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✉ Editors

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# Village Diary Aug/Sep 2013



## 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 Pre-School, Edlesborough School, 01525 229529  
manager@edlesborough.bucks.sch.uk
- Mon-Thu (term time) Totternhoe Pre-school, mornings, Totternhoe Lower School, 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, Dagnall Village Hall 6.30pm
- 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, Nadine Morgan 07823 447362
- Tuesdays Northall Baby & Toddler Group, 9:30-11:30am, (open in the Summer School Holidays) Northall Village Hall, Andie 07966437673
- 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 Zumba Fitness Class, 8.15-9.15pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Zoey 07595 986892
- Tuesdays Circuit Training Edlesborough - Edlesborough School Hall - 7-8pm - £5 per class
- Tuesdays Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy, Table Top Sale, 10-12noon, Salvation Army Hall, Booth Place, Eaton Bray
- Fortnightly Cheeky Monkeys Under 5's playtime, 1pm - 2.45pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, contact Rachel on 07789 760007
- Weds (term time) 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
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- Thurs (term time) Baby & Toddlers Group, Dagnall Village Hall, 12:45-2:45pm (12:15 if bringing lunch) £1 child 50p adult. Contact Faye 07746 120163 or Samantha 07882 903282
- Thursdays Yoga, Northall Village Hall, 11.30am-1pm 01525 377542
- 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 Central Bedfordshire Children's Centres' Toy Library, 9-9.45am, Eaton Bray (School Lane) Public Car Park
- Fortnightly Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 01582 620576
- Fridays

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- Fridays Hartbeeps Multi-sensory pre-school play & music sessions, Northall Village Hall. Bookings and information: Gemma 01525 381196
- Fridays Zumba Fitness Class, 9.30am, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Zoey 07595 986892
- 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 07794 615626, 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-4pm. Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Eaton Bray. Knitting, crochet & needlecraft. Tel Wendy 07908 828414. [www.wendy-poole.co.uk](http://www.wendy-poole.co.uk)
- 1st Tuesday Bingo, 7pm, Dagnall Village Hall
- 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
- 1st Sunday May to September, St Mary's Church, Edlesborough Open Day, 2-5pm
- 2nd & 4th Tuesday TOTS, St Mary's, Eaton Bray, 2pm
- 2nd Tuesday Dunstable & District Local History Society meeting, 7.45pm, Methodist Church Hall, Dunstable (opposite Wilkinson)
- 2nd Tuesday Edlesborough W.I. Meeting, 7.30 pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall
- 2nd Wednesday St. Mary's Ladies Guild, 2pm, St. Mary's, Eaton Bray
- 2nd Wednesday Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Lions Club, 7.30pm, The Coffee Tavern
- 2nd Thursday CAMEO Coffee, tea & chat, 10am-12noon, Edlesborough Methodist Church
- 3rd Thursday Edlesborough Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 3rd Sunday Lunch club 11.30 to 2.00pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Chris Hewitt 222288

## Other Regular Events

- 9th Aug Leukemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30 am.
- 3rd Aug, 7th Sep St. Mary's Eaton Bray Coffee Morning, 10am to noon
- 20th Aug Dagnall Over 60's. Speaker from ARK Wildlife
- 31st Aug Dagnall Gardener's Society Annual Show 2.30pm.
- 1st Sep Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club Meeting, 11.30am-4.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall
- 19th Sep Visit to Kensworth Over 60's for Fish & Chips for 20 members. Remainder to meet at Dagnall Red Lion for lunch.

## One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

- 4th Aug Lions Afternoon Tea Party for local senior citizens, 2-4pm, Edlesborough Memorial Hall. Tickets: £5 Rachel: 01525 229656
- 17th Aug Music at St Mary's Saxen Q, 7:30pm, St. Mary's Eaton Bray, Tickets: Adults: £7.50, accompanied children free, 01525 222283
- 8th Sep Appledown Sponsored Walk, Dunstable Downs, Registration 10am-12 noon, Tel: 01525 220383 for details
- 8th Sep Hymns of Praise on Edlesborough Green, 4pm
- 14th Sep Appledown Open Day & Fun Dog Show, 11am-4pm, Enter on the day
- 20th Sep Northall & District Age Concern, Harvest Festival Auction, The Swan, Northall, 7.30pm Salvation Army Band, 8pm Auction
- 27th Sep Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning, 9:30-12 noon, St Mary's Eaton Bray

# Village Notices

## Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings

3rd Thursday monthly  
7.30pm Memorial Hall  
Next Meeting: 18th July



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Tel: 01525 220361

**Eaton Bray:** Norman Lee

Tel: 01525 222831

**Dagnall:** Elizabeth Coates

Tel: 01442 842550

**Edlesborough Memorial Hall:**

Penny Pataky, Tel: 01525 229358



## EDaN Community Transport

Peter Williams:

01442 842506

## theWI **From Eaton Bray W.I. Members**

**INSPIRING WOMEN** We have the following speakers booked for the remainder of our 2013 programme.

**2nd September** History of the Walled Garden at Luton Hoo. Felicity Brimblecombe.

**7th October** Gary Cooper the Film Star John Buckledee

**4th November** The First Grand National Rev Stephen Williams

**2nd December** Christmas Evening 'Hats' Philip Wright

Our meetings consist of a short business update of forthcoming events being planned, the speaker or demonstrator then takes the floor for 45 minutes plus time for questions. Social time follows with refreshments and a raffle.

We meet the first Monday of the month at the Methodist Hall at Eaton Bray at

7.30pm.

If you would like to come as a visitor initially, there is a small charge of £2.50 per evening to help cover costs, (except for the December meeting when we have a special speaker and provide plated food etc, then a separate amount is charged to all members) and we would need to know how many were attending.

The Annual fee to join the WI is £33.00 per year. This gives attendance at all meetings in the village and a copy of the WI Life magazine delivered to your home each month.

We are a small but very friendly WI and welcome visitors.

There is an annual outing, coffee mornings for fund raising, meetings with the other WI's in the Group and a joint Christmas Spectacular.

# In Memory of Dick Wood

5th April 1925 - 16th June 2013



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For whoever you saw  
Whether it was eggs or flowers  
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**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**    TOTS (Tots on Tuesdays) (2nd & 4th Tuesdays)

**Wednesday:** **10.00am**    Holy Communion

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## Eaton Bray Village Hall

### Chairman's Statement AGM 2013

In my report at the last AGM, I was reporting on a record year and also falling bookings during the current year. At that time we had undertaken to review our presence on the web and to look at our advertising policy. Having added some extra advertising, the bookings took off again during the latter half of the year. We are not convinced that our actions caused the increase but by the end of December we were less than £600 down on 2011. A very successful outcome during these difficult times. Along with keeping costs down we have had another successful year.

Although we had hoped to finish the car park by the end of 2012, as we all know, this was not possible due to a difference of opinion with our contractor. Finally after much persuasion by us, sense prevailed and the job was completed to the original specification. This also had the effect of inflating our reserves, as we have paid for the car park in the 2013 accounts.

This brings to an end our original list of refurbishments. It has been a wonderful achievement for a small group to bring about, involving planning, fundraising and supervising each part of the works.

We look forward with confidence that the hall has a very bright future and will be part of village life for many years.

The trustees have created a development fund reserve, with which, it is hoped that current and future trustees will be able to maintain the hall in its present or even better condition than it is now. We hope this reserve will help pay for new fire exit doors within 2013 and further projects over the next few years, without doing major fund raising.

The primary purpose of this fund is to maintain the hall in a good working order. Our boilers are now nearly 10 years old and the floor in the main hall is starting to show signs of wear. Our chairs will also need replacing in the foreseeable future.

It is these and many unforeseen things, which our reserves will allow the trustees to maintain and help the hall to keep its reputation as a good venue to hire and allow the trustees to face the future with confidence.

My thanks to you all.

✍️ Ross Bagni  
Chair

# A Letter from Rev'd Coralie



**Vicar: Coralie McCluskey**  
**The Vicarage, 11 High Street, Eaton Bray - Tel: 01525 220261**  
**Honorary Assistant Priest: Revd John Heffer**  
**Reader: Gordon Gray (220136)**  
**Church Warden: Catherine Hayden (220527)**  
**Parish Administrator: Elisabeth Ryder (07890 718117)**  
**Web contact: eatonbraychurch@aol.com**

It's been two years six months since I was licensed as Priest in Charge to the Benefice of Eaton Bray with Edlesborough and about a year later I became the Vicar. I cannot believe that I've only been here for that short a period; it feels as if I've been here for ever **but** in the best possible way.

I have walked all the footpaths many times, been to 100's of coffee mornings, officiated at innumerable weddings and funerals and met so many lovely people that I thank God for calling me to this place.

At St Mary's, work with children and families is developing. TOTS on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month and Messy Church on the 1st Sunday of the month at 3pm are both great fun and an opportunity to learn about Jesus in an informal way. The chairs in church can be moved to increase activity and play space and during July we've been able to enjoy the churchyard for treasure hunts, water play and charging around.

During August we are going to combine the two groups. There will be no Messy Church on Sunday 4th August but on Tuesday 13th there will be a combined Messy and TOTS Trip to St Albans Abbey with a picnic in the Abbey grounds. On Tuesday 27th August there will be Messy Church at St Mary's from 2pm with games outside if the sun is shining and heaps of activities. If you have not received a letter and would like to join in please email or contact me.

Seasonal Services in August and September include Lammastide on August 4th at 8am and 10am at St Mary's and 9am at All Saints Dagnall. Harvest Festival this year will be on September 22nd at 8am and 10am at St Mary's and 6pm at All Saints Dagnall.

The Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal this year is, **A Sweeter Deal**. Funds raised will be supporting a project in Ethiopia. Geji Tie, a beekeeper and farmer in Ethiopia, with support from Christian Aid partner, Action for Development, has set up a beekeeping cooperative. Those involved have learnt how to get the most from their hives and using equipment provided by AFD, the cooperative is able to make more honey and sell it at a higher price at market. The service at 10am will be very family friendly and we will also be welcoming Connie and Eadie Stanley into the family of the church by Baptism.

**A Prayer for children - and adults too:**

**Thank you for the flowers and buzzing bees.**

**Thank you for pollen and fruit-bearing trees.**

**Thank you for the people who work hard to grow, to harvest, to plant, to water and sow.**

**Amen.**

*Coralie*

# Appledown's Dog of the Month



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Dennis would not be suitable for a home with cats but would benefit from the company of a calm female dog. He would need someone at home most of the time to start with but could gradually become accustomed to being left for reasonable periods. We can help with this.

If you feel you could offer Dennis, or any of our other dogs, a loving and secure home please call in at the kennels any day between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Our staff will be happy to offer advice and information. Please note that we have restrictions on rehoming dogs to families with children under 7 years of age, so please ask for details.

**Charity Dance Night, Friday 6th September** at St. John's Hall, 296 Sundon

Park Road, Luton at 7.30 p.m. Favourite dance numbers from 60s through to 90s. Tickets £8 from Appledown.

**Sponsored Walk, Sunday 8th September** to be held at Dunstable Downs. Register between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. Please contact us for further details and a sponsor form.

**Evening Dog Walk, Thursday 12th September** at Dunstable Downs. Enjoy a gentle guided walk that lasts roughly 1-1½ hours. Starts 6 p.m. Please contact the kennels for details.

**Saturday 14th September – Open Day & Fun Dog Show** at the kennels. Lots of classes and lots of stalls! 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. (classes commence 12 noon. Enter on the day).

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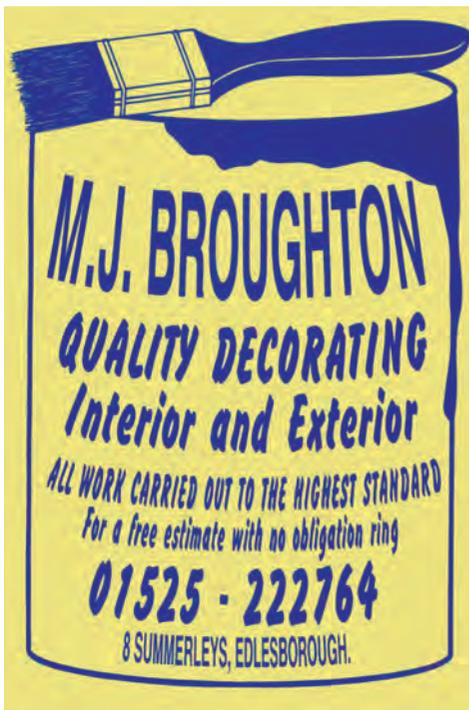
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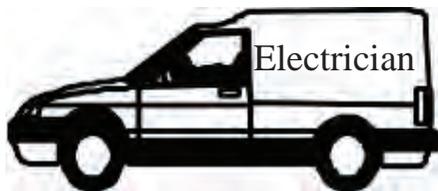
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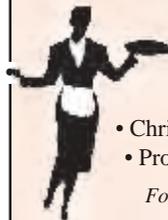
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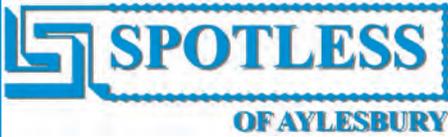
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## News from the Lions Den...

It has been another busy month for the Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Lions. Our fish and chip delivery scheme seems to become more popular every month. However, there does seem to have been a little confusion about how the scheme works.

In essence, we deliver fish and chips to elderly or housebound residents on the last Friday evening of every month. If you would like to take advantage of this scheme, you need to call me on 01525 229 656 by no later than the last Wednesday of the month to ensure your order is placed in time.

Delivery is completely free – you just pay for the food you require. Depending how many deliveries we have on any given month, you can usually expect to receive delivery of your food between 6 – 6.45pm. Most importantly you don't pay ANYTHING until you take delivery of your food on the given night.

We can of course supply you with a full menu so that you can see all of the food choices available to you.

We thoroughly enjoyed our third year at the village carnival – what glorious weather we were blessed with, especially compared to last year ! Our games seemed

to keep you all entertained throughout the afternoon and as always, every penny we raised will be donated back into local causes and community projects.

Our next event is coming up on 4th August when we will be providing a traditional afternoon tea party for local senior citizens at Edlesborough Village Hall. We need everyone to book their tickets ahead of the day if they wish to attend as we need to ensure we have appropriate refreshments made for everyone. Tickets are available at just £5.00 per person and we are happy to offer you transport from your home to hall and back if required. To book your place, please call Rachel on 01525 229 656.

To find out more about the work we undertake the other projects we support, please contact me in the usual way, by calling 01525 229 656 or by emailing me at [president@ebelions.org.uk](mailto:president@ebelions.org.uk). I sincerely look forward to hearing from you ....

✍️ Rachel

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# Eaton Bray Lawn Tennis Club

Well everyone, what a few weeks it has been for tennis! Our courts have been groaning under the combined weight of what seems like half of the four villages (is that two villages then?) pounding up and down the tram lines attempting to re-create the spectacular events at SW19. The wonderful sunshine has helped too, as did our recent Play Tennis Day which in itself attracted over 20 new members, taking our little club into the 'not so little' category, now being home to over 160 members. There seem to be club or league matches every night at the courts, interspersed with coaching for the juniors and adults, with what daylight hours remain being used for general social play and practice. Clearly the 'Wimbledon Factor' always renews interest in the game, so it's important that we work hard to maintain the current momentum. It is fantastic to see the courts being so well used and appreciated by so many people, it makes the work put into the club by the committee, and many dedicated others, seem worthwhile. Long live EBLTC and all who play in her!

Our Family Doubles Tournament, held on 9th June, was also extremely successful, attracting 18 pairs of players. Family members teamed up together to take on other families on a round robin basis, although we did have to trust people as we hadn't got DNA testing facilities available to us that afternoon. We received some good positive feedback at the end and a couple of approaches for memberships, so we will definitely be doing it again. The winners were John and Florrie McKinnon (Red), Thomas and Benjamin Noithip (Green), and Alison and Wendy Lowe (Yellow). Well done to you, and to everyone who took part.

Now, unfortunately, some more serious

news. Many of the committee have been involved with our club continuously for over 25 years, since its inception in 1987, and for these guys particularly, as well as all those who are dedicated to its well-being and continued availability for all members, it has been particularly sad over the last couple of weeks to have witnessed the aftermath of three break-ins to our clubhouse. On each occasion, some of us have been called down there early in the morning to find roof tiles removed, a hole in the roof and, inside, a gaping hole in the plaster ceiling where some person with more imbecility than intelligence, has lowered themselves in to see what they can find and, of course, how much mess they can make in trying to find it. Fortunately we don't keep money in the clubhouse; we have no bar, no alcohol or cigarettes, only a jar or two of coffee, some charcoal for our BBQ, and some tubes of second hand tennis balls. Not exactly a haul worth risking a few weeks in a young offender's institution, I'd have thought. Last time, they went off empty handed with the exception of a small trophy, which was later found ceremoniously dumped. What absurdity.

I say 'young' because, as often happens, people pull together in situations like this and ask questions, put out 'feelers', and with the help of Bedfordshire Police, a certain young individual, whom we'd love to name but can't, will probably by now have had a visit from the uniformed branch, to be given some advice on how normal people behave, how not to throw his life prospects away so soon, and to decide the next steps. I guess the lesson we learn from this is the need to be constantly vigilant around our homes, possessions and organisations. We'd like

to ask for everyone's help in this, let's all keep an eye out for one another, whether it be our houses, cars or tennis clubs. If you see anything suspicious, question it, or report it. We should always keep ourselves away from potential threat, but vigilance costs nothing and can be the best deterrent. Burglars don't like to be seen breaking the law, they might get caught. And there's usually a prize waiting for them, involving a nice room for 23 hours a day.

Finally, a big thank you to those members who have given up their Sundays to repair the roof, cut down the shrubs and build a new fence at the back of the clubhouse. David Provan and John Jones in particular

have been magnificent. Other deterrents are currently being considered for early installation.

Apologies for the more serious than usual tone of this article, but hopefully we can be back to normal in the Autumn. In the meantime, 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 Stuart Adolph on 07773 816320, Coach Sara Leavy on 07561 571578, or if they're all out and I'm not playing Andy Murray on Centre Court, then me, Andy Cross, on 07783 667338.



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<b>Week 2</b>	Mon 5th Aug	Tues 6th Aug	Weds 7th Aug	Thurs 8th Aug	Fri 9th Aug
<b>Week 3</b>	Mon 12th Aug	Tues 13th Aug	Weds 14th Aug	Thurs 15th Aug	Fri 16th Aug
<b>Week 4</b>	Mon 19th Aug	Tues 20th Aug	Weds 21st Aug	Thurs 22nd Aug	Fri 23rd Aug

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# Eaton Bray Parish Council

## Highlights from the Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 3rd June Central Beds Council (Cbc)

- **Gypsy & Traveller Local Plan:** The plan and supporting documents are available on CBC website. Comments can be submitted and instructions on how to give feedback are available on the website.
- **Holidays during school term time:** CBC wished to reiterate that parents do not have a legal right to take their children out of school to go on holiday. Schools do have the discretion to authorise absence for a family holiday providing there are special circumstances and the request is made in advance by the parent with whom the child normally lives. Visit CBC's website for more information on the law and FAQs.
- **Spot it! Stop it!** If you think it might be a scam – report it. Residents who have received a call, 'phishing' email, letter or visit and think it might be a scam are being urged to report it to Trading Standards via Citizens Advice on 08454 040506. If you have recently fallen victim to a scam call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040. Residents can sign up for Scam Alerts, please visit the CBC website and go onto the Scam Alert pages for more details.
- **Illegal Raves:** Bedfordshire Police want residents to help them prevent illegal raves by calling the non-emergency number 101 or texting 07786 200011.

## Bedfordshire Police

There have been 7 reported crimes for May: 1x violence against a person, 1x sexual offence, 1x domestic burglary, 1x vehicle crime, 1x theft, 2x criminal damage. In addition there have been 18 reported incidents of anti-social behavior (ASB): 1x

transport, 6x anti-social, 11x public safety/welfare. It was noted that 4 out of the 6 ASB's during May are in relation to issues at the car park area in School Lane. On 4 different dates during May residents have reported a number of vehicles parked at the location playing loud music. Officers have attended the area on each occasion but have found the car park empty. *The local policing team is paying close attention to this area during the summer months.*

## Parish Byelaws

The notice of the council's intention to apply for confirmation of the Byelaws was advertised in the local paper (Leighton Buzzard Observer) and has completed the one month's notice of publication. The signed/sealed copy of the Byelaws is now being forwarded to the Department for Communities and Local Government for final consent.

## Speed Reduction Stickers – School Lane Residents

To create more awareness of the new 20MPH limit in School Lane, the Parish Council is offering to School Lane residents the option of having a 20MPH sticker that can be adhered to their council bins. If you (School Lane resident) would like one of these stickers, please contact the Clerk (by 23 August 2013) stating your interest.

## Litter Bin

The council have agreed to the removal of the old bin at the bus stop in Moor End and to a replacement bin.

## Highlights from the Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 1st July Central Beds Council (CBC)

- **Illegal Raves:** Bedfordshire Police wished to remind all residents to help them prevent illegal raves by calling the non-emergency number 101 or texting 07786 200011.

- **Moor End:** Cllr. Mustoe has been speaking with CBC Highways regarding the poor state of this road and requesting the pot holes be repaired.

**Bedfordshire Police**

There have been 4 recorded crimes for June: 3x violence against a person, 1x domestic burglary. In addition there have been 14 reported incidents of anti-social behavior (ASB): 1x transport, 4x anti-social, 9x public safety/welfare. A domestic burglary occurred on Wednesday 19 June during the afternoon. Three offenders set off a house alarm at a property in Wallace Drive at approx. 2:40pm. A witness heard the alarm and saw one male open a window to the location and enter the property, while two other males stayed with the vehicle. The witness then shouted out and confronted the males and was slapped (causing no injury). All three offenders then made off in a black Mercedes AMG displaying stolen plate KM62 0PF. No items were stolen from the location. Enquiries are still ongoing; one arrest has been made but released with no further action. The Police do now have a named offender who is currently wanted on the Police nation computer for this burglary.

**Parish Byelaws**

The two signed/sealed copies of the Byelaws are with the Department for Communities and Local Government for final consent.

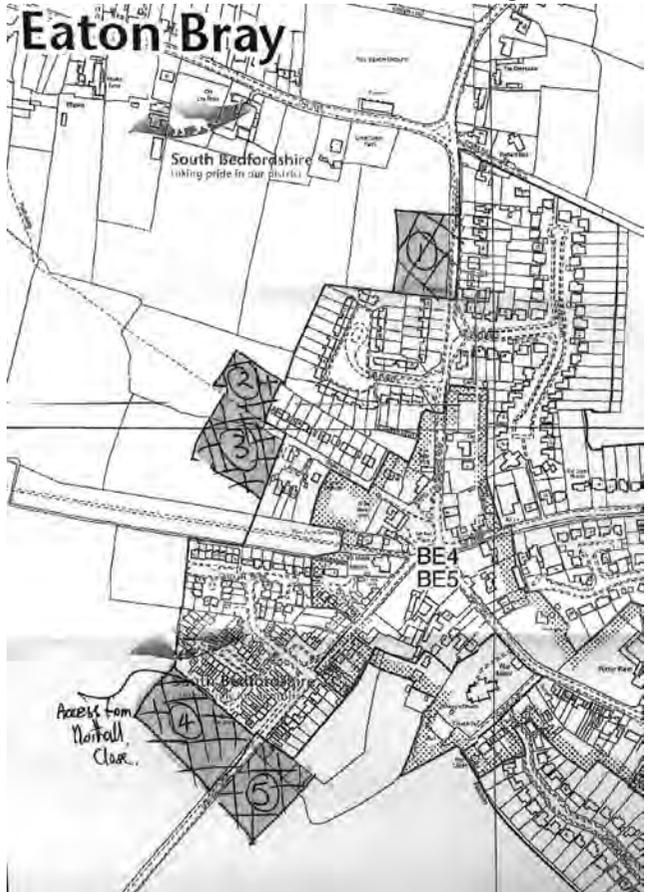
**Affordable Housing**

Suggestions for land for

development of affordable housing were put forward by the Grand Union Housing Group. A copy of these proposals is shown (larger copy available on the Parish Council website). The council would like to gauge residents opinions on these sites, however it is important to note that the Parish Council is not endorsing these locations they are just recommended sites put forwarded by Grand Union and no decision as yet has been made. Please email/write to the Parish Clerk with your comments by end October 2013.

**Public Footpath**

CBC have received a complaint from the farmer of the field at the end of Church Lane that residents are walking all around



his field rather than only walking along the public footpath which goes through the kissing gate and left. The Parish Council ask that residents be aware of this matter and take care when walking in this area.

### **Future Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting Dates**

Monday 2nd September 2013, 7:30pm at The Coffee Tavern (1st floor)

Monday 7th October 2013, 7:30pm at The Coffee Tavern (1st floor)

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

*For full detailed copy of the minutes for Eaton Bray Parish Council please visit the Parish Council website.*

*A hard copy of minutes can also be viewed on the Parish Council's notice board at The Coffee Tavern.*

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## **Edlesborough Parish Council News**

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#### **Parish Council meeting – dates and venues**

19th September 7.30pm at Northall Village Hall

17th October 7.30pm at Edlesborough Memorial Hall

21st November 7.30pm at Edlesborough Memorial Hall

19th December 7.30pm at Edlesborough Memorial Hall

#### **Sports Clubs/Pavilion**

A Public Meeting has been held regarding the future of the Pavilion and a Steering Group has been formed comprising parishioners and representatives of the Parish Council. A stall was held at the Carnival and a meeting of the Steering Group is being arranged to discuss the way forward.

#### **Allotments**

Allotment tenants are reminded that if they are not actually working their allotments these must be kept strimmed and tidy to prevent a nuisance to neighbouring tenants and if the allotment is not being cultivated as per the rules and regulations of the tenancy agreement the Parish Council will take it back. Several allotments currently require attention. If a tenant wishes to give up their allotment

they must inform the Manager/Assistant Clerk, Penny Pataky in order that it may be made available for re-letting.

#### **Bus Shelter**

Due to illness the repairs to the Bus Shelter in High Street, Edlesborough are temporarily put on hold.

#### **The ‘Anne Thompson Cup of Excellence’ for 2013**

was presented to Cub Scout, Matthew Thurgood 10 years of age, a very worthy recipient who is a wonderful example to other cub scouts of how to follow the Cub Scout Law “Cub Scouts always do their best, think of others before themselves and do a good turn every day”. Matthew has represented the pack at district events, has gained many Cub Scout badges and is particularly good at helping the younger cubs and a member of the pack who has special needs.

Further details and a photograph are on page 46

#### **Best Kept Village Competition**

Judging has taken place and the results will be known in September. The Parish Council were somewhat dismayed to find that the Sign outside the Memorial Hall had been uplifted and ‘dumped’ at the top of the High Street, this has now been reinstated outside the Memorial Hall.

### **Edlesborough Memorial Hall**

New chairs have been installed in the Memorial Hall and the Parish Council are extremely grateful for donations towards the cost from The Burghope Charity Trust and Edlesborough W.I.

### **Speed Limit in Leighton Road, Edlesborough**

The Council are in the process of endeavouring to get the speed limit reduced from 60mph on the stretch of road between the 40mph limit towards The Travellers Rest and down to the 30mph limit as you approach Edlesborough.

### **Extension of Play Area on The Green**

Council is obtaining quotations for the installation of the new play equipment kindly donated by Edlesborough School and the cost of surface covering.

### **Thames Valley Police**

The most recent report indicates that crime waves throughout the villages has dropped.

The Parish Council minutes are available on the website once they have been signed at the following meeting.

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

e-mail: [parish.council.clerk@edlesborough.gov.uk](mailto:parish.council.clerk@edlesborough.gov.uk)

Penny Pataky – Manager/Assistant Clerk – contact number 01525 229358

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### **Edlesborough Memorial Hall Booking**

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# The Wednesday Club

Northall and District Age Concern Wednesday Club has vacancies for new members at our friendly weekly luncheon club. Please phone 07854 230 243 on WEDNESDAYs or Anna on 221996 or Julie on 220153 at other times.

The poem below was written by a very happy member.

If you're sad and all alone,  
The TV for company within your own home,  
You can find good company easy as can be,  
By joining the Wednesday Club here with me.

Forget that cooking you must do for one,  
There's a change of menu each week, and then some.  
Tea, coffee and biscuits too,  
To enjoy with new friends, in fact, quite a few.

They pick you up by their very own bus,  
Right from your doorstep without any fuss.  
There are games you can play to further enjoy  
And prizes to win to add to your joy.

So come and join the Wednesday Club.  
It's only at Northall right near to the Pub!  
It starts at ten and goes on till three,  
These are the hours most convenient for you and to me!

*Poem by Norman Davies, 10.07.13, aged 88, Member of the Wednesday Club*

## Eaton Bray Methodist Church

Our " Lunch in the Garden " in June, was most successful and a cheque for £500 has been sent to a local Christian Charity called " LAMP " that is helping local vulnerable people of 16 to 25 years of age. Many thanks to Jane and James McFarland for allowing us to use their lovely home and garden, to all the helpers and to everyone that came along and gave their support.

Cafe Worship will continue on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10-30 am.

August 11th. Led by Rev. Jenny Spouge.

September 8th. Led by Mr. Robert Harris

October 13th. Led by Richard. Armiger.

Cafe Community will return on Saturday October 12th. from 11-00.am until 1-00.

pm ,when we invite you to relax, chat with friends, enjoy a toasted sandwich or jacket potato or just pop in for a cup of filtered coffee or cup tea and biscuits.

The Harvest Service will take place on Sunday September 22nd at 10-30 am and be led by our Minister Rev. Nigel Wright.

This will be a Family Service when we invite you to join us, and if possible bring along any gifts for Harvest, especially tinned and dried food items that would be suitable for our local Food Bank.

Once again the gentlemen at our Chapel have kindly agreed to cook our Harvest Lunch following coffee after the Service. Tickets for the Lunch will be available from Graham Carter on 01525 220742.



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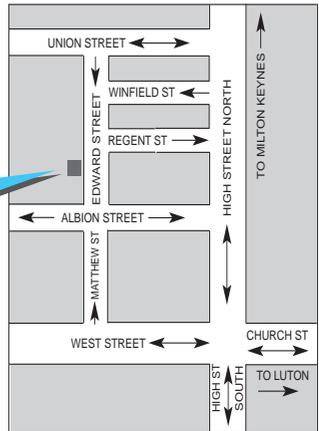
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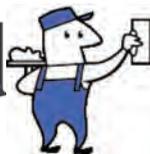


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I am very grateful to these businesses and individuals for agreeing to help us with this appeal. I will be collecting in the boxes and envelopes on Saturday 17th August. Thank you for your support. If you would like further information then please do contact me:

E: [jenny.dibsdall@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:jenny.dibsdall@salvationarmy.org.uk)  
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## EDaN Beautification Team

### Need to De-clutter?

Following the very generous donations of no longer needed items last time we requested goods to put on ebay, i.e. furniture, toys, household/garden items – in fact most things of saleable condition - we would like to do a repeat run of this particular form of fund-raising. We will come to photograph the item, put on ebay and the seller will collect from you. If preferred, we will attend at the time of collection.

We would like with the funds raised to try to offset the printing costs of a pictorial journal, covering a hundred years of many

aspects of change in the three EDaN villages. We have accumulated a great many pictures from various sources and are sure the book will be of great interest to all ages in our community.

Have you any contributions in the way of old local photographs with newsworthy stories that you would like us to include on behalf of your family?

For either of the above, please contact Patricia Harrison – 01525 220248, or Christine Yates – 01525 220739 or email [chris@brooklyns.org.uk](mailto:chris@brooklyns.org.uk)

# Confessions of a Local Postman

## Taken from Landscapes & Lives by Shaun Haydon

For many people, the opportunity for a friendly word with the local postman is a cheery start to the day. Some older village residents were kind enough to extend this chat further, and pass on some recollections of days gone by to give another flavour of village life.

“Before he abdicated in 1936, King Edward VIII was known to hunt in the area, and was seen hunting on at least one occasion on The Meads.”

“30-odd people, some from Slapton and surrounding villages rode bikes to and from the nurseries. There used to be a gate that came out in School Lane. A hooter used to go off at 12 o’clock, 1 o’clock, and 5 o’clock; at these times, it was like a sea of bikes and people. The nursery trade practically kept Stanbridgeford station open.”

“Fred Dickens, the village constable, apprehended one particular wrong-doer, then stopped George Cook the farmer on his tractor to get him to put this person on his trailer. George transported him to the police house, from where they rang Linslade station to come and take him in.”

“Jacko (Jack Cook) the roadman used to take his cart around the village and empty the drains with something like a big ladle with a long handle - they were never blocked. Jack only did the village and, by the time he got all the way round to do all the drains, it would have taken a fortnight, and then he would start again.”

“A man with a horse and cart always stopped at the Chequers for a drink. While he was in the pub, some 15/16-year-old lads would unhitch the horse and put that on one side of the fence, the cart on the other side, then hitch them back up. They would then hide and wait for the man to

come out after a few drinks and try to drive off.”

“Before the war, they were putting a water pipe line in Edlesborough High St. and one of the Irish workers was shouting about sorting out the village policeman. The policeman got wind of this, so came along and hit him with his truncheon, then left him there. When he was biking past the next morning, he said ‘you’re not quite so bright this morning!’”

“Sid Hazard wore half-leg trousers on braces and lived in cottages by the Baptist Chapel in Edlesborough. He used to go round with a tray round his neck selling bloaters, calling out ‘Bloaters, lovely Bloaters’.”

“One chap was always known for having a clay pipe in his mouth and working on his allotment at Bower Lane. He was courting a lady who lived down Summerleys, and they were both in their 80s. She moved to Dunstable, so he used to travel by bus to see her. The return fare used to be 9d, then they put it up to 10d return. He wouldn’t pay that and said ‘I’m not paying 10d return, I only pay 6d each way’.”

“Playing cricket in Slapton, they used to have to clear cows out of the meadow, and cut out a pitch to play. If anyone took a big swing, they would run like mad to get the ball and then stand pondering. Some would throw it straight back mixed with cow dung.”

“Italian prisoners of war used to clear the brooks. They also made baskets from the willow bushes to sell.”

“Just before the wash brook on the road towards Totternhoe, there used to be hen houses owned by Mark Bates. During the war, land girls were employed there. One villager is known to have met her husband

through that connection.”

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“Mr Grant of Slicketts Lane had a gas-run car. It had an inflatable mattress-like tent at the back, the only one known in the village.”

“Mrs Tearle lived down Summerleys and used to cook faggots in her parlour to sell them for ½ d. Her son Aubrey used to be the cricket umpire.”

“Tommy Proctor smoked a clay pipe and used to keep hay in his shoes to keep his feet warm.”

“Kate George had a shop called Herbal & Sweets at the end of Booth Place, on the left hand side as you go up. You could buy Brimstone for 1d to make your Brimstone and Treacle for upset stomachs.”

“Soft drinks, cigarettes and newspapers were sold at the Coffee Tavern – the

“green ‘un’ sports newspaper used to be available each Saturday night.”

“There used to be three milkmen in the village, Gurneys of High St, Scott of Park Lane, and Holmes of Green Lane.”

“During the war, school was half days because the evacuees used to do either mornings or afternoons and the village children alternated with them.”

“Soldiers were billeted to where Knights Close is now. Search lights were stationed along The Baulk.”

“Once a year, there was a fair in Knights Close meadow. The circus used to come to the field at the bottom of Church Lane.”

“There was a large shed at The Chequers pub where they used to keep the bus, the last bus returning there at night, and leaving from there first thing in the morning. It is recalled that Harry Holman may have been a driver, and Fred Holland a conductor.”

## Edlesborough W.I.

When we last met we listened to a really interesting report from our representative at the recent A.G.M. of National W.I., held in Cardiff. It had obviously been a very impressive occasion, especially to hear "Jerusalem" sung by such a large number of ladies. This is always a moving experience for those attending.

Our speaker was Malcolm Singer, a baritone concert singer. (What an appropriate surname!). He has lived in Luton since 1943, when he was three years old. His interest in music began at eight years of age when he joined a church choir. A few years later he became a member of a group which performed plays and music. Singing lessons followed, and he even went to the Austrian Tyrol for a two weeks' course in yodelling. After this, Malcolm became a full-time student at the Royal Academy of

Music, and twice a week he studied opera. He has sung in a few operas, worked with a touring company and sung in concerts, some of which have been broadcast. He is, however, known mainly as a concert singer.

Malcolm amused us by recounting some of the 'disasters' which have occurred during his singing career. This has involved performers not turning up, a long power cut during a vital rehearsal and an unexpected telephone call, asking him to appear on stage in a couple of hours, when miles from the venue. Also, mishaps can occur during the performance, when those on stage have to 'carry on regardless'.

It is obvious how much Malcolm loves his work. He described it as singing lovely music in beautiful buildings. What a fantastic life he has.

✍Val Harris

# Doctors Descend on Village Carnival

After a slow start to the summer a gorgeous, cloudless sky brought record numbers to the St. Mary's Village Carnival. The theme of the Carnival was Science Fiction and floats and village houses were decorated with Doctor Who, Star Trek, Star Wars, Toy Story and a whole range of robots and monsters; some not in fancy dress! Winners of procession floats in different categories were Edlesborough School, Totternhoe School and 1st Eaton Bray and Edlesborough Scouts – Aliens in Underpants and Dr Who proved to be popular themes. Winners of best dressed houses were 130 High Street, Eaton Bray, and 23 The Green, Edlesborough. Eaton Bray, in particular, was ablaze with colour – most houses had put up the bunting for which many thanks. Winner of the weekend for two in Rome went to Mrs Smith from Northall – yes, those generous people from Northall who have been bereft of prizes for a few years, were at last rewarded with a number of prizes including the big one! (Thank you for your kind welcome and generosity once again.)

Starting at 6.30am on Saturday morning a small army of unseen volunteers begin to descend on Edlesborough Green to transform the quiet playing field into one of the biggest independent village Carnivals in the country. By midday, tents and marquees had been raised, stalls were in place, breakfasts had been served and people gathered for the arrival of the Carnival procession. At the end of the day many of the same volunteers packed the equipment back onto lorries and vans, litter was removed and the Green returned to its original state.

The Carnival procession was led by “Revelation” and “Shooting Stars”

majorette troupes, to a stunning soundtrack of well-known science fiction themes and surrounded by local scouts collecting buckets of coins from onlookers and by many others who followed on foot dressed as characters from science fiction classics; the presence of Darth Veda and an accompanying Storm Trooper received particular cheers.

The crowds began to gather just after midday, well before the Carnival procession arrived, to get an early look at over 120 stalls present this year and a selection of fairground rides that grows year on year. The “Meteor” or rotating “Wall of Death” became a particular landmark throughout the day as it rose and fell with the accompanying screams of joy riders. The Carnival atmosphere promotes a great family day out and arena entertainment with shows from Magic Dave, the award winning children's entertainer, and Voodoo “extreme” Unicycles thrilled the crowds. The presence throughout the afternoon of the locally well-known community police officers each year adds to the secure family atmosphere at the Carnival and in 2013, of course, Doctor Who was on hand to offer them a police box should there have been any problems with contacting headquarters!

Those thousands of people who attended the Carnival will have seen what appeared to be a well-oiled machine running very smoothly; this year's organisation was perhaps better than ever despite the major change to the site layout. This doesn't happen by chance but through the skills of a wonderful Carnival Committee who work incredibly hard to ensure everyone has a wonderful day out. I want to thank them all, plus all the St Mary's stall holders,

the helpers on logistics, road closures, procession marshalling, car parkers etc. We are always looking for people who can bring new ideas to the Committee so if you feel you have something to offer to a strong team then please get in touch with Gordon Gray on 220136. Our thanks also to all those local businesses who support Carnival so generously. Please support them with equal generosity. And if you would like to use Carnival to help promote your business then, again, get in touch with Gordon.

This year's Carnival is expected to have raised ~£13,000 bringing the total for St. Mary's Village Carnival over the past 20 years to more than £200,000; all donated to local good causes. The three primary charities for 2013 are; The Pepper Foundation, Farm Crisis Network and St. Mary's fabric fund but a quarter of the money raised by the Carnival Committee will be distributed among local organisations and good. If you are part of a local charitable organisation or good cause that might be eligible for a donation please visit the Carnival website at [www.stmarysvillageCarnival.com/](http://www.stmarysvillageCarnival.com/) contact.

Carnival 2014 will, as usual, be on the

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	6.00 pm	Eucharist
Sun. 18th Aug.	10.30 am	Family Communion
	6.00 pm	Evening Service
Sun. 25th Aug.	10.30 am	Family Service
	6.00 pm	Eucharist



Sunday School meets each Sunday at 10.30 am except when there is a Family Service. For services in September please see the notice board by the Church door.

# Dagnall News

## Over 60's

The Over Sixties enjoyed a lovely day at Wrest Park. Those who were able to walk had a guided tour round the grounds for over an hour and a half. The less able bodied were driven round in a buggy with the driver acting as guide.

Our August meeting is at the village hall with tea and a speaker from the Ark Wild Life centre

In September we visit Kensworth for a fish and chip lunch. Some members will have lunch at the Red Lion instead, as Kensworth had a number limit.

In October we have our Sausage and Mash lunch with a visit from The Entertainers.

## Community Choir

### RED FACES AT COMMUNITY CHOIR

Stuart Harding, our conductor, musical director and entertainer-in-chief is constantly striving to help us improve. As well as correct buttock tension etc., he coaches us in all aspects of singing including, amongst other things, the importance of correct breathing.

At one of our Monday evening practices recently he was going on about filling our lungs with plenty of air so that we could sing from our diaphragms. He made us all breath in deeply and hold it. He then said, "I am not going to start until I see all your faces turn red". This struck us as amusing and the consequent outburst of laughter defeated that whole object of the exercise. The results of all of our efforts can be heard at our major Autumn Concert which will be at Eaton Bray Village Hall on October 26th. We will be featuring some new songs at present being practised with appearances by guest artists etc..

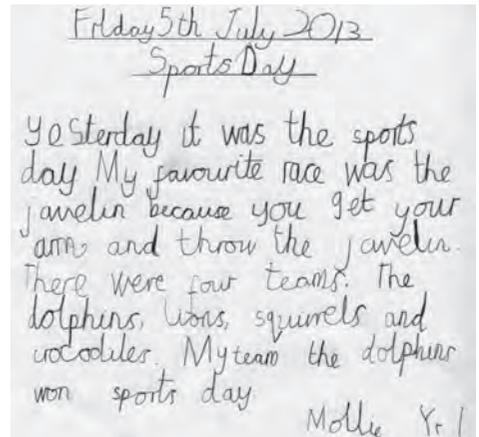
Tickets will be £8 each to include a glass of wine or soft drink at half time and can be booked by contacting any Choir

member or Val Lumley on 01442 842214 or Geoff Ward on 01442 843515.

Finally - we occasionally need the help of a pianist when our regular accompanist is unavailable for Monday evening practice sessions. If you would like to be involved with your Community Choir on this very occasional basis and are able to help with this, please contact Val Lumley on above number. We look forward to meeting you.

## Dagnall School

Friday July 5th was Sports day at Dagnall School.



## The Red Lion, Dagnall

Now that the summer is finally here - come and sit in the pub garden and enjoy the views of Whipnade zoo and Dunstable gliders whilst having a cooling

beer or glass of Pimms! We have recently added some swing seats to the garden area as well as new tables and chairs. During the month of August we will be having barbeques every Sunday from 12 noon until 4pm with steaks, lamb, burgers and sausages with side salads and bread.

Our next food themed evening will be

in September with details advertised around the pub or on our website [www.redliondagnall.co.uk](http://www.redliondagnall.co.uk). and we have a facebook group which you can join with regular updates. We are also open for food on Thursday and Friday lunchtimes 12 - 2.30 and Saturday and Sunday until 4pm.

## Edlesborough Book Group

### Mrs Palfrey at the Claremont by Elizabeth Taylor

2012 was the centenary of the birth of Elizabeth Taylor, an author, who for most of her married life, lived in Penn, Buckinghamshire. As she had received a lot of press and radio coverage and was unfamiliar to most of us, a group member suggested that we should read Mrs Palfrey at the Claremont. It was written in 1971 and is set in West London in the 1960's. It describes very accurately a world already fast disappearing; one of faded gentility, struggling to keep up appearances.

The book begins with Mrs Palfrey arriving by taxi to live at the Claremont Hotel. A rather shabby, once rather grand establishment in South Kensington. Newly widowed and with a daughter living far away in Scotland, she has realised that she can no longer live independently. London, she feels, is full of life and activities and will keep her busy. What she has failed to take into consideration, is the speed and harshness of London life and her own increasing frailty. The Claremont hotel with its rigid routine and scant regard for the comfort of its residents, soon becomes rather stifling. There are four other residents, three elderly widows and one man, Mr Osmond, who is regarded with some distaste. At first Mrs Palfrey tries to seek approval in order to fit in, buying knitting needles and wool and joining with the apres dinner TV lounge activity. It becomes obvious to the reader however,

that she is of a different class and will always be an observer of, rather than a member of the group.

One day, returning from an errand to the Public Library, she falls badly and is rescued by Ludo, a young bohemian failed actor, who is now struggling to become a writer. In gratitude for his kindness, Mrs Palfrey invites him to dinner, whereupon he is mistaken for Desmond, her grandson. She has spoken of Desmond often, but as yet he has never visited his grandmother. Mrs Palfrey persuades Ludo to carry on with this harmless charade and is secretly thrilled by the deception and the unfamiliar intrigue in her life. Initially, Ludo thinks of her and the residents of the hotel as source material for a novel, but gradually their relationship changes and their story evolves into a gentle and loving friendship.

This is a beautifully written and sharply observed novel, mainly an essay on age and the isolation and anonymity it brings. Something which everyone will have to face and will deal with differently, but nonetheless frightening. This book is a sad one and is not easy to read if one is old. The excellence of the writing and observations of character, together with the descriptions of Kensington make it a rewarding experience. We intend to read more of Elizabeth Taylor's work.



# Symphonic First for St Mary's

For the first time in its almost 800 year history, St Mary's Church, Eaton Bray, played host to a full symphony orchestra. The performance, given by the Luton Symphony Orchestra, took place on 22nd June as part of the 60th season of annual subscription concerts.

Under the direction of conductors Uwe Radok and Dafydd Billinghurst the capacity audience enjoyed a varied programme of music.

The Rossini overture *Il Signor Bruschino*, played by the full orchestra, was a sparkling and dramatic opening to the concert which was followed by the equally lively *Petite Symphonie for Winds* by Charles Gounod. The intricate interplay between the different instruments of the wind section, assisted by the horns, was much appreciated by the audience.

The string section introduced music of a more serious and sombre tone. Their rendering of Purcell's great G minor *Chacony* was full of vigour and rhythmic contrasts while the wonderful *Adagio for*

*Strings* by Samuel Barber produced a more reflective, but intense, sound from the players. To complete the first half, the whole orchestra joined together again to play a suite of movements taken from Bizet's opera *Carmen*. Dramatic, lyrical and joyous by turn, this gave all sections of the orchestra an opportunity to shine and sent the audience into the interval in a positive mood.

The second half of the concert contained only one piece, *Symphony no.5* by Franz Schubert. A piece full of memorable tunes and sudden changes with an especially beautiful slow movement, it provided an uplifting conclusion to a concert that was enjoyed by performers and audience alike. It would be nice to think that it will not be too long before the Luton Symphony Orchestra returns, perhaps as part of next season's concerts.

✍️Dafydd Billinghurst who is taking over as conductor of Luton Symphony Orchestra from Uwe Radok

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# Letter to the Editors



*Walking back from the Eaton Bray Tennis clubhouse on Saturday morning with a fellow Tennis Club member I remarked on the tranquillity of the surroundings. Not yet the middle of the morning but the Skate Park was full of energetic youngsters performing dare-devil acts on various forms of conveyances, a temporary football pitch was being constructed possibly for training or for a local competition, dog walkers & dogs were out in abundance & the 3 tennis courts were full of enthusiastic youngsters no doubt encouraged by the Wimbledon achievements of Laura Robson & Andy Murray.*

*The only cloud on the horizon, the blot on the landscape, was the reason that we had been called to visit the Club. For the second time in 6 weeks the clubhouse had been damaged by a person or persons with an attitude of a rather different nature to that of the numerous tennis players, skate boarders & footballers. Someone with no other purpose in life but to attempt to destroy what others have given years to build up. Their pathetic actions will not be successful & my advice to them is to beware, you are on the foothills of life's scrap-heap & if you do not deviate from the current direction & you reach the summit then it is a long, slow descent the other side culminating in a life of possible unfulfilled promise & full of envy & bitterness.*

*Peter Hale, Treasurer, EBLTC, 2nd July 2013*

## National Sport Week at Edlesborough School

Children at Edlesborough School took part in many different activities during the week beginning 24th June for National School Sports Week. The week started with our KS1 children experiencing long distance running where they had the chance to run around our large school field. Mrs Freed the KS1 team leader quoted that the children thoroughly enjoyed this experience and were keen to do as many laps as they could to build a handsome total which was added to their house teams. Also throughout the week, KS1 children took part in Wake & Shake exercises every day to get them warmed up and ready for the day.

The following day on Tuesday it was KS2 children's turn to experience the long distance running and this was done on a slightly larger scale compared to the

KS1 classes. The children walked across to Edlesborough village green to run as many laps as they could in half an hour. There was some impressive running on show, with many children clocking 4 to 5 miles in a short period of time.

Then on Wednesday each class had a chance to show their dance moves in a Zumba exercise class.

Thursday was the whole school sports day. The children had the chance to take part in team games and traditional sports day games like hurdles, egg and spoon race, sprints and relay races. The week ended with a Karate class run by Mrs Kent our Year 5/6 team leader.

✍ Mrs Slatter

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# Edlesbray Leisure Fellowship (ELF)

Hello Everyone.

Two months have passed since our June update and as this is being written there has been glorious weather. We are all hoping that this will remain and can look forward to wearing some cooler clothes.

Our lunch out on May 23rd at The Farmers Boy in Kensworth was very good and in spite of the weather not being perfect, the new venue for the ELF was very good and the food was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Val for arranging this.

The ELF group who visited Stowe Gardens on June 13th enjoyed the visit in spite of inclement weather. The group arrived at Stowe Gardens for morning coffee and cake in the new café. The National Trust has spent a large amount of money on the Gardens and there is a very good shop and facilities. After a long walk around the gardens, we met again to have lunch in the café. A tour was arranged for the group to look around the House. It was interesting to see the students at their studies, as it is a working school. Thanks to Ann for arranging this interesting outing.

June 27th saw an ELF group visit Duxford. Thanks to Mel for arranging this outing. The group had a very good day

and used the local transport to take them around the large site. There did not seem to be enough time to see all the available items. A very worthwhile outing with so many things to see.

Brian led the walk on Monday 24th June. The group walked from Bridens Camp to Gaddesden Row and returned to the Crown and Sceptre Public House for refreshments. The walk was around 5 miles. The weather was fair.

When this article is read in August, we will have had our usual meeting in the Coffee Tavern at 10.30 for a chat, update etc. and refreshments. All are welcome.

Our previous newsletter showed Dec 16th as the date for our Christmas Lunch. This is wrong and the date is THURSDAY DECEMBER 12th. Details to come.

We look forward to the Cream Tea at Alan and Val's garden on Tuesday August 13th. We hope for good weather.

## AUGUST DATES

TUESDAY 13th CREAM TEA

MONDAY 26TH WALK FROM EATON BRAY CHURCH 10.00 AM

(the date may alter as this is a Bank Holiday)

## Dagnall Fun Day

A good time was had by all, big and small, despite the initial high winds and rain. The races were a huge success and no one is likely to forget the lovely music sung by Dagnall and Cottesloe choirs - nor the live entertainment in the evening by Tail-Gator.

The bake-off was a great success with fierce competition, especially in the men's

category!

In all, we raised £2,400 which will be divided equally between Dagnall School, Dagnall under Fives, the Village Hall and Dagnall Church .

Thank you to those who come on the day and helped, to the local businesses who supported us, and to the numerous little hands and donations on the day!





# Salvation Sound



Bits and Pieces. Information. Knowledge. Something for everyday. "And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the work of thine hands. Hebrews 1: 10. Money will buy a bed, but not sleep; books, but not brains; food, but not appetite; finery, but not beauty; a house, but not a home; medicine, but not health; luxuries, but not culture; amusements, but not happiness.

Which reminds us that there are still things in life which are free! A "fishy" story. An angler hooked a large pike - and threw it back. He then caught a beautiful trout - and threw that back too. Next he landed a tiny perch, grunted with satisfaction and took it home, Why did he keep the little one? Answer: because he only had a small frying pan! groan, groan!

A child was misbehaving and after a while the mother said, "Behave, how do you expect to get into heaven if you act like that?" The child thought for a moment and then replied. "I shall just run in and out and keep slamming the door until they say, "For goodness sake, either come in or stay out. And then I'll go in!"

Weather wisdom - "If St. Bartholomews (August 24th) be clear, a prosperous Autumn comes that year. Fair on September first, fair for the month. September blows soft, - Till the fruit's in the loft.

Under the summer sun, the crops in the fields change to a deeper, golden-brown as they ripen and it is harvest-time again. We will soon be celebrating in our churches, chapels and the Salvation Army Hall. Both the Jewish and Christian faiths overflow with harvests. The book of Deuteronomy commands the Israelites to celebrate. They were to bring samples of their best corn, fruit and stock to the altar and to thank God for their fields and pastures. This "harvest home"

was called the "Feast of the Tabernacles". These ancient people, unlike us, had three harvests each year, but this was the greatest, and most important.

The origin of the word harvest is obscure. We come closest to it when we say, that we crop what was rooted.

Some people today do not realise the relevance of Harvest. The nearest they come to it is to buy an organic loaf of bread. Yet they go to County shows and revere the tools of the old ways of working the land; the vehicles, tythe barns, implements, collectibles. We go to the supermarkets and purchase fruit and vegetables, whatever the season of the year, but do we ever think of the calloused hands and aching backs, anxious faces and sighs, that go into the production of these "goodies"? We are happy to sing "We plough the fields and scatter...." but when did we?

May we never take for granted the abundance of the earths riches, and those who labour throughout the seasons to provide these for us. Now here is a recipe for a "pudden" you might like to try.

"You do peel sum pares and cut them up in 4 peaces to each pare, then put sum peaces of bred and butter in the bottom of a deep dish, and lay the pares on top. Then more bred and butter, throwing on sum sugger and a pinch of cynamon. Then you do take 4 egges and beat them hard for a bit, then put them in a measure of milke and beat up till frothie. Now pour over the pudden in the dish and cook it gentle for a hower by the clocke."

A recipe from 1796.

So celebrate and be thankful for the seasons of the year; the blessings and joys of harvest time and when the time comes that we are gathered to the heavenly harvest may the fruits of our lives be pleasing to God the Father.

# St Mary's Ladies Guild

Deirdrea welcomed members and handed out birthday cards for Jenny, Marjorie, Joan Calder and Chris Rogers. A lively 'happy birthday' was sung by members.

A thank you card for the plant, cards and telephone calls had been received from Joan Fossey who is recovering at home from a heart attack; and Deirdrea read out the contents of a letter received from the RNLI thanking the Guild for their generous and very welcome donation of £500 and a letter of thanks from John Cornwall of Amnesty International the speaker at the June meeting for the very warm welcome he had received.

Notices followed:

The Outreach Projects for the year, starting this month are Air Ambulance and Water Aid.

The next meeting on 14th August will be attended by a representative from the Food Bank and members were asked to please bring items of non perishable food for this worthy cause if possible.

The annual outing on 13th August to Stratford – the coach will be leaving at 9.30am from outside the Church.

The following outings were suggested and final arrangements and numbers to be confirmed at the next meeting:

Afternoon tea at Worlds End September 18th cost £8.41

A trip to Bicester Avenue on 7th November

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The Christmas meal on 27th November. Devotions were led by Marjorie.

Amanda Shipman was introduced who gave a very interesting talk and video presentation on Japanese Garden Design. To create a suitable ambience a short recording of Japanese Folk Music was played. Amanda then went on to explain the many pictures of various gardens she had visited and the Japanese culture. These included strolling gardens, meditation gardens and water gardens, the beautifully shaped cherry blossom trees were evident in abundance together with pine trees and azalea bushes the scenery throughout was exquisite.

Chris Holloway gave the vote of thanks.

Social time followed where the committee had provided a very enjoyable tea. The raffle was drawn with many prizes of pot plants.

This is an enjoyable and friendly afternoon and visitors are very welcome.



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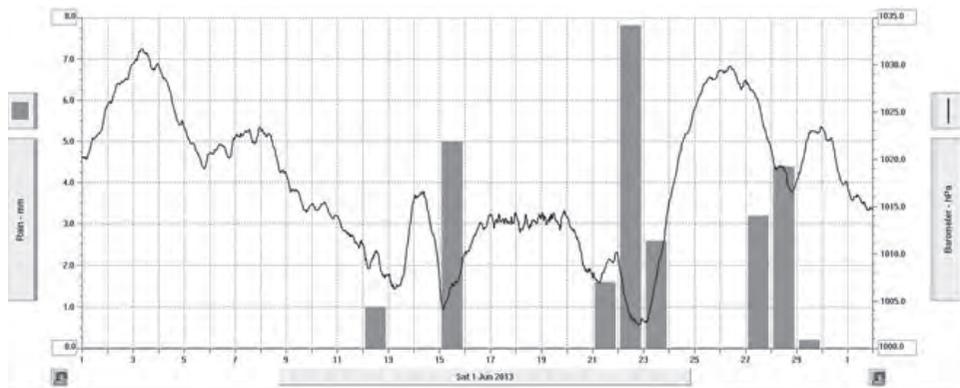


June was a very dry month with only 25.8mm of rain that was only 35% of the 5 year June average. Compared this with June 2012 which was a wash out with 154mm. The temperature was steady just rising gradually throughout the month as we go into to mid-summer. For weather data 24 hours a day, updated every 15 mins, visit: [www.dagnallweather.co.uk](http://www.dagnallweather.co.uk). If anyone has a question, comment or wishes to contact me please email: [david@dagnallweather.co.uk](mailto:david@dagnallweather.co.uk) or telephone: 01442 843883

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<b>Temperature:</b>	27.8°C	19 June 15.30	4.2°C	2 June 05.30
<b>Mean Temperature</b>	14.3°C			
<b>Dewpoint:</b>	17.5°C	19 June 10.00	3.0°C	4 June 03.30
<b>Humidity:</b>	97%	28 June 04.00	43%	14 June 18.00
<b>Barometer:</b>	1031.6 hPa	3 June 06.00	1002.4 hPa	22 June 19.00
<b>Wind Speed</b>	33 mph W	15 June 02.30	Months avg.	5.6 mph
<b>Wind Chill:</b>	23.1°C	7 June 16.00	-0.1°C	1 June 00.30
<b>Dominant Wind:</b>	E			
<b>Rainfall</b> *T= total rain days and moisture. R= Actual rain				
<b>*Rain Days: 8 (T) (8R)</b>	<b>Wettest Day 22 June</b>		<b>7.8 mm</b>	<b>0.307 ins</b>
<b>Monthly Rain:</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>June 2013</b>	<b>25.8 mm</b>	<b>1.015 ins</b>
<b>Yearly Rain:</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>6 Months</b>	<b>293.4 mm</b>	<b>11.551 ins</b>

Pressure & Rain



## Communications in Dagnall Village

We have informally established a network of email addresses for Dagnall so that we can circulate relevant notices and information to the Village. If you wish to be included on the email list, please email [brianholt@bopenworld.com](mailto:brianholt@bopenworld.com) or [sjquinn@aol.com](mailto:sjquinn@aol.com) and you will be added.



# 'This Does Not Affect Your Statutory Rights'

*Jonathan Vernon Smith is the Sony Award winning mid-morning show presenter for BBC Three Counties Radio. During his consumer hour he helps listeners with their consumer problems and now shares his advice with you.*

One of the greatest myths concerning consumer rights, is that after a year, the retailer no longer has any obligation to you. What drives me utterly bonkers is that this myth is so often perpetuated by **THE RETAILER!**

I lose track of the number of times I have taken a call from a frantic consumer on my radio show saying "I bought a vacuum cleaner/tv/computer. It has broken, but because it's 14 months old, the shop says there's nothing they can do. After 12 months they don't have to do anything". I prefer to think it's down to ignorance, rather than a conscious desire to mislead the customer that makes them fob people off in this way.

When you purchase any brand new goods or services in the UK you are protected by your 'statutory rights' (sale of goods act 1979).

All goods must be:

- a) Fit for purpose
- b) Of 'reasonable' quality (based on the cost)
- c) Last for a reasonable amount of time (based on the cost)

Therefore, if you buy (for example) a TV for £600, it should last for a 'reasonable' amount of time. I would suggest a minimum of 5 years worth of 'reasonable use' (3 hours a day) before it blows up. If it develops a manufacturing fault at any time during that period, the retailer **IS LIABLE!** Any attempt to fob you

off, should be met with a firm, but polite explanation of your consumer rights.

For the first 6 months after purchase, it's up to the retailer to prove that the fault with the item is NOT their responsibility. After the first 6 months it's your responsibility. Therefore, my advice when dealing with an obstructive retailer, is to obtain an independent report to confirm that the product has a manufacturing fault, then ask the retailer to not only fix the problem, but also reimburse you for the cost of the report.

So, remember next time the manager of a shop says "oh sorry, it's 14 months old, there's nothing we can do I'm afraid", tell them you understand your statutory rights and if they **STILL** fail to help, then call my team on 01582 637450 and I'll have a polite 'word' for you!

✍ Jonathan Vernon Smith

*You can listen to The JVS show every weekday morning from 9am on BBC Three Counties Radio.*



<b>Eaton Bray Village Hall 100 Club Winners July 2013</b>		
47	Heather Martin	£100
1	Ken Janes	£25
13	Shelagh Bagni	£25
16	Rachel McVeigh	£25
Drawn on 10th July 2013 at Eaton Bray Academy. Please direct any correspondence to Ross Bagni 71 Bower Lane Eaton Bray, Bedfordshire LU6 1RB Telephone: 01525 221411.		

# Ashridge Estate Events

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*All events start at Ashridge Estate*

*Visitor Centre unless stated otherwise*

**Ashridge Summer Trail** £1 per child  
Everyday July - September, 10am-4pm  
**Glis Glis Talk and Walk** Adult £10, FoA  
£8, Child £6 booking required  
Saturday 3/8/13, 8-10pm

**Trail and Ale** Adults £15, booking req.  
Saturday 10/8/13, 8.30am-6pm

**Pitstone Hill Archaeology Walk** Adult  
£7, FoA £6, Child £5 booking required  
Thursday 15/8/13, 6.30-8.30pm Start:  
Pitstone Hill car park

**Gentle Stroll** Adults £2.50  
Monday 19/8/13, 2.30pm, Start:  
Clipperdown Car Park off Beacon Road

**Explore Ashridge** Adult £7, FoA £6,

Child £5 booking required

Saturday 24/8/13, 7-8.30pm

**Creepy Crawlies** Children £3 booking  
req. Tuesday 27/8/13, 10.15-11.15am,  
Natural History Museum Tring

**Discover Ashridge Walk** Adults £3  
Saturday 14/9/13 10am-1pm

**Chilterns Festival** Adults £4, FoA  
£4, Child FREE, Sunday 15/9/13,  
10am-4pm, Meadleys Meadow next to  
Ashridge Visitor Centre

**Gentle Stroll** Adults £2.50  
Wednesday 8/9/13, 10.30am, Start:  
B4506 End of Monument Drive

**Ashridge Autumn Trail** £1 per child  
Everyday September to November 10am-  
4pm

## Friends of Mavis Purcell

Mavis has recently moved to Eastbourne and has sent us the following note.

*I would like to thank the many friends who sent me best wishes cards on my retirement to Eastbourne. I am settling in very well with lots of interesting things to keep me occupied. I will be pleased to see any of you if in this part of the country.*

*Mavis Purcell, Flat 91, The Hawthorns, 4 Carew Road, Eastbourne, BN21 2BF*

### London Luton Airport

With an increase in aircraft in the area and in particular when the wind is from the East, we are getting some aircraft flying directly over the village to join the flight path into the airport. If you are disturbed by the traffic flying over the village, there is a complaints hotline number: 01582395382. This is an airport number where you can register your concerns. It is important to do this if we are to reduce these disturbances over our village.



### NORTHALL BAPTIST CHAPEL

**Chapel Lane, Northall**

(just beyond the 30 speed limit signs on the road towards Leighton Buzzard)

Everyone is welcome to our Sunday worship each week between 11am and 12.30pm including tea/coffee and time to talk together.

For more information contact:

John Hazell 01525 218142

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