 760007 or [cheekymonkeyseatonbray@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cheekymonkeyseatonbray@hotmail.co.uk). Help is needed - to set up before Cheeky Monkeys opens from 12noon / tidying up at the end until 3.15pm / washing up / preparing drinks & snacks / preparing activities / updating the website / giving out leaflets about Cheeky Monkeys and much more. Even if you can only offer five minutes of your time, Rachel would love to hear from you.

**We would like to stress the importance of your continued support because without your attendance we can not continue to open. We appreciate that the summer is coming and the days are getting warmer but if we don't get people through the door we just can't afford to open.**

Don't forget Cheeky Monkeys runs every Wednesday during the school term so drop in anytime between 1pm and 2.45pm There will be a theme every half term and the theme for the first half term is Summer Holidays and the second half of the term in the run up to the Carnival 'Pirates'!

Finally, a very BIG, THANK YOU to Sue Fox, Louise Beale and Sarah Ross for starting Cheeky Monkeys and making it such a great success, let's continue to support what they have started.

## A letter from Revd Coralie

Vicar: Coralie McCluskey

The Vicarage, 11 High Street, Eaton Bray - Tel: 01525 220261

Reader: Gordon Gray (220136)

Church Warden: Catherine Hayden (220527)

Parish Administrator: Elisabeth Ryder (07890 718117)

Web contact: [eatonbraychurch@aol.com](mailto:eatonbraychurch@aol.com)

It's Saturday 9th April, the weather has been beautiful and the Spring flowers are just glorious, rather like the production of Glorious! I saw last evening in the village hall. A great evening, thank you Front Row.

May marks the beginning of the wedding season with seven weddings at St Mary's this year. A wedding is one of life's great moments, a time of commitment, celebration and great joy. For Christians, marriage is also an invitation to share life together in the spirit of Jesus Christ and is based upon a solemn, public and life long covenant between the couple. The couples will need the continued support and encouragement of family and friends in the days and years ahead of them and as the church bells ring out this Summer please remember: James and Lisa, Nick and Emma, Paul and Claire, Matthew and Katherine, Aaron and Rachel, Scott and Melissa and Christopher and Erin.



**Beat the Bounds on Sunday 29th May, Rogation Sunday.** Celebrating rural festivals is an important part of my Agricultural Chaplaincy and throughout the year I hope to celebrate those that mark the agricultural year either in church or out in the surrounding countryside. Rogation was originally a pagan rite introduced by the Romans when a crowd moved in procession around the cornfields, singing and dancing, sacrificing animals, and driving away Winter with sticks. Today we walk around the Parish boundary and ask for blessing on the seed and land for the year ahead. At well-known landmarks along the route like a bridge or stile or ancient tree, the procession halts and a prayer may be said imploring God to send seasonable weather, keep the corn, roots and boughs in good health, and bring them to an ample harvest. At one point, in the past, beer and cheese would be waiting for the walkers.

Why not join me on May 29th at 11.30am to 'beat the parish bounds' of Eaton Bray and Edlesborough. Check for information on the Church notice boards and web site. We may find beer and cheese on the route!

Finally, by the time you read this I will have been in post for 10 weeks. Thank you everybody for such a warm welcome. There are still many groups to visit but I will get around to you all eventually.

Enjoy the May Bank holidays and contact me if you want to join the walk on the 29th.

*Coralie*

## Services at St Mary's Church

**SUNDAYS :** 8.00am HOLY COMMUNION  
10.00am PARISH SUNG HOLY COMMUNION

**On Third Sunday of each month:**

**10.00am – 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).

**WEEK-DAYS:**

**Tuesday: 2.00pm** Toddlers' Church (2nd Tuesday)

**Wednesday: 10.00am** Holy Communion

*EVERYONE WELCOME AT THESE SERVICES*

## Dagnall News

### Over 60's

We had a good attendance at our March meeting when Paul Heley came to talk to us about "Former Dunstablians I would like to meet". The most interesting to our members was the film star Gary Cooper, who came to Dunstable from America, to be educated.

Paul travelled back in time to the Romans, to tell us about a Roman Citizen, who had built the villa at Totternhoe. There were so many questions he would have liked to ask him.

The meeting on May 17th is our Ploughman's Lunch at 1.30pm in the village hall.

### Community Choir

#### OOPS! - AN APOLOGY.

Details of our May 7th. Concert included in last month's Focus mistakenly gave the venue as Toddington. We are very sorry to disappoint the good citizens of Toddington but the Concert is actually to be held in St. Giles Church, TOTTERNHOE at 7.30pm: (See details elsewhere in Focus.)

We hope that you will be able to join us for an enjoyable evening.

## EDaN Classical Music Concert 16th July

Following the successful concert last year as part of AVDC's Music in Quiet Places programme, EDaN is pleased to announce that we have been successful in securing another concert this year. The concert will take place at The Church of St Mary, Edlesborough on Saturday 16th July at 7.30 pm.

This year the concert is 'The Beauties of the Baroque'. The quartet led once again by Robert Secret includes flute, viola, cello and harpsichord. The music includes Blavet's flute sonata 'La Lumagne'. Blavet was the principal flautist at the court of Louis XV and the sonata is considered as one of the most delightful chamber works ever composed for the flute.

Tickets are £8 for adults and £6 for under 16s, senior citizens and AVDC 'passport to leisure' holders. Tickets are available from Alan Williams 01525 221926 or contact [ajrwilliams@hotmail.com](mailto:ajrwilliams@hotmail.com)



# Edlesborough School Contributions



As part of the BBC World Olympic Dream programme Edlesborough school and Park House School are jointly linked with a school in Mongolia where Olympic Gold Winning Boxer Badar Uugan is a former student. This long distance international partnership is flourishing and the programme has provided the opportunity to bring together pupils from the two UK schools in a new friendship.

On 22nd March students from Park House School visited Edlesborough School and took part in a joint school assembly on the Olympic and Paralympic Value of Friendship, the students then led a series of PE activities based on the Boxing training undertaken by Badar Uugan.

In the afternoon pupils from both schools had an amazing opportunity to spend the afternoon training with the GB Paralympic Seated Volleyball team, learning the skills needed to be a successful Paralympian at the world famous Stoke Mandeville centre, which was the birthplace of the Paralympic Games in 1948.



*Assembly with Park House School visitors*

Park House Headteacher Derek People said "The great thing about the World Olympic Dreams programme is that in addition to the international partnership building, it has also brought together students from two different areas of this country that would otherwise probably never have met. The Park House students are greatly enjoying their new friendship with pupils from Edlesborough School and are looking forward to welcoming their new friends to Newbury later this year".



*Sitting volleyball at Stoke Mandeville stadium*

Dan Tree, Park House PE Teacher and School Sport Co-ordinator said "Today was one of those special days that makes you thankful that you are a teacher. The Park House leaders were fantastic, inspirational and real role models to the Edlesborough School pupils, who were equally fantastic, receptive and extremely welcoming. Attitude and behaviour was exceptional throughout the

day from all pupils. I am so proud of every one of them".

17 year old Young Sports Ambassador Amy Hooper said "It was an inspiration to meet the young students at Edlesborough School, they were so enthusiastic and motivated for sport. It was a wonderful day and we are looking forward to the Edlesborough pupils visiting us soon. The afternoon Seated Volleyball was a sport that was unknown to most of us, so we were all excited to learn from the GB paralympic team. It was amazing to meet them and create friendships with them, whilst strengthening ours with Edlesborough. To summarise the day was fab!".

16 year old Junior Sports Leader Betsy Hart added "I really enjoyed my experience with the GB team, we learnt how to play seated volleyball and it was great fun. I wish we could do this in our PE lessons. This was definitely an experience I won't forget". Edlesborough School teacher Rekha Slatter, who organised the visit said "We were so excited to welcome our UK twin school Park House. Their visit to us lived up to all our expectations and more. As a teacher this was definitely one of the magical moments that makes my job worthwhile. Our pupils responded so well to the activities set by the Park House students. Their sixth formers were excellent with our pupils who looked up to them, and were inspired by their enthusiasm. In the afternoon the children had an amazing experience when they met the Paralympic athletes and played Sitting Volleyball. The staff and children are looking forward to further developing this strong friendship".

## HELP!!!!???

As part of their Modern History curriculum, the Year 6 children at Edlesborough School have been studying the Second World War. As always, artefacts and actual examples help make the words come to life.

In this instance, we decided to go further and have actually built an Anderson Shelter in the allotment area at school. The plans came off the Internet and the children have been learning the history of the building and what life was like during an air raid.

We have now completed the shelter and would like to include a few period items inside it to add authenticity. For example, a gas mask, an air raid warden's helmet, a storm lantern, maybe some wartime packaged canned items. Do you have any such items lying around in your shed or attic that you would like to donate to the school? If so, we'd be happy to come along to collect it. Just telephone the school on 01525 220431

Thank you and, if you'd like to see our Anderson Shelter, then come along to the School Summer Fayre on Saturday, 11th June.



### **Dunstable & District Local History Society**

**Tuesday 10th May, 7.45pm  
Houghton Regis Memories**

Pat Lovering's vast collection of Houghton photos was the basis for a hugely popular meeting in 2009. Pat is back by popular demand!

**Methodist Church Hall, Dunstable  
Visitors always welcome**

**Eaton Bray Cricket Club 100  
Club Winners  
March 2011**

£100	Mr E Pratt	No. 30
£25	Mr D Marchant	No. 13
£10	Mr D Roberts	No. 3

**April 2011**

£25	Mrs P Bearton	No. 23
£10	Mr F Flitton	No. 15

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**Eaton Bray Village Hall 100  
Club Winners - April 2011**

173	Margaret Roberts	£100
185	Holly Watkin	£25
25	Lynne Rust	£25
94	M Fysh	£25

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1st June to the 30th June 2011

Throughout the month of June the Bedfordshire Artists' Network will be holding their annual Open Studios event. Artists countywide will be extending an invitation to the public to visit their studios. A warm welcome awaits you offering the opportunity to pop in, have a chat and look at the variety of work on display. You could have a cup of tea and maybe commission an original piece of artwork for that special occasion.



Local artists Andrea Girling from Eaton Bray and Victoria Johns from Edlesborough will be exhibiting their work at Sparrow Hall Farm in Edlesborough. Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10am to 4pm throughout June, if you wish to visit any other time please contact Victoria on 07813 193631 to make an appointment.

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

If you have any further queries, please feel free to contact Victoria or Andrea.

Why not take a leisurely stroll to Sparrow Hall, we look forward to seeing you!

## St Mary's Village Carnival 2011

The Carnival this year is on 2nd July and the date draws ever nearer. The theme for the Carnival this year is – “PIRATES” – Why are we going to be Pirates this year? Well, because we AAAAARGH HAHAAARGH. All parrots welcome.

- **Dress in Carnival theme** and join the procession as it leaves The Orchards heading for Edlesborough green.
- **Decorate your house** in Carnival style as a galleon or a cave full of treasure, fly the skull and crossbones from your chimney and brighten the route as the procession makes its way through the villages.
- **Can you provide any help to the carnival?**

For example:

- Prizes, of any sort, for the various raffle and tombola stalls.
- Items for the silent auction.
- Can you assist with transport or provide the use of a lorry or van?
- Can YOU provide help on the day of the carnival at any of the many charity stalls, even for a few hours?
- Contact Gordon Gray on 01525 220136
- **Charity Stalls** - If you want to book a charity stall at the Carnival, call Chris Banks on 01525 221556.
- **Classic Cars** - If you have a classic car you would like to show off for all our pleasure, call Roger Wilkinson on 01525 221137.
- **Advertising in the Carnival** means you become part of these villages. For advice on the benefits of advertising in the Edlesborough Carnival program call Pauline Glen on 01525 229 400.



**ST MARY'S LADIES GUILD**

# **COFFEE MORNING**

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# **GARDEN PARTY**

**Saturday June 18th  
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# Eaton Bray Lower School



## A New Beginning at Eaton Bray Lower School

Eaton Bray Lower School is no more – but all is not what it seems, so please read on! The heading suggests, particularly at this time of year, new life and a fresh start, and that is exactly what is happening in Eaton Bray. Your local School became an Academy on Friday 1st April 2011.

To explain the reasons for this, I would like to take you back to the nineties. Eaton Bray School seemed constantly under threat at this time. We did not have high numbers, and in fact at times only three classrooms were in use, the fourth being ‘moth balled’ as they called it. We were regularly told that village schools were not necessary and that unless numbers increased the School would be closed. We were then given some freedom with Local Management of Schools and the creation of strong Governing Bodies. For us, this was the beginning of a new era. We were fortunate to have dedicated, committed School governors who worked with the School, and gradually we grew and developed. Our numbers increased, we designed and added a purpose built Pre School, which became part of the School, our School grounds were developed, and this year we extended the library and built a new classroom. Most importantly, we have a fantastic staff team and some of us openly admit to loving our jobs and looking forward to another Monday morning! This rubs off on our children and here are some of their quotes reported on their School census!

Tilly, “All the teachers are kind and caring”,

Sulaymaan “It’s a good place to be, the teachers try to make learning fun”.

Finlay “The best thing about EBLs is that there are lots of kind generous people”

Finally, Peter provides a list!

“The children are nice, we have fun, we learn lots of facts and the rules are fair”

As I hope you are beginning to realise, we feel Eaton Bray School is a special place and

we wanted to keep it that way. With fears of cuts

and changes, and so many unknowns, we felt the

way forward was to become an Academy. [This

was made possible because of our ‘Outstanding’

status achieved at the last OFSTED inspection].

Accordingly, the Governing Body and the whole

of the School staff voted unanimously to apply

for Academy status, and this was accepted by

Government, and came into effect on April 1st.

So, we have a new beginning, which fits well

with the history of Eaton Bray as it is the 150th

anniversary of Eaton Bray School this year.

I would like to thank everyone who has made

this possible, and hope that staff, parents and

most of all, the children will continue to enjoy

Eaton Bray School. We are here to stay!

Sue Hounslow, Head

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

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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 9:15 – 12:15 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.**

## Eaton Bray Methodist Church

Someone asked what happens at Cafe Community so I thought I should try to explain.

### **What to expect at Cafe Community.**

A warm welcome to our Church.

A table host who will take your order for drinks and light bites.

A selection of Teas, Filter coffee - Black or Frothy, Cakes and Biscuits.

Light Bites - Jacket Potatoes with Cheese or Tuna Mayo. Sandwiches - Bacon, lettuce and Tomato.

A chance to chill out and look through the Newspapers.

An Activities table where the children are welcome to join in, while you keep your eye on them.

An opportunity for discussion with the folk around the table on the monthly " Chat Menu " topic.

"Chat Menu" for Saturday May 7th.

Theme : SAMARITANS.

Starter : What comes to your mind when you think about Samaritans?

Main (dis) Course : What examples have you of self or others being like a Samaritan?

Dessert : How might the world be different if the spirit of Samaritans spread?

Our next Cafe Community will be on Saturday May 7th from 11-00 am until 1-00 pm, you are assured of a special welcome.

This years Sunday School Anniversary will be held on Sunday May 22nd at 10-30 am and will be led by Mrs Jacqueline Stamp and members of our Sunday School.

Cafe Worship will continue on Sundays during the Summer but Cafe Community will take a break on Saturdays after May.

**Date for your Diary; Saturday June 18th from 12.noon GARDEN PARTY at Chestnut Lodge. Leighton Rd. Gt. Billington. to raise funds for Help for Heroes. There will be Ploughman's Lunches, Games and Stalls, Fun for all.**

## Edlesborough W.I.

During the last month we have met on three occasions: our usual meeting, a coffee morning and the Spring Meeting of the Beacon Group of W.I.s.

At our monthly meeting we welcomed two new members and two visitors. Our best wishes were sent to Wynne Hicks, an ex member, on her 90th birthday. Our speaker that evening was Mr. Peter Lawrence on the subject of "Beneath the Streets". Peter, with the help of slides, talked about the maze of tunnels running underneath London. They serve a number of purposes such as rivers, sewers, the Underground network and various work places. These tunnels were built mainly in Victorian times, and are still in use today. Peter was involved in safety inspections at the time of Prince Charles and Princess Diana's wedding. This meant huge security checks below ground as well as above. When we walk along in London, it is amazing to think of the great activity taking place beneath the streets and buildings. It certainly is another life going on down there.

Our second get-together was a very successful coffee morning in aid of W.I. funds. As usual, we spent an enjoyable morning, and our thanks go to Maureen Shipway for the 'loan' of her home once again.

Our final event was the Beacon Group Spring Meeting. This time it was Edlesborough's turn to host the evening, when we welcomed ladies from other W.I.s. Also attending were Jean Morris (Bucks. Federation County Chairman) and Lindsey Haubner (our speaker). We listened to reports from Cheddington, Long Marston and our own Institute. This always proves what a varied number of events W.I. ladies enjoy. Jean Morris outlined her 'journey' from joining her first W.I. to the position she holds today, and it was apparent how much she enjoys her work.

Our speaker's talk was entitled, "Don't Put Your Daughter on the Stage Mrs Haubner" and sub-titled, "You May Never Get Her Off". Lindsey told us she wasn't usually a speaker but, from childhood, she had loved being on the stage. She became a member of a play-reading group in Coleshill when she was married with two daughters, and took part in amateur dramatics. We saw slides of some of the productions she had appeared in. At present she works as an extra in T.V. plays such as Midsomer Murders, Hotel Babylon, Eastenders (as a body double for the character of Pat Evans riding pillion on a motor bike) and the Harry Hill Show. Extras receive a payment of £60 for day work and £70 for night work. If the programme is repeated on T.V., she receives a payment for each broadcast, Lindsey told us. We saw clips from these productions, and Lindsey pointed out her fleeting appearances, much to our amusement as she relates to these slides in a very funny manner.

Our evening ended with tea or coffee and a choice of delicious home-made cakes. Once again our members had provided a fantastic selection. Thank you, ladies.  
Val Harris

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# Highlights of the Meeting for Eaton Bray Parish Council

Held in The Coffee Tavern on Monday 4th April 2011 at 7:30pm

## Police Representatives

There have been 9 recorded crimes from January-March 2011, in comparison to 31 crimes for the same period in 2010.

Anti-Social Behaviour: The police wished to remind all residents to call the police when encountering an incident, and obtain as much detail as possible to aid the police in their investigations. Especially with regards to anti-social behaviour which generally increases with the warmer, longer days.

Youth Activities: The police are looking at setting up activity days during the school holidays in Eaton Bray (School Lane Recreation Ground). Details to follow.

## Central Bedfordshire

Dog fouling: It is an offence to allow a dog, which you are responsible for, to foul and not clear it up immediately when in a public place. If residents are aware of persistent offenders letting their dog/s foul the footpaths, recreation ground etc., they can contact the Central Beds Dog Warden Service who will look into this matter further. The dog wardens have the power to issue fixed penalty notices to members of the public who allow their dog to foul and fail to remove it. The dog wardens conduct patrols but need the public's help to report areas of excess dog fouling. The dog wardens can only issue fixed penalty costs of £50 if they see dog fouling happening. Contact details for the dog warden are:-

(1) Telephone on 0300 300 8302

(2) Write to Central Bedfordshire Council, Technology House, 239 Ampthill Road, Bedford MK42 9BD.

## Potential Development

The Parish Council have received a very large response to the questionnaire printed in Focus/on parish website and would like to thank all those for taking the time to complete/return the questionnaire. The Parish Council have received a communication from Central Beds Council:- *"... Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) is currently in the process of preparing a new set of planning documents known as the Local Development Framework, and part of that is the Core Strategy which is being produced jointly with Luton Borough Council ... The purpose of the Core Strategy is to set out a vision for the area, including sites for future development on the edge of Luton/Dunstable/Houghton Regis. The strategy states that within the rural area of Central Bedfordshire 750 dwellings are to be provided between 2011 and 2026, within this target 112 have already been allocated leaving 638 dwellings 'to find'. The strategy states that these dwellings should be within or around seven villages [one of those is Eaton Bray] ... Therefore to locate suitable land, CBC sent out a 'Call for Sites' in June/July last year; where they invited landowners, developers and other interested parties to submit their sites ... the site referred to [Bower Lane/Mill End Close] was submitted to us as part of that process. A key priority for the CBC is to develop 'brown field' sites first wherever possible in order to minimise loss of 'green field' land. However, CBC recognise that in order to meet the rural area housing target ... some development on green field land is likely to be required due to lack of brown field sites within existing village boundaries*



... It is very important to note that CBC has not yet assessed any of the sites submitted ... and so has not come to a view with regards to their potential suitability for future development ...”

#### **Miscellaneous Items**

#### Recreation Ground Improvements:

The new equipment has been ordered with delivery expected mid/end-April.

Allotments: The Handyman is having difficulties cutting the grass between each allotment plot due to tenants encroaching into this area. Allotment holders are asked not to cut into the pathways, and any paths that have become too narrow will be made wider to allow for grass cutting.

Height Barrier: Due to damage to The Rye height barrier the council are in the process of obtaining quotations for repair.

**Parish Council Website:** [www.ebpc.co.uk](http://www.ebpc.co.uk)

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

#### **Contact Details For Eaton Bray Parish Council/Clerk**

Parish Office: 20 Good Intent, Edlesborough, LU6 2RD; Tel/Fax 01525 221464 & Email [clerk@ebpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@ebpc.co.uk)

Office Hours: Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 09:30-13:30hrs [messages can be left on answer phone]

[Emergency contact only: Chairman of Parish Council 01525 220177]

## **Eaton Bray Parish Council Meetings**

**1st Monday of each month**

**7:30pm The Coffee Tavern**

**Annual Parish Meeting: Mon 9th May**

**Annual Meeting: Wed 11th May**

**Next Monthly Meeting: Mon 6th Jun**

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## Edlesborough Book Group

### The Cellist of Sarajevo by Steven Galloway



At the beginning of the Bosnian war in 1992, an incident in Sarajevo became the inspiration for this novel. An explosion, killing twenty two people as they queued for bread, was witnessed by a cellist named Vedran Smallovic.

Outraged by innocent citizens being slaughtered indiscriminately, he vowed to play his cello on that spot for twenty two consecutive days; to honour the victims and to defy the perpetrators. The piece he plays is Albinoni's Adagio, a piece of music rescued from the ruins of Dresden.

Steven Galloway weaves his fictional account around the central figure of the cellist, telling the stories of three characters who, in different ways, are trying to survive the terrible things that are happening to their lives. Sarajevo is under siege and to cross the city is fraught with danger, mostly from the snipers hidden in its surrounding hills. A young woman has joined the ranks of resistance fighters who are trying to defend the city. Her pseudonym is Arrow and we never learn her real name. She is a superb shot and is proud of her skill, although she is careful only to shoot soldiers. In this way she justifies the killing and feels that she is defending her city. Because of her excellent record she is detailed to protect the cellist from snipers and by so doing, renders herself vulnerable.

Kenan is a family man, setting out to collect vital clean water for both his family and an elderly neighbour. He does this twice a week and each time has to decide on the safest route. The bottles he carries are awkward and weigh him down, especially on his return journey when they are full.

Dragan is elderly, but still doing essential work as a baker. He has no choice but to cross streets that are targeted regularly by snipers. Every crossing is a gamble with his life and his city is no longer recognisable as the place he loves. Even to exchange greetings with a neighbour is out of the question now.

The one constant in the city is the cellist's performance. Every afternoon he appears, dressed in evening dress and plays the hauntingly plaintive Adagio. We, as readers, see the effect the music has on the three main characters, and how it changes their view of the events around them.

This book was chosen for us by the local library. The majority of the group enjoyed the story and thought it well written. However, we found the unfamiliar place names confusing and so found the routes taken and the time lines of the story hard to follow. We knew very little about the Bosnian war although it was very recent, and realised to our shame how quickly we forget major historical events.



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## St Mary's Ladies Guild

The meeting of the Guild on Wednesday 13th April took the form of an Easter Celebration, with devotions by Christine Rogers. Time was spent decorating hats with fresh or silk flowers, not forgetting the chicks and rabbits.

An Easter Tea and other goodies followed.

There will be a Guild coffee morning for church funds on Saturday 28th May 10-12 at St Mary's, with a cake stall, bring and buy, raffle and home made refreshments.

Please come and join us.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th May when the speaker will be Rev Coralie McClusky, speaking on "My life before I became a Vicar".

Visitors are always welcome to join us at the meetings and have tea with us.

## All Saints Church, Dagnall - Services in May 2011

Sun. 1st May	9.00 pm	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Morning Service
	6.00 pm	Evening Service with Holy Communion
Sun. 8th May	10.30 am	Morning Service
Sun. 15th May	10.30 am	Family Communion
Sun. 22nd May	10.30 am	Family Service
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Or... come up to our Play Tennis Day on Sunday 15th May, just a few days from when you'll be reading this! Adults and youngsters are all welcome, just come and knock a few balls about with some of our members and see if you like it! There's absolutely no commitment, and we'll even provide you with a racquet, tea or coffee, and biscuits. It runs from 11.30am until 2pm so you can put the Sunday roast on, pop up to the courts for an hour, have a knock around and build up an appetite for lunch. What better way to earn your roast dinner on a warm May Sunday morning (we hope)!

Finally, our club competition kicks (sorry serves) off soon, which will see various matches played over the next four months culminating in our Grand Finals Day on Saturday 10th September. This is always an excellent day at the courts, where the sun usually shines, the crowd relaxes on a various assortment of garden furniture, and the barbecue gently sizzles, sending an aroma of burnt sausages wafting over the green. Worth putting in your diaries now, and booking your summer holidays around it. To quote one EBLTC member: "I'd rather spend an extra couple of grand and go during the school holidays, than miss our club Final's day". So there's one that will definitely be there (providing the authorities have let him out by then).

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](http://www.ebltc.org.uk); Alternatively please call Chairman Bernadette Hillman on 01525 222531, Coach Sara Leavy on 07561 571578, or if they're all out and I'm not buried in my dictionary of tennis terms, me, Andy Cross on 01582 477114.



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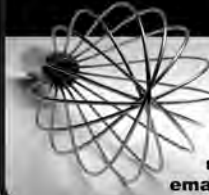
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## Edlesbray Leisure Fellowship - ELF

The large number of members who attended the lunch outing to The White Lion in Dunstable on 10th March agreed that they enjoyed the "new" venue. The food and the service provided was very good.

Unfortunately, the next lunch outing date has, at the moment, been cancelled. Any change will be advertised in the North Porch of Eaton Bray Church. The next Lunch outing is scheduled for July 14th.

The guided walk around College Lakes in May is unavailable as the management does not arrange walks for small groups. A few members of the walking group did enjoy a very nice walk on the 28th March around Gaddesden Row, in fine weather and with a good pub lunch in The Old Chequers.

Come and join us on 9th June at 10.30 in the Coffee Tavern in Eaton Bray for the usual tea, coffee, biscuits and a chat. Further details about future outings will be discussed.

## The Church Mouse

On March 10th, the PCC welcomed Coralie McCluskey, our new Priest in Charge, to her first meeting. She thanked everyone for the warm welcome she and her family have received from the parish. She thought that her Licensing Service was the best one she had ever attended!

It was agreed to donate £200 to CHUMS from the money reserved for charity giving and £100, the profit from the Fair Trade breakfast, will be invested in Shared Interest. The Churchwardens reported that they are continuing discussions with Eaton Bray Lions Football Club on the use of the Churchwardens' land, in Bower Lane, for a training pitch.

The Church roof has been repaired and the wall repainted after the water damage caused by snow blocking the gutters in December.



Malcolm Grant has finished writing the St Mary's Church Guide Book and it is now ready to be printed.

Peter Bennett is retiring as Churchwarden and was thanked by the PCC for everything he did for the parish during the interregnum; organising services and keeping the administration running smoothly.

## Eaton Bray WI

The Coffee Morning held on Thursday 7th April raised £200. Thanks go to the members who gave goods and all those who came and supported it.

The monthly meeting began with a welcome to all the members, which was followed by the business affairs for the month.

The speaker was Jean Yates who showed slides and explained about the Royal Family's exile to Albania in World War 2. LEKA-CROWN PRINCE OF ALBANIA. King Zog 1 and Queen Geraldine had to flee Albania when Italy invaded the country just two days after their son Leka's birth. This traumatic start was only the beginning of what had been an unsettled life. The royal family lived for a time at the Ritz hotel in London, before moving in 1941 to Sunninghill, Berkshire then to Parmoor near Frieth in Buckinghamshire.

After the Second World War Leka's parents moved to Egypt but left Leka in Britain for his education. After passing out of the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst, he joined the British Army. He later became a successful commodities trader.

After his father's death in 1961, 22year old Leka was proclaimed king by an Albanian government in exile. He set up home in Spain with his wife Susan, an Australian, but was on his way to start a new life in Rhodesia when his plane was surrounded by troops during a refuelling stop. It transpired that the Albanian government had hired the Africans to abduct him.

Now 72, Leka has returned to Albania since the fall of communism and now lives in Tirana.

Jean was a superb speaker whose enthusiasm and attention to so much detail, left everyone wanting more. She gave a complete life history of King Zog 1 and the Queen Geraldine and their families accompanied by her slides and answered many questions. Next months meeting will be on Monday 9th May at 7.30pm and will involve discussing and voting on the two resolutions to be presented at the National AGM in June. There will be a Beetle Drive, with savoury refreshments to follow.

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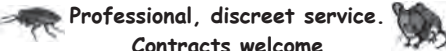
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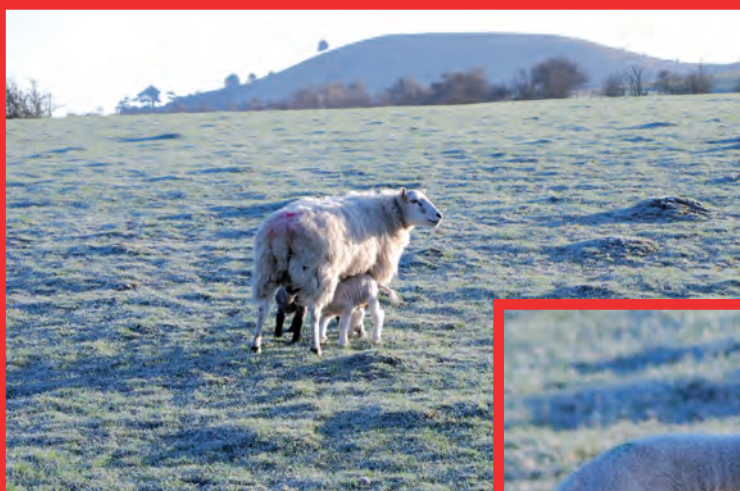
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*Below: A Spring Hack,  
by Christine Yates*





# YOUR VILLAGE PHOTOS

*Donald and  
Daisy Duck  
visit the garden  
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*Doolittle Mill in  
Doolittle Lane,  
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One day whilst Ethel was weeding her garden a young Chinese student from the local university stopped to comment on the flowers that were growing there. She invited him in for a cup of tea; as they talked together about their lives she had the opportunity to tell him of Jesus, and His love for her and what changes loving Him had made in her life. The next day the lad returned with another student; and so began Ethel's ministry; because of her age the Chinese students listened to her with respect. When she died 70 Chinese believers sat together at her funeral. Yet she was thought to be too old to teach little children!

If you are still young and energetic you may find it difficult to sympathise with the feelings of older people but those of us who have passed the midpoint on life's journey and are now on the slippery slope can appreciate what David said, "I have been young, and now am old" Psalm 37:25 and Psalm 92:14 "They shall still bring forth fruit in old age, and they shall be fat and flourishing"!

In the countryside lived an old couple; their garden was a junk yard in the literal meaning; scrap metal, wheels, bits of iron and wire were all stacked there. The old man bent through years of labour sat over a little forge battering the material into useable condition. Over the years he had amassed a small fortune, he had no need to work, but he loved what he was doing and he felt useful.

These 'doings' remind me of how our Saviour takes lives that so often seem useless and recycles them until a new purpose is given to them; a new value placed upon them and so through the power of God, the world is a richer place. As life takes its course we know that the bodies we now possess are prone to both aging, physical decline and eventually death; but we have been promised and have the hope of a new body, so despite our aches and pains our destiny belongs safely in the hands of Jesus. As the apostle Paul says "In an instant we shall all be changed as quickly as the blinking of an eye."

So then my next T-Shirt will be printed with '20 years old but with 50+ years of experience!!

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Morning Worship	11.00am
Family Worship	
3rd Sunday in month	10.30am
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#### Monday

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Junior Club (age 9+) (Term time only)	6.45-7.45pm

#### Tuesday

Coffee Morning	
Once A Fortnight	10.00 - 12 Noon
Songster and band practice	7.30 - 9.00 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Home League (Ladies Meeting)	2.30-3.30pm
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#### Thursday

Parent and Toddler Group (Term time only)	9.30-11.30am
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#### Thursday Evening

Ladies Fellowship	
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# Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

## Weather Conditions for March 2011

With only 3 days of significant rain, March has been one of the driest on record with just 6.4mm (¼ inch) of rain. Part of this measurement is not actual rain falling from the sky, but something known as ‘Hoar Frost’. This happens when the temperature falls below 0°C, the dew freezes on the measuring apparatus, melts when the temperature rises and runs in to rain gauge. You can see this on the chart below. Over the last few years March rain has averaged 54.6 mm for the month, with a high of 89.0mm in 2008. 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>.

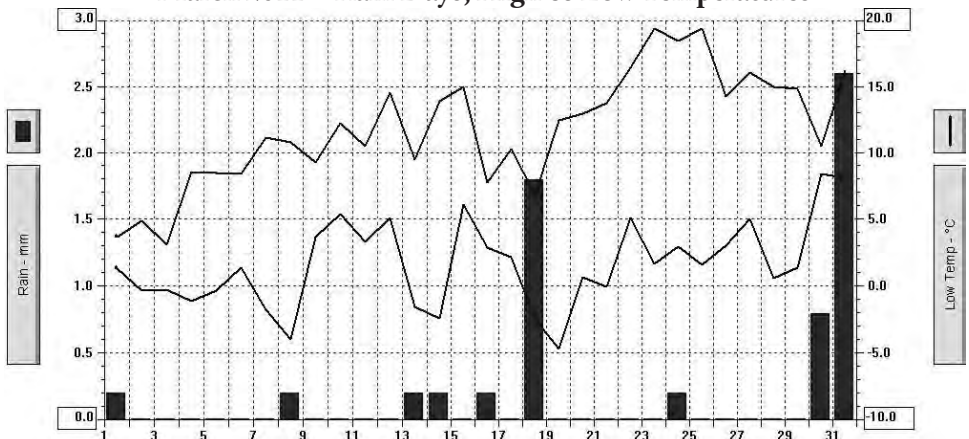
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Mean Temperature	6.5°C			
Dewpoint:	10.8°C	31 Mar 09.00	-5.7°C	19 Mar 05.30
Humidity:	100%	23 Mar 07.30	43%	14 Mar 14.30
Barometer:	1040.9 hPa	23 Mar 09.00	995.5 hPa	13 Mar 03.30
Wind Speed	41 mph W	31 Mar 14.30	Months avg.	5.0 mph
Wind Chill:	19.3 °c	23 Mar 15.00	-6.4°C	8 Mar 06.00
Dominant Wind:	SSE			
<b>Rainfall *T= total rain days and moisture. R= Actual rain</b>				
*Rain Days: 9 (T), 4(R)	Wettest Day 31 Mar		2.4 mm	0.09 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	Mar	6.4 mm	0.25 ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	3 Months	135.0 mm	5.06 ins

March 2011 - Rain Days, High & Low Temperatures



### Church Humour

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## Table Corner

### RHUBARB CHEESECAKE

During a recent dinner party where we entertained certain august Dagnallites (I am sure they will be pleased with that), it was agreed that I should share this rhubarb cheesecake recipe. The rhubarb is combined with mascarpone cheese and ginger. Rhubarb and ginger is a classic combination, which always brings out the best in the fruit in my opinion. So here is the recipe:

Serves 8 to 10

#### Ingredients

500 g chopped rhubarb

500 g mascarpone cheese

175 g caster sugar

50 g butter, melted

175g shortbread biscuits for the base (ginger shortbread biscuits would be ideal)

3 eggs, beaten

2 tbsps cornflour

A piece of stem ginger (bought in a jar with its own sugar syrup) plus 2 tbsps syrup from this.

Preheat the oven to 180°C/Gas Mark 4.

Line the base of a medium sized spring form cake tin with baking parchment.

Poach the rhubarb by heating gently in a saucepan for roughly 10 minutes along with the finely chopped stem ginger, the syrup, 100g of the caster sugar and 4 tablespoons of water. Let it cool down then strain into a bowl making sure you keep separately both the strained rhubarb as well as the syrupy juices which will be used to drizzle over the cake.

Crush the shortbread biscuits coarsely, and mix them with the melted butter. Place this in the bottom of your tin and leave in the fridge until you finish the other steps.

The last stage is mixing the mascarpone cheese with the cornflour, the beaten eggs and the remaining sugar until you obtain a smooth mixture. Carefully add the strained rhubarb and gently mix. Pour this into the tin and bake in the oven for 50 minutes until golden and firm. Leave to cool. The “icing on the cake” will in this case be the syrupy juices, which you should drizzle on the cake just before serving.

In my opinion, this cheesecake is best served at room temperature.

Bon appétit!

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## Thank You

Val, Peter and Chris would like to thank everyone who helped them raise an excellent £265 for the Saskia Barrow Memorial Fund at the tea and scones afternoon on March 18th. Special thanks goes to the ladies who cooked a variety of scones by the dozen. The ongoing fund will be split between four charities: Pepper Foundation (Paediatric nurses), Sense (Deaf/Blind Association), Young Deaf Activities Group and Mitochondrial Research at GOSH.



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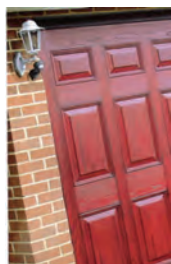


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