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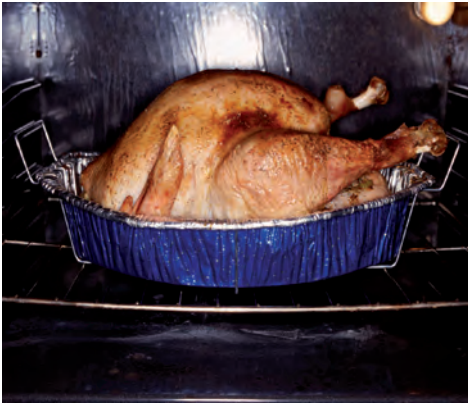
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**by 10th July**

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# Village Diaries July 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
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, (currently meeting at 6 Kingsmead) 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
Last Saturday	Coffee Morning, 10-12 noon, Edlesborough Methodist Church
Sundays	Grace Baptist Church (by the Post Office) prayer time 9.30am, main meeting 11.00am-12.00pm. All welcome, Nathan 07403 903178, or Peter 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

3rd	Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club meeting, 11.30am-4.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall.
6th, 20th	Bingo, Dagnall Village Hall 8pm
8th	Leukemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30 am
19th	Dagnall Over 60's Trip to Stoke Bruerne canal museum
25th	ELF walk from E.B Church at 10.00am

### One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

2nd	St Mary's Village Carnival, 12.30pm Edlesborough Green. Procession starts 12.30pm at The orchards, Eaton Bray arriving Edlesborough Green 1.30pm.
8th	Northall Village Hall A.G.M., 8pm, Northall Village Hall
9th	Grand St. Mary's Duck Race MMXI, 1pm, the stream between Eaton Bray & Edlesborough
14th	ELF Lunch Out
16th	EDaN Presents Classical Music Concert 'Beauties of the Baroque', St Mary's Church, Edlesborough, 7.30pm, Tickets: 01525 221926
16th	Eaton Bray Lawn Tennis Club Play Tennis Day, 2-5pm, School Lane, Eaton Bray
16-17th	Kite Festival, 11am-5pm, Dunstable Downs
19th	ELF Outing to Frogmore Mill, Apsley
23rd	Ploughman's Lunches at All Saints Church Dagnall, 11.30am-2.00pm

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*Above: Pound Bank Cottages, Dagnall - demolished c1960*

*Below: The Golden Rule, Cross Keys and Dagnall Brewery*

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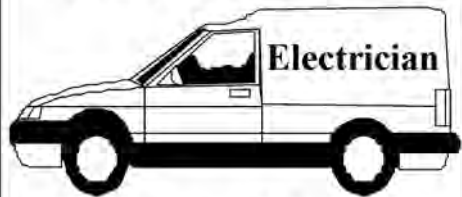




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## Edlesborough does *The Apprentice*!



Whilst our Year 5 children were away on a week long residential, Year 6 were set the challenge of working in small groups and researching, buying and making products to sell, to see which group could make the biggest profit.

After meeting with Edlesborough Bank to arrange a small business loan, the children visited a local supermarket to purchase their necessary items, and

then worked diligently within their teams, producing their products which ranged from cupcakes to fresh smoothies. After calculating costs and sale prices, each team then had approximately 40 minutes after school to sell their products to the public.

The end of the week saw each group entering 'The Boardroom', to undergo a grilling from Lord Sugar and his two aides, and to present their product and accounts.

The week proved to be very enjoyable and the children learnt a great deal about teamwork, strategy and real life maths. I would like to thank all of the children for their hard work, as well as the small army of mums who helped transport the children to and from the supermarket, as well as all those who turned up for the sale and purchased items.

Jenny Peel, Deputy Head



## EB Lions Under 10 Blues and Café Masala Spice Up Studham!

Studham Social club was the venue for the EB Lions Under 10 Blues end of season social event which marked the end of a fantastic 3 year relationship for the team. After the boys spent their first season as under 8's getting to know each other and play as a team they went on to become League Champions as under 9's and runners up for the league cup as under 10's in the Chiltern Junior Sevens League.

After such a successful run it seems a shame that it has to end but some of the boys plan to continue with their football as part of the eleven a side under 11's red for the coming season while others plan to play rugby.

The team has been sponsored by Café Masala, Eaton Bray, so it was also an evening to celebrate this community partnership. Café Masala provided a fantastic selection of authentic dishes to end the season with some spice! With the help of Café Masala, the team have had a great season, from the first very match, to this farewell event. The



team and parents are immensely grateful for Café Masala's sponsorship and support. The team manager Becky McGee stated how proud she was to have been a part of such a great team and that she wished all the boys the very best for the future. Becky will continue as team manager for the Under 11's next season.

The team coach, Nick Bramston, is leaving the football for now to concentrate on rugby. He has been a great coach and all of the boys on the team have made fantastic progress under his leadership.

All of the parents and boys from the Under 10's would like to say a big thank you for their commitment to them for the last three years and wish Becky and her new team luck for the coming season and Nick all the best for his rugby.

And so for the last time for this EB Lions team we roar "GO BLUES"!!



## The Swan Northall

### Winners of Leighton & District Sunday League - Division 1

Losing only one game all season, finishing top, 2 points clear of Stanbridge & Tilsforth in this, their first season in the top division. The Swan had to win their last game of the season to clinch the title, which they did, beating Rumours, Leighton Buzzard 3 - 0. All the goals came in the last 10 minutes from Paul Dorman, Chris Rowson and Massimo Cappella.

Having been promoted every year since starting in Division 5, this has been a great achievement for the boys, most of whom are from Eaton Bray and Edlesborough. Congratulations!



#### Team photo:

*Back row, left to right: Dean Litchfield, Gary Wright, Dominic Litchfield, Massimo Cappella, Craig Edwards, Daniel Wright, Leigh Foley, Richard Sunderland, Leon Rose, John Dorman*  
*Front row, left to right: Paul Dorman, Chris Rowson, Ryan Holden, Dayl Foley, Lee Dorman, Chris Hosey, Daniel Sunderland*

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The event would not have been possible without Richard and Ann Grant who kindly loaned their most beautiful gardens and house in order that the event could be staged there.

Through their “Fund Matching Charities Scheme”, Barclays Bank has also provided a much needed boost to the overall profit.

The Villagers do hope that everyone who attended on the day enjoyed not only the entertainment supplied by members of The Jules Holland Jazz Group but also the carefully planned break in the weather.



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- Some people have given us furniture that has been taking up space, sometimes in the house and sometimes in the garage.
- We have sold 1980's retro clothes that have been bought for fancy dress parties.
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This is a great start, but we need more objects. If you appreciate what volunteers do to keep Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall attractive, please have a look around your home to see if you have any unwanted objects that you can donate.

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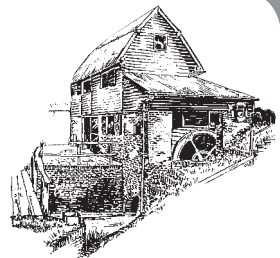
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## Dagnall News

### Over 60's

The meeting on May 17th was our Ploughman's Lunch in the village hall followed by a Beetle Drive. The beetle drive was won by Stella despite the fact that confusion reigned!

At time of writing in June we are looking forward to the Garden Party (with ice-cream) in Rosemary & Brian's garden at 6 Dunstable Road on the 21st. Hopefully the weather will be an improvement on last year and we will be able to enjoy the garden fully.

On July 26th (NOTE the date) a trip has been arranged to the canal museum at Stoke Bruerne with an included boat trip and a chance to look round the very interesting museum and partake of lunch at a local hostelry. The coach will leave the village hall at 9.30am.

### Dagnall Community Choir in Summer Mode

Our Community Choir will now be entering a lower profile Summer period with no public appearances planned until our big EDaN Concert at "The Church on the Hill" in Edlesborough on September 24th. More details will be published in future editions. However, with new songs to learn, including a medley of some of the beautiful songs from "Les Miserables", this is not a quiet period for the 40-50 members who meet every Monday night at Dagnall Church.

Learning new songs sometimes presents a bit of a challenge but the sense of achievement when the mistakes start to be ironed out and Stuart Harding, our Conductor and chief tormentor, shows signs of satisfaction, make it all worthwhile.

**The results of our efforts with our expanded repertoire can be seen for yourselves at any of our Autumn/Winter Concerts where you will be very welcome and which we hope you will enjoy.**



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**August Focus will be a joint issue for August & September.  
Don't forget to send in your August & September entries by 10th July**



## Jamie's Charity Run

Jamie Rawlings will be running to raise money for the Epilepsy Society in memory of his older brother John. The Eaton Bray Run is on 23rd of July, starting from the White Horse P.H. at 09.30 in the morning, and finishing there at the end of the run. Please donate to this good cause via web address <http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/Rawlings>. Everyone is welcome to come down, show support and, if you are feeling energetic, join in the run.







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It is strange how when chatting to people how many have been coming for many years and those that were new this year, told me that they will definitely be back next year! Maybe it was the weather but more people came than ever before and we were certainly cooking burgers and sausages up to 11pm on Friday night. As usual the music was brilliant on Friday and Saturday. The evening livened up by our first ever Hen Party attending and really getting the dancing going as never before. The bride was local but we have guaranteed to keep her identity confidential as apparently she really is a "very sensible person" I did discover that she has left over 2 months before her wedding to recover!

This event has become part of village life and the trustees of the hall supply most of the helpers and as so many people seemed to have a good time we were wondering if a few local people would like to help us on the organising and running of this event. It will not be masses of committee meetings you only need to attend a couple of planning meetings and give some time over the weekend. It is amazing the fun we have organising our bits of Festival and get real buzz from it. We just don't want to have to work solidly for 2 days!

If you want to know more just contact me Ross on 221411 or 07974 715222.

Of course the whole "pint" of this event is the beer and for that we must thank Roy Chatto and all his very worthy friends from CAMRA who as you know take complete control of the beer, cider and perry. All I can say, is that they are masters of their craft and it shows with the empty barrels at the end.

As usual this is my last missive until the September issue, so may I wish you all a lovely warm summer, with a little rain to help us all and remind you of our Quiz on 8th October which we hold jointly with Eaton Bray Tennis Club, See you all there.



## A letter from Rev'd Coralie

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Tomorrow, June 11th, I'm off to Church Farm. Ardeley for the official launch of the Hertfordshire FCN (Farm Crisis Network) group. It has taken 2 years to get to this point and as coordinator of the group I'm really looking forward to the event. If you've not lost interest already you may be asking yourself what I'm talking about. Well, this is the other side of me, the Agricultural Chaplain, the farmer's daughter who would love to have some sheep, a saddleback pig or two and a cow in the vicarage garden. Sadly I have to make do with pigeons and grey squirrels. The compensation is the vegetable patch currently infested with horse radish, bindweed and couch grass but the beans, herbs and assorted green salad leaves are fighting back and there is a promising crop on the fruit trees and blackcurrant bushes. What is Farm Crisis Network?



Farm Crisis Network (FCN) is a network of groups of volunteers drawn from the farming community and rural churches, ready to walk with farming people and families as they seek to resolve their problems. The last few years have seen some of the biggest changes in agriculture for decades. Major change is always difficult bringing strain and anxiety, other problems include: animal disease (foot and mouth, bluetongue and TB), debt, bereavement, stress, relationships, loneliness, inheritance, crop failure, low product prices, increasing bureaucracy and form filling. FCN supports over 1000 families every year

The villages of this Benefice, Dagnall, Northall, Edlesborough and Eaton Bray are surrounded by beautiful countryside. Walking just a little of the Benefice boundary on Rogation Sunday the group was aware of crops growing, of livestock in the fields and the beauty and order of the countryside cared for by those who work in agriculture. We do not know what difficulties the farmers are facing in our rural communities but farming matters. Farming matters because food production matters and farming matters because the environment matters, not just to us but to the whole world.

If you would like to learn more about the work of FCN or feel that you could help please do contact me on 01525220261 and please pray for all farming families who work so hard, often in adverse conditions, to provide our food and look after our countryside.

*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*

## Edlesborough Parish Council News

**including Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall**

**The Village Freighter** will be at Northall Village Hall on 27th July 2011 from 7.30-11.00am

### **Edlesborough Sewerage problems**

A meeting has taken place with Anglian Water regarding the sewerage problems in Edlesborough and Northall which will be looked into. It was mentioned by Anglian Water that more than two-thirds of all blockages contain disposable items and it would like people to be made more aware of items which should not be flushed away or put down the sink.

Do not pour fats, oils, grease and food waste down the sink or your external drains.

Do not flush rags, cotton wool, sanitary products, condoms, nappies, plastic or similar materials down the toilet.

Allow the fats and grease to solidify and then dispose of it in the bin.

Scrape all food waste off plates into the bin.

Take unwanted waste cooking oils to designated recycling centres

### **Road Closures in July**

Bucks CC will be carrying out surface dressing between the 7th – 11th July 2011 on the A4146 Leighton Road, Edlesborough. Diversion Route Schedule is B489 Tring Road/Church Road, B488 Station Road/Horton Road, Leighton Road, A505, A4146 Leighton Road, Billington, Bedfordshire and vice versa.

### **New Councillor**

Mr. Brian Holt had joined the Parish Council representing Dagnall Ward.

### **The Vale of Aylesbury Plan- Edlesborough Neighbourhood Plan**

A meeting has taken place with representatives of AVDC discussing the Edlesborough Neighbourhood Plan which has replaced the original Core Strategy. Consultations will be taking place later in the year.

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

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

Website: www.edlesborough.gov.uk

## Edlesborough

### Parish Council Meetings

**3rd Thursday monthly**

**7.30pm Memorial Hall**

**Next Meeting: 21st July**

**No meeting in August**

## Church Mouse

It is now 4 months since the Revd Coralie McCluskey came to the villages to take up the post of Priest in Charge at St. Mary's, Eaton Bray. This was after a long period when we were without a priest and I think it is worth reflecting on the impact Coralie has made in just 4 short months.

Coralie has really lifted the spirits of everyone in the church family at St. Mary's and she has injected enthusiasm and humour into our services and into the way we interact with the village community as whole.

Even if you do not attend services in church you will probably have met and spoken to Coralie by now. If you haven't met her you have almost certainly seen her walking around the villages with Winnie her Jack Russell at her side. Coralie is opening the Carnival on Saturday, July 2nd so come along and meet her there.

The Parochial Church Council meets regularly and although we have to talk about boring stuff such as how to stop the roof leaking (again!) we also discuss how we can make a positive contribution to our community. This is a lot more fun! The Carnival

is a great example of how St. Mary's, many village organisations and people throughout the villages come together to have fun and to raise money for many deserving charities. For many this is the highlight of the year and we are all excited at the prospect of another great event.

Now that she has come to know her patch Coralie will be focussing on offering support to those in the community who need help – the sick, the lonely and the bereaved.

But even if you are none of these things Coralie would love to meet you so watch out for her and Winnie and say hullo and stop for a chat.

Church Mouse



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It's just a matter  
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beat the robbers in  
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Call anonymously with information about crime





## EDaN Buses & Transportation Community Car Service for Dagnall, Northall and Edlesborough

Do you find it difficult to attend medical appointments, visit friends or get to the shops due to lack of public transport?

Edan Community Car Service may be able to help. We are a local car scheme run by volunteers who can give lifts to Medical Appointments, visiting family and friends or to do your weekly shopping.

**For a limited time only** we are able to offer a **FREE first trip** (max 20miles round trip) to enable you to try the service.

If you would like to take advantage of this offer please contact our co-ordinator Peter Williams on 01442 842506, who will be happy to take your call.

**We are always looking for more volunteers to come and help us, so if you would like to join our friendly team give Kathy Bovington a call on 0779 0537032 or 01442 842796**



PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

**On behalf of the EDaN  
Buses & Transportation  
Group**

Buckinghamshire County Council



# Dagnall Village Hall

## Chairman & Treasurers Report - May 2011

This has been another year of significant projects. In last year's report, we had received a grant for the first stage of our village hall development plan. We got the final approval from Thames Water in June and started the building work immediately. This first stage saw the completion of the side extension providing much needed and accessible storage for all of our hall users. The kitchen has also been extended but as you will see more work is needed and that requires more funds. I would like to thank John Thompson for all his work on this project and particularly the incredible value for money that we received.

Unfortunately we have also seen the "not so nice side of things" in the village with two thefts from the village hall. The cost of repairs, the cost of replacing the stolen oil and the need for additional security all adds to our costs. You will notice that bollards have now been installed in the entrance and there a number of people in the village who organise for these to be lowered and raised helping to stop crime from a number of directions.

On a brighter note we have placed new flower beds and maintenance of the village hall grounds is being done on a regular basis. Many thanks to Michelle, Josh and others for keeping it looking so nice.

On finances, our income was noticeably down on the previous year (38% lower at £5508) with costs also decreasing (12% lower at £8289). Some of the income reduction is due to timing with around £440 due to be paid in after the accounts were closed. Not having a full fete and stopping the Dagnall dip last year also made a big dent in the numbers. The decision to stop the Dagnall Dip in favour of a new 100 Club draw was agreed during the year. The major advantages to this will be considerably less effort for the dip sellers and a larger more guaranteed income stream. The new 100 club started in April but accounts for this will not show till the 2011/12 financial year. Our major project this year was funded by the Community Chest AVDC. The sum of £20,000 was provided to fund the first phase of our development plan and construction of the new extension was completed at a cost of £19,671.

The final position on funds held by the Village Hall is £4214.02. This is made up of cash: £130.22 main bank account £3133.58 and Sports & Recreation: £950.22.

I would particularly like to thank the elected officers Sharon Quinn and Liz Coates and the other members of the committee for their support this last year, as I have not been able to support them as much as I would have liked.

I would also like to confirm that I am standing down as Chairman and Treasurer and I am pleased to announce that at the AGM on 24 May 2011, Gary Holloway was elected Chairman and Pascale Searle was elected Treasurer.

Many thanks to everyone else who has supported us during the year and we look forward to your continued support and more successes in the coming year.

Richard Cutler

Chairman & Treasurer – Dagnall Village Hall



# Highlights Of The Meeting For Eaton Bray Parish Council

Held in The Coffee Tavern on Monday 6th June 2011 at 7:30pm

## CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE

Michelle Flynn, the Rights of Way Officer (Central South) for Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) attended the meeting. She went through the current CBC procedures for the seasonal contracts for Rights of Way within the area and asked if the Parish Council wished to have more involvement within the scheduling/cutting of the rights of way. The Parish Council agreed to look at this in more detail and asked for further information on CBC's current costs/schedules for this area. The Parish Council also raised concerns regarding the general grass cutting within the parish and asked if the relevant section at CBC could contact the Parish Council to discuss further.

Ward Cllr. Marion Mustoe attended the meeting and confirmed that the Paddocks planning application would be going to committee on the 22nd June next. The Parish Council requested that a site visit be made to this location due to a number of concerns. The Parish Council were updated on the current situation on the potential development in Bower Lane and were informed that the inspector report for Central Beds (South) has been challenged as to the content of the strategy; therefore the core strategy covering development within this region of Central Beds has potentially been moved back to 2012-2013. Cllr Mustoe confirmed that the Bedfordshire Music Centres are to remain, full details to be published on the parish website.

## MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

**Potential Development - Bower Lane/Harling Road to Mill End Close:** The Parish Council wished to thank everyone who took the time and trouble to complete and return the questionnaire. A feedback report can be found on the Parish Council's website.

**Recreation Ground Improvements:** The painting teams are now organised in preparation for the work in School Lane and The Rye play areas.

**Height Barrier:** The Height Barrier and Chain Link Fence at The Rye Recreation Ground have now been replaced.

**Road Closure:** The Parish Council wishes to make all residents aware of a Temporary Road Closure in Eaton Bray for the High Street-The Orchards/Totternhoe Road/Northall Road/Bower Lane/Moor End, for St. Mary's Village Carnival on Saturday 2nd July 2011 from 1000 to 1500hrs. Access may be allowed according to local signing/timings.

**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 – see website for further details]

## Eaton Bray Parish Council Meetings

1st Monday of each month  
7:30pm The Coffee Tavern

Next Monthly Meetings: Mon 4th July  
Mon 5th Sep

## 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)



National  
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### Events at Dunstable Downs

Don't miss our many fantastic events.



16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> July, 11am-5pm

#### **Kite Festival**

Our popular annual event is back for 2 days. Professional kite teams entertain you, browse our craft marquee, and join in our activities, evening BBQ and bar.

22<sup>nd</sup> July, 9pm

#### **Moths That Come Out at Night**

Join Andy and Melissa from Bedfordshire Natural History Society to find out what interesting moths can be found on the Downs. Booking essential.

24<sup>th</sup> July registration from 7.15am

#### **National Trust Cycle Sportive Series**

For more information go to [www.opencycling.com](http://www.opencycling.com)

14<sup>th</sup> August 11am-1pm

#### **Nature Walk – Booking essential**

**Don't forget our Local Producers Market held on the first Sunday of every month 10am – 3pm**

*For more information and to book*

*Call 01582 500920*

*Or visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dunstabledowns](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dunstabledowns)*





# WEDNESDAY CLUB



Northall Village Hall

## OPEN AFTERNOON

We are offering Bingo, tea and cakes at our Open Afternoon on  
WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY 2011 1.30-3pm for only £1

Please come and join us for some fun and refreshment

You will be most welcome

Transport to Northall Village Hall can be arranged

We will start calling the Bingo at 1.30pm

Please call Anna 221996 or Julie 220153 to book your place

### ALL RESIDENTS of NORTHALL

are invited to the

Annual General Meeting

of

Northall Village Trust  
(Northall Village Hall)

Friday 8th July 2011

8.00p.m.

Northall Village Hall  
South End Lane, Northall

### Grand St Mary's Duck Race MMXI



Saturday 9th July



1pm prompt start

The stream between Eaton  
Bray and Edlesborough

Ducks can be purchased right  
up to day of the race from race  
headquarters at 96a High St,  
Eaton Bray or from a race stall  
at the carnival.

Proceeds go to Carnival Charities



## Edlesborough Parish Council Chairman's Report - Part 2

Presented to Edlesborough Annual Parish Meeting on Thurs 21st April 2011

*The first part of this report was included in the June 2011 issue of Focus.*

I should like to thank the **EDaN Traffic Management** team for their continuing work on traffic calming, and especially the 100 hours their volunteers spent on operating the Council's 'Speed Watch' radar equipment over the past year. Following a recent, and very well attended, meeting in Edlesborough Memorial Hall, the Team has been boosted by a further **27** volunteers. After appropriate training, they will operate 'Speed Watch' in Northall, Dagnall and Edlesborough whenever they have a couple of hours to spare. Three volunteers are needed to operate the equipment so that all the data on speed, type and colour of vehicle, sex and approximate age of the driver can be accurately recorded and given to the police. In the last 2 weeks of March over 50 drivers were reported to the police for exceeding 45mph in Northall, with one car recorded at 69mph.

This monitoring and surveillance work will become even more important when the new, reduced speed limits are introduced this summer and drivers through our villages are suitably encouraged to comply.

On behalf of the Council, and indeed all parishioners, I should like to place on record our very grateful thanks and appreciation for the splendid work being carried out by the **EDaN Steering Group** and all the other **EDaN** teams:

- the **Beautifying the Villages** team, who have made such a wonderful contribution with their planters around all 3 villages, the inaugural 'May Day' fund raising event last year on the Green and the unveiling of the excellent, new Edlesborough village sign. We are all now anxious to see similar village signs for Northall and Dagnall that should be in place by the Autumn of this year.

To complement the team's work, and the new surfacing, the Council is replacing the existing decrepit and unsightly 'hangman's gate' at the entrance to the bridleway from Edlesborough Church to Ivinghoe Aston. To help ensure that horse riders and pedestrians always have good access to the bridleway, appropriate new signs will also be installed.

- the **Transportation** team who continue to fight the cause for maintaining, or even improving, our vital bus links with local towns. In the meantime, they have established the **Community Car Scheme** and have made a wonderful start in attracting so many volunteer car owners to help provide lifts for residents on local journeys to shops, doctors' surgery etc..
- the **Cycleways, Pavements and Footpaths** team, the outcome of whose work over the past 2 years will begin to be seen over the coming months.
- the **Post Codes** team who are tenaciously fighting their way through the Post Office bureaucracy and procedures to enable householders in the parish to have Edlesborough in their address rather than the historic Eaton Bray.



**EDaN** also organised 2 concerts last year at St Mary's Church in Edlesborough, not only to raise funds, but also to encourage parishioners to appreciate the church as part of our rich architectural heritage. The Churches Conservation Trust is delighted that we are now making more use of this historic building and are giving us every encouragement to continue. So, please make a note that the next classical music concert is being held on Saturday 16th July 2011, and is entitled "Beauties of the Baroque".

**EDaN** is certainly more than living up to our original expectations, especially with the way in which it has encouraged so many willing and enthusiastic volunteers to become involved in helping to shape and improve our community.

Another important area of our policy work concerns giving the Council's response to AVDC on **Planning Applications**. Over the past year some 39 applications have been carefully considered, with 'The Bell' being the most publicised, and arguably, the one which has attracted most interest in Edlesborough. The Council has given every possible support and advice to the 'Save the Bell' campaign. After much correspondence and two AVDC Planning Committee meetings, we have yet to learn whether we have provided sufficient planning reasons for the application to build 2 houses in the car park to be rejected.

The Council's experience on planning matters over many years will be put to good use when it becomes directly involved in developing its **Neighbourhood Plan** over the coming months as part of the Government's new 'Localism Bill', and AVDC's new 'Vale of Aylesbury Plan'.

The Council is literally inundated on a weekly basis with **policy and consultative papers** from AVDC, BCC and a myriad of other organisations which have, or could have, a bearing on the lives of parishioners. Much unseen work is therefore undertaken by Councillors in reviewing these documents and submitting the Council's views and comments.

**Car parking** in the High Street outside the school, and around the junction with Pebblemoor has long been a problem. Over recent months the Council has been pleased to work with the school, its 'safer routes to school' team, Under5s, Bucks CC and the police to try and improve the situation. Towards that end it has recently carried out a small extension to the car park on The Green and formed a new pedestrian exit onto the High Street. At the time of writing this report, a guard rail on the pedestrian exit remains to be constructed before the exit and the car park spaces are then clearly marked out.

However, the Council recognises that considerably more car parking capacity is required and is therefore planning to construct a major extension. This would almost double the number of spaces from the recently increased 29 to a total of 55. This project is being viewed as a top priority and the required funding of some £32,000 will be secured as soon as possible. Subject to obtaining various approvals it is hoped that work could commence within the next 12 months.

In this report I have only had the space to comment on some of the key issues. However, much of the Council's work also concerns the daily grind through so many other matters which are, or could be, of concern to parishioners. For all of this unrelenting, steadfast commitment to duty I am most grateful to our **Clerk, Lin Sargeant** and to my fellow Councillors:

- **John Wilkinson**, who represents the Edlesborough Ward, who is our **Vice-Chairman**, Chair of our General Purposes Committee (GPC) and who also takes the lead role in assessing all planning applications for Council's decisions.
- **David Brown**, (Edlesborough Ward). Unfortunately, David has decided to step-down from being a Councillor at the forthcoming May AGM. He has been on the Council since 2003, and has always made a very valuable and substantial contribution, especially during his time as Chairman of the GPC.
- **Marilyn Prys-Jones** (Edlesborough Ward), who is Vice Chairman of the GPC
- **Alan Williams**, (Edlesborough Ward), who is Chair of the EDaN Steering Group and a member of the GPC.
- **Julie Ratheram** (Edlesborough Ward).
- **Mark Wilson** (Northall Ward).
- Dagnall Ward: unfortunately, since Anne Thompson's death we have had no representatives. However, we hope that this situation will change at the forthcoming May election.

Kevin Cabbage

Chairman and Northall Ward Representative

Edlesborough Parish Council

21st April 2011

## Information from Citizens Advice Bureau



### Default Retirement Age to be Abolished

The government has confirmed that the default retirement age (DRA) of 65 will be abolished from 1 October 2011 with phasing-in beginning in April.

Currently, an employer can lawfully retire an employee aged 65 or above provided the employer follows a set procedure, requiring the employer to give at least six months' notice of retirement to the employee. If the procedure is followed, then dismissal for retirement at age 65 will not be unfair or age discrimination. If the normal retirement age for the job is under 65, then provided the employer can justify the lower retirement age and follows the same set procedure, any dismissal for retirement will again not be unfair and will not be age discrimination.

Under the changes, the last day employees can be compulsorily retired using the DRA is 30 September 2011. From 1 October 2011 no employee can be compulsorily retired by an employer because they have reached the age of 65, unless that retirement can be objectively justified. So the last day to provide the six months' notice required by the DRA provisions was therefore 30 March 2011.

ACAS has also issued guidance which outlines the changes and provides advice on how employers and employees can manage both the transition stages and new procedure. The guidance (available on the ACAS website at [www.acas.org.uk](http://www.acas.org.uk)) covers practical issues for employers in managing older workers and also issues such as succession and workforce planning, performance management and ensuring consistency and fairness in their policies and practices.

The changes will apply to all employers and all company sizes and sectors. However, individual employers will still be able to operate a compulsory retirement age provided

that they can objectively justify it. The Department for Business, Innovation and Skills gives air traffic controllers and police officers as examples of where this might be the case.

These changes do not affect employees' state pension age and entitlements, which may well be different from the age at which they retire.

### **NHS Charges in England**

From 1 April 2011, the charge for an NHS prescription increases by 20p per item, to £7.40.

Dental treatment charges increase by 3 per cent to £17.00, £47.00 and £204.00 for Bands 1, 2 and 3 respectively.

Optical voucher values remain unchanged.

### **National Minimum Wage: New Rates**

From 1 October the new rates of the national minimum wage will be as follows:-

the adult rate will increase from £5.93 to £6.08 an hour

the rate for 18-20 year olds will increase from £4.92 to £4.98 an hour

the rate for 16-17 year olds will increase from £3.64 to £3.68 an hour, and

the rate for apprentices will increase from £2.50 to £2.60 an hour.

### **Tax Credit Renewals**

Tax credits claimants need to renew their claims by the 31 July deadline. If they do not, their payments may stop and they may receive notice of an overpayment. Renewal packs are being sent out between April and July. Last year, over five hundred thousand households did not renew by the due date and subsequently had their payments stopped. Around half of these were subsequently sent notice of an overpayment.

HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) is now running its annual media campaign to remind people to renew as soon as they receive the packs. The campaign includes national and regional TV and radio advertisements and press releases. For the first time, it includes the use of Twitter. Bureaux that use Twitter may wish to follow HMRC (@HMRCGovUK) and re-tweet its tax credit renewal tweets.

### **Tax credits: Treatment of Increases in Income**

In the tax year 2011/12, if your income goes up by more than £10,000 since the previous tax year, the amount of tax credits that you get for the current year will be reduced. Increases in income of £10,000 or less will not normally affect your tax credits for the current year, although they will be taken into account in the following year. A tax year runs from 6 April one year to 5 April the next.

Previously, the disregard for income increases was £25,000.

Any increase in income of more than £10,000 should be reported to the Tax Credit Office straightaway, in order to prevent an overpayment building up in the current year, which will have to be paid back. It is also advisable to report an increase of less than £10,000, to prevent an overpayment arising in the following year.







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**Thuka Maxi 8 Pine Midsleeper**  
**Bed £200**

Includes pull out desk, bookcase, chest of drawers, mattress, clip on bedside table, 3 pocket tidy, slanted



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Length 210cm x height 111cm x width 144cm extending to approx 218cm with desk pulled out.

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**Eaton Bray W.I.**

The members were welcomed to the June meeting, where birthday cards were presented to Vera and Joan Duke. A Golden Wedding card was given to Linda Potton.

After the business and notices were read out, Deirdrea introduced the speaker Derek Hart, who was showing details of his Icelandic Holiday.

Slides and the accompanying music took the members on a tour of Iceland, which is a European island country in the North Atlantic Ocean. It has a population of about 320000. It is volcanically and geologically active.

The music added to the sense of calmness that the pictures of the scenery portrayed. Birds, wild flowers, gushing waterfalls, suffering the cold in the ice caps and the heat as the geysers soared into the air. Derek answered questions and was thanked by Deirdrea.

The members decided on the fund raising project for Christmas. This was to be joining Dunstable Salvation Army to collect new toys, gifts, clothes and other items, which would be distributed to children whose families were unable to afford any of the luxuries or gifts, that so many other children enjoy.

Teas and cakes were served by Barbara Ilic, Gladys Deamer and Dorothy.

The next meeting will be on Monday 4th July at 7.30pm when the speaker will be Sandra Reynolds - "Being a Magistrate".

The outing to Sulgrave Manor on Monday 8th August is now fully booked.

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**Opening Times**

Monday 09:00 - 17:30  
 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**

## Edlesbray Leisure Fellowship - ELF

Thanks go to Ann for arranging our Lunch out at The Bridgewater Arms on 12th May. A number of members enjoyed a very happy time. The meal was, as usual very good. We are looking forward to the next Lunch out on Thursday July 14th. Details will be displayed in the North Porch of Eaton Bray Church.

No walk was arranged for May, there were too many Bank Holidays and members holidays etc.

The arrangements for The Frogmore Paper Mill outing on July 19th will be displayed in the North Porch of Eaton Bray Church.

The results of our June 9th meeting at The Coffee Tavern, Eaton Bray, will be in the August issue of The Focus.

We look forward to our Cream Tea on August 11<sup>th</sup> by kind permission of Val and Alan in their garden. We keep our fingers crossed for good weather. Details will be displayed, as usual, in the North Porch of Eaton Bray Church.

### ELF GROUP SUMMER OUTINGS

14th July	Lunch at Bridgewater Arms
19th July	Frogmore Paper Mill Trip
25th July	Walk
11th August	Cream Teas - 2.30pm at Val & Alan's garden
22nd August	Walk - start near to Eaton Bray Church
25th August	College Lake
8th Sept	Canal Trip

## Edlesborough Book Group

### Arthur and George by Julian Barnes

Arthur and George is a fact based novel set in late nineteenth century Britain. It illustrates the vagaries and unfairness of the legal system in those times and the difficulties the common man had in dealing with it. The Arthur of the title is Sir Arthur Conan Doyle who, by the time the novel takes place is quite a celebrity in his own right because of the success of his detective serials. He becomes involved with a case of wrongful imprisonment and campaigns for an official pardon for George Edalji. George, who is half Indian, was convicted of sending anonymous letters and mutilation of horses. He had been released from prison, but not officially pardoned and Conan Doyle takes up the case on his behalf. He soon realises however, that life does not imitate art in this respect and that proving a case in legal terms is more difficult than a Sherlock Holmes deduction. The story is told gradually, giving us the backgrounds of both Arthur and George which in turn explains the social problems that both face. For George it is being of mixed race in a middle England society and for Sir Arthur the difficulty of his marriage and his wish to be with another woman.

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Clinical Pilates is a gentle form of exercise. It is run in small classes to enable the client and physiotherapist to work together to ensure that the exercises are being completed correctly and so that if required the exercises can be adapted on a one to one basis. It is a series of mat based exercises in various different body positions which have been adapted by physiotherapists to make them more suitable for patients with back and neck pain, joint conditions and those recovering from injury, as well as healthy individuals who would prefer to exercise under the watchful eye of a medical professional.

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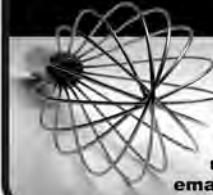
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## St Mary's Ladies Guild

The fund raising Coffee Morning in aid of St Mary's raised £240 and all the members and others who supported it, were thanked for all their help and effort, in a letter from Gordon Gray.

Deirdrea welcomed the members and two visitors to the June meeting and discussed the business matters and notices. Birthday cards were given to Marjorie, June Howard and June Thorne. A Golden Wedding card was given to Linda Potton for her anniversary next month.

The devotions prepared by Marjorie were read out by Jenny Hewett.

The members agreed that the project for fund raising the next year would be 'Mission to Seafarers'. Revd Tom Heffer is the secretary general. In ports around the world a Mission to Seafarers chaplain will often be one of the first to welcome the crew and finding out if they have any concerns which need addressing.

'Piracy'- in 2010 it was reported that there were a total of 406 reported incidents of piracy and armed robbery. Last year 153 vessels were boarded, 49 hijacked and a further 120 vessels were fired upon. A total of 1,052 seafarers were taken hostage, with 68 suffering an injury during a siege and 8 people losing their lives.

The side-effects to piracy can be far-reaching, hurting not just the seafarers on board, but also their families back home. The Mission is able to play a supporting role in assisting seafarers' families during a time of crisis.

A Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 17th September 10-12 at the Church, to raise funds for this appeal.

The welcome return of Joan Fossey, demonstrating flowers for the table, had an enthusiastic audience. Joan talked through the shape, flowers and greenery, for each of the five arrangements. It was totally relaxing to watch and Joan makes it all look so easy. The arrangements were raffled and were won by Peggy, Marion, June Howard, Thelma and Christine Rogers. Joan was thanked and presented with a gift by Jenny.

A beautiful tea followed prepared by June Thorne, in honour of her 'special' birthday the following week. Silence reigned whilst all the goodies were sampled and pronounced 'superb'. June was thanked by Deirdrea and a very special purple and lilac planted arrangement was given to June for her birthday, with love and good wishes from all the members.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th July when the speaker will be Christopher Pallet, an estate agent.

The outing to Windsor will be on 17th August. If you wish to join us please contact June Thorne on 220260. There will be a cream tea at Poplars on 10th August.

Deirdrea

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## Table Corner and the Joys of Coulis

Mr Searle will tell you - and many of you may be surprised by this - that I absolutely hate shopping. Even food shopping. The main reason is that, perhaps due to the decadence of shopping on line, when I am sent to a shop by necessity I absolutely cannot find a single item. Well this happened again last week when pushed for time and thinking I absolutely had to have something called raspberry coulis ready within the next hour, I rushed to one of our large superstores only to end fruitlessly (!) after walking kilometres through the aisles, to the information desk, and asking 2 assistants who had no idea as to what coulis might be. I gave up by saying to myself, "don't worry I will make it myself!" I had by then wasted longer than it would actually have taken me to make the said coulis, as it is one of the easiest recipes you will find. All you need is a saucepan, a sieve and the ingredients below.

### Ingredients

1 kg raspberries

200g caster sugar (or a little more according to the fruit's sweetness and personal preference)

Well, you might say, but what do you use coulis for?

In our case we use it a lot as a topping for cakes – cheesecakes especially. It tastes wonderful on vanilla ice cream and also teams up nicely with chocolate cake. A drizzle on waffles has never gone amiss in the Searle household and my daughter simply helps herself to it by spoonfuls.

One extra use it has (and your guests will be very impressed with this) is to decorate plates. Once you have the coulis strained as indicated below, keep on simmering it, stirring on a gentle heat until it becomes thicker and has more or less reduced by half. You can then decorate your plate with artistic flourishes, a little bit like paint.

### Method

Place raspberries and sugar into a saucepan and heat over medium setting, stirring often, until the fruit starts to bubble. Reduce the heat and simmer for 5 minutes or until the raspberries are soft. Remove from heat and allow to cool. Then press them through a sieve to strain to a smooth consistency. Don't be tempted to liquidise the pulp in a blender as the seeds are a little bitter and will destroy the clean fresh taste of the fruit. It will keep for 2 days in the fridge and up to 6 months in a freezer. Et voila! A refreshing item for the summer!

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### Eaton Bray Village Hall 100

#### Club Winners - June 2011

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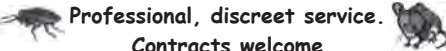
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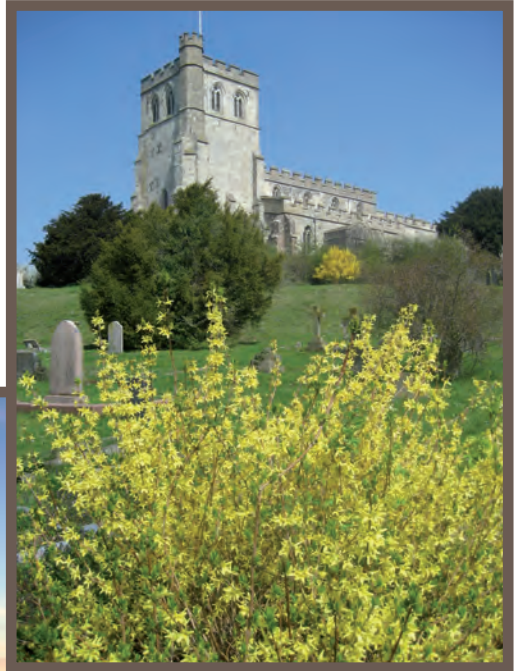




# YOUR VILLAGE PHOTOS



*Patriotic Flowers...  
Red, White & Blue  
by John Hockey*



*Edlesborough Church  
by Brian Russell*



*From the Beacon looking  
towards the Downs  
by Phil Wood*

# YOUR VILLAGE PHOTOS



*Flowers in Slickets Lane Meadow  
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Top Left: Pyramidal Orchid  
Left: White Bellflower  
Above: Bee Orchid*

*Lions on the lookout at Whipsnade  
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*College Lake Nature Reserve, Tring  
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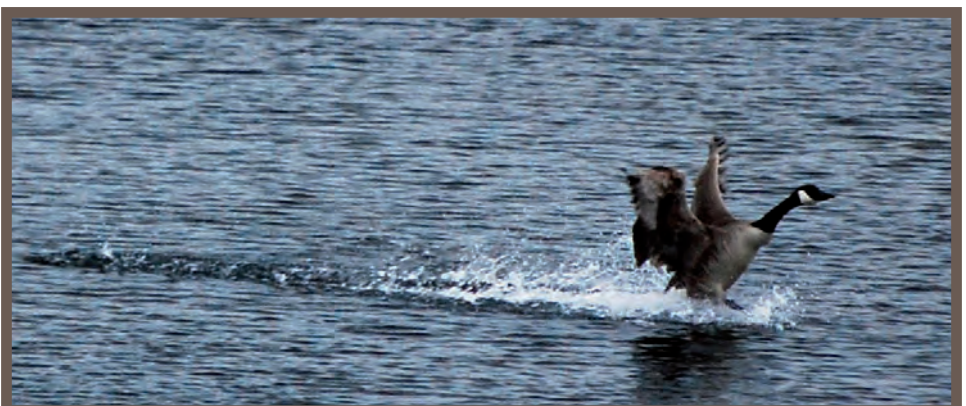
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*Produce from a village allotment with an array of allotment numbers  
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Canada Goose at College Lake Nature Reserve, Tring by Adrian Lewis*



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For some, beaches are magical places, messing about in boats, yachts and ocean-going vessels making their way across the horizon. Rock pools where a whole universe of life and energy goes on. The constant movement of the waves, the sun and clouds casting ever-changing light on the whole scene. Being on a beach means more than just sand in your sandwiches!

Here we live surrounded by beautiful hills, woodland and waterways; we don't have to go far afield to see the wonders of God's creation, All around us are herbs, grasses, wild flowers. We have panoramic views across the Aylesbury Vale, Ashridge, with its woodland walks, canals where we can watch the narrow boats, and see the opening and closing of the lock gates, watch water fowl, ducks, swans, herons and sometimes even catch a glimpse of a kingfisher.

Wherever we spend our holidays is a personal choice; but remember that holidays are holy days and should be treated as a chance to free ourselves from everyday cares and be open to the wonder of the world around us.

Jesus's disciples were always on the road; they had clear instructions from Him "Take nothing for the journey - no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra tunic" But then they weren't going on a holiday. They were on their way to preach about their new found faith.

The Hebrew people established several feasts to celebrate God's intervention in history or His daily care. One, the feast of Weeks was later called Pentecost (Deut.16:16) It came seven weeks after the passover (Lev.23.15-21) and celebrated a successful barley harvest and lasted for 7 days. Perhaps that is where we get our idea of a week's holiday from.

If you share your problems, worries, and troubles with Jesus, it will make your load lighter and your days brighter; don't take them with you as luggage  
OH! and one more thing, don't forget to send me a postcard!!!

## Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

### Weather Conditions for May 2011

May turned out to be a warm and windy month with a higher than average wind speed reaching gusts of 39 mph.

Although there was more rain than the previous months (33.6 mm), it was not enough for gardeners and farmers. The ground was already dry at the start of May, which was made worse by the strong winds, high temperatures and sunny days. They combined to produce evaporation levels of 0.80 mm/hr.

The Met Office recorded the country's driest spring for 20 years. I've used their data to compare against the records for Dagnall.

**This table shows the rainfall figures for the Spring\* 2011 across the UK**

Location	Actual (mm) 1 March to 31 May	Percentage of 1971 to 2000 average	Long term spring average (mm)
UK	184.8	80 %	231.7
England	77.6	43 %	179.4
Dagnall	56.5	31 %	232.2

East Anglia was the driest district in the UK with just 28.1 mm of rain, only 21% of the long-term average. The lack of rain in East Anglia made it the driest for 101 years, beating the previous record of 51.9 mm in 1996.

\*The meteorological spring is the combined months of March, April and May.

**NEWS:** - Dagnall Weather Station will soon be linking up with the Met Office providing data daily to their WOW (Weather Observers Website) programme.

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Wind Speed	39 mph W	24 May 14.00	Months avg.	7.0 mph
Wind Chill:	23.2 °C	6 May 16.00	- 0.1°C	4 May 05.30
Dominant Wind:	w			
<b>Rainfall</b> * <i>T</i> = total rain days and moisture. <i>R</i> = Actual rain				
*Rain Days: 12 (T), 10(R)	Wettest Day 8 May		13.8 mm	0.54 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	May	33.6 mm	1.32 ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	5 Months	151.4 mm	5.96 ins

**August Focus will be a joint issue for August & September.  
Don't forget to send in your August & September entries  
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## Edlesborough W.I.

Our last meeting was the annual Resolutions meeting, followed by a cheese and wine supper. Phrena, our president, began the notices by thanking Brenda Shields and Maggie Grigg for the enjoyable Members' Night they had organised the previous month. Brenda, in turn, thanked her team of helpers. We heard a report on the Bucks Federation Spring Council meeting attended by Maureen Shipway at the new Aylesbury Waterside Theatre. Also Christine Yates thanked everyone who had helped to make the EDaN May Day Celebration so successful.

The resolutions which would go to this year's W.I. A.G.M. in Liverpool were explained to us by Sue Parker. The first one was:

"This meeting urges H.M. Government to maintain support for local libraries, as an essential local educational and information resource."

Sue said that due to the recession councils were having to decide which cuts were to be made, usually the least used libraries. Some local areas were already successfully running their own libraries, with help from their councils. A vote was taken after discussion, and the resolution was carried.

The second one was as follows:

"This meeting abhors the practice of factory farming, particularly large animals such as pigs and cows, and urges H.M. Government to ensure planning permission is not granted for such projects."

It was felt that the wording of this resolution was not well set out, and the majority of members abstained from voting. Our delegate would vote on our behalf at the A.G.M.

Our cheese and wine supper followed, organised as usual by Ann Brinklow and her assistant, Jenny Foale, and much enjoyed by everyone.

As well as our monthly meeting, some members have made trips to two performances at Dunstable Grove Theatre, and the committee treated themselves to lunch at Chez Jerome in Dunstable. As has been pointed out before, it's not 'all jam and Jerusalem' in the W.I.!

Val Harris



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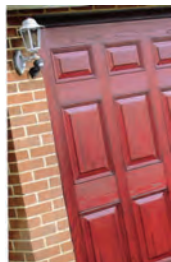


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