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Eaton Bray, Edlesborough, Northall & Dagnall

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Village Diary October 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 (term time) Movement and exercise classes with a dance flavour, Northall Village hall 2-3.30. Contact Jan 01442 864271.
- 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 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
- 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
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- Thurs 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
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- 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
- Fridays Tap & Ballet Classes, JoAnn Latus School of Dance, 4-8pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, 01582 620576

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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-poolle.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

- 5th St. Mary's Eaton Bray Coffee Morning, 10am to noon
- 7th Beds Area Narrow Gauge Model Railway Club Meeting, 11.30am-4.30pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall
- 11th Leukemia Research Coffee Morning, 2 Dunstable Road, Dagnall 10.30 am.
- 12th Cafe Community, 11am-1pm, Eaton Bray Methodist Church
- 15th Dagnall Over 60's Sausage & Mash Lunch in Village Hall 1.30pm followed by entertainment

One Off/Annual/Irregular Events

- 5th Dagnall Community Choir performing at Kensworth Methodist Church
- 11th Musical Evening at Dagnall Village Hall 7.30pm. Tickets £7.50 from Roy Castledine 01442 842048
- 16th Edlesborough School Open Morning, 9:30-11am
- 19th Quiz, 7pm, Eaton Bray Village Hall, Bookings: 01525 221411
- 23rd Northall & District Age Concern Wednesday Club Coffee Morning, 10-11:30am, Northall Village Hall
- 26th Dagnall Community Choir Concert at Eaton Bray. Tickets £8 including a half-time drink
- 26th EB Lions Big Ball, Pendley Manor, 7:30pm - 1am, Tickets: £55pp 01525 221458
- 26th Totternhoe Scout & Brownie Group Jumble Sale, 10am-1pm, The Methodist Church, Dunstable (Opposite Wilsons)

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St Mary's Village Carnival 2013

This year's Carnival is now a dim and distant memory for many of you, but members of the Organising Committee have continued busy and I must report on one of the real pleasures of the year – distributing money raised to local good causes. This year we have £13,000 to distribute, equalling the records sum raised in 2011 and bringing the total amount raised in the 25 years that

Carnival has been held on Edlesborough Green to over £200,000.

My first task is therefore to say a huge 'Thank you' to everyone who helped in any way in advance of Carnival, on Carnival day and afterwards to achieve such a total and especially to the Organising Committee who work so hard to make St Mary's Village Carnival such a wonderful community event.

The procedure for distributing the money is well publicised - half the money raised by the Carnival Committee supports St Mary's Fabric Fund, whilst the other half is distributed among local good causes. Each year we donate one quarter of the money raised between one or more

nominated charities; this year our principal charities were Farm Crisis Network and The Pepper Foundation.

A meeting took place on 9 September to propose a distribution and that proposal was ratified by St Mary's PCC the same week:

Carnival Distribution

St Mary's Fabric Fund	£6,500
Farm Crisis Network	£1,625
Pepper Foundation	£1,625
1st E Bray & Edlesborough Scout Group	£150
Dagnall School	£150
Dagnall Village Hall	£100
Downs Heart Group	£100
Eaton Bray Methodist Church	£75
Eaton Bray Parish Council	£125
Eaton Bray Village Hall	£75
EB Academy	£150
EB Lions FC	£75
Edlesborough Cricket Club	£50
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Orbit	£100
Police Charity Fund - Beds	£150
Police Charity Fund - Thames Valley	£150
St John's Ambulance	£450
Taskers Row Social Club	£100
Toddington Band	£125
Totternhoe Lower School	£75

So now we turn to Carnival 2014, which will be on 5th July next year. The theme we have chosen is 'Music' so, hopefully, there will be lots of scope for sound and colour. But Carnival really does rely on YOU. Please, if you will feel you have a contribution to make to the success of our Carnival, or ideas for improvement

do get in touch with me. I welcome new Committee Members, people to help make the event run smoothly, offers of prizes, advertisers, offers of transport etc. Carnival is an event for our community of which the community is rightly proud. Please contact me with your offers of help.
✉ Gordon Gray 01525 220136

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** TOTS (Tots on Tuesdays) (2nd & 4th Tuesdays)

Wednesday: **10.00am** Holy Communion

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EDaN Community Transport

The photo is of Mrs Mary Dyson and Mrs Sheila Thorne who were being interviewed by Bucks County Council re:

EDaN Community Transport on 4th Sept 13. Mrs Thorne and Mrs Dyson use the service on a regular basis and said that they found it to be an invaluable service for them. Peter Williams, (co-ordinator) and myself were also interviewed and asked about the setting up of the scheme and various other questions. A short film is being made to encourage other villages to start up a community transport scheme of their own.

Various other villages with a community transport service will also be part of the film. Hopefully they don't edit out too much of what we did for the final version!!!

If you would like to join our team of drivers and feel that you too are providing an invaluable service to the local community, please get in touch with me, Kathy Bovington on 01442 842796 or 0779 0537032.

To book a trip, please call Peter Williams on 01442 842506

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Celebration Service - For Everyone

All Saints Church, Dagnall will be hosting a special service on Sunday 3rd November, to celebrate 150 years of worship in the village..The service will take place at 4.00pm and will be followed by tea and the chance to catch up with some old friends.

Please do come along, particularly if you have attended services, sunday school or

any other events at the Church over the years.

There will be an exhibition charting the history of the church.

All welcome!

For more information please contact

Vicky Lee 01442 843361

Jenny Foale 01442 842557

or Rev Coralie McCluskey 01525 220261

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 (07799 494972)
Web contact: eatonbraychurch@aol.com

I have a bumper crop of apples and pears this year on the remnant of the orchard that once graced the vicarage garden. In its hey day it must have been amazing and before the advent of the home freezer I have visions of large preserving pans with jam and chutney bubbling away and shelves laden with the finished preserves.

I am sure that very little of the garden and orchard produce was wasted and hopefully parishioners benefited from any surplus. Sadly in the United Kingdom about 15 million tonnes of food is thrown away every year and almost 50% comes from our homes.

Why the waste? There are two main reasons why we throw away good food - we cook or prepare too much and we don't use it in time. The foods we waste most are fresh vegetables and salad, fresh fruit and bakery items such as bread and cakes.

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation estimated that 1 in 8 people were suffering from chronic 'under nourishment' in 2010-2012 and almost all of these people lived in developing countries. What are the causes of this hunger? World Food Day, October 16th 2012, highlighted the following:

- War and conflict
- Weather and climate change
- Agricultural practices
- Population growth
- Poverty

Yet the world does produce enough food to feed everyone.

So let us all do our bit by being more careful with the quantities we buy of perishable foods and also by making sure we use up those scraps before they get forgotten at the back of the fridge.

St Mary's Memorial Service October 27th at 3pm

This year we will be holding an afternoon Memorial Service rather than the traditional All Souls Service. The service will be a mix of music, readings, prayer and silence as we remember family and friends who are no longer with us. There will an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance and after the service have a cup of tea and something to eat. The list, for names of those you wish to be remembered, will be available in the church and I will also pray for them at Evening Prayer (5pm) on All Soul's Day, Saturday 2nd November - you are very welcome to join me.

Coralie



EB Lions FC

All-Weather Training Pitch Update

As we start the new 2013-14 season, the club is getting ready to celebrate our 20th year of supporting and nurturing children's football in the local villages. Quite an achievement and this season we have 25 teams and over 300 local youngsters signed on with over 50 managers, a tireless and enthusiastic committee and countless parents supporting the club.

The club's ethos remains as strong as ever, to bringing the benefits of team sport to as many local children as possible, getting them outdoors, keeping fit and learning the important values of teamwork and respect for others.

Our fundraising for the all weather pitch continues to grow, standing at over £35,000 which opens the door to significant FA funding and grants to cover the cost of the build for this much needed local facility, as we face another winter of having to drive children away from the villages to train.

You will see in this month's Focus the Eaton Bray Parish Council are holding a public consultation to gather views on

the project and the preferred location. We would urge as many local residents and club supporters to participate as possible. The club has worked closely with the Parish Council over the last 18 months on the plans to find a suitable location to bring this fantastic resource for children to the village which will also protect the grass surfaces for villagers' enjoyment.

Both The Rye and Holman's Field, the proposed locations, are used by the club currently. The all-weather surface will sit alongside; preserving the presently over used grass pitches for competitive matches.

So please do show your support for this fantastic local children's facility by writing or emailing Heidi Head the Parish Clerk at Parish Office, 20 Good Intent, Edlesborough, LU6 2RD / clerk@ebpc.co.uk by Monday 21st October. Please include your name and address with postcode, to enable the council to collate comments into areas of response.

Thank you for your support.

Eaton Bray Methodist Church

Cafe Community is back on Saturday October 12th from 11am until 1pm when we invite you to pop in and relax, chat with friends, enjoy a hot snack or just a cup of tea or filtered coffee and biscuits. As previously the food will be provided and anyone wishing to make a donation may do so for charity. The charity for the next 2 months is a project that is helping the homeless to access primary healthcare more effectively through out the London area.

There will also be an opportunity to

start your Christmas shopping at Cafe Community in October, as June and Celia have once again very kindly been busy making superb gifts to sell in aid of our Chapel Maintenance Fund.

Our Cafe Worship on Sunday October 13th at 10:30am will be led by Richard Armiger and we offer a warm welcome to you to join us.

A reminder that our Cafe Community takes place on the 2nd Saturday of the month and Cafe Worship on the 2nd Sunday each month.

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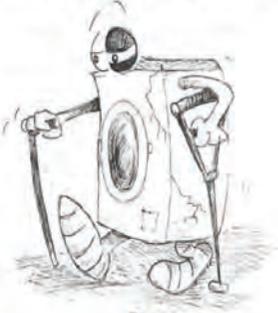
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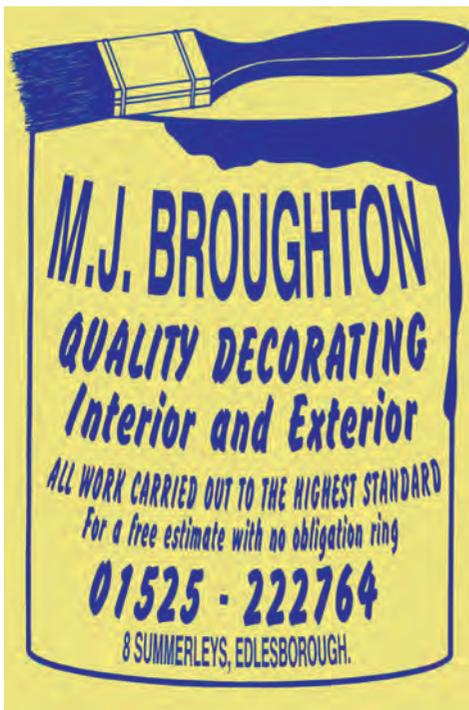
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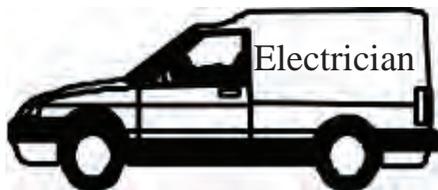
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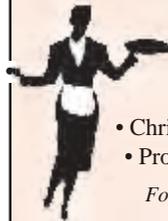
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This year, BackCare, the national back charity have aimed their campaign at carers – a common problem faced by carers with 70% suffering from back and shoulder pain. For more information go to: www.backcare.org.uk

TOP TIPS FOR BETTER BACKS

Think tall: You will naturally help yourself engage your core stability muscles that help protect your spine.

At work: Make sure your chair and desk height is right for you and that the screen height and tilt is correct.

In the car: Your car seat should be in a fairly upright position with good low back support. Consider buying a low back cushion for support. Make sure the head rest is correctly positioned to support the back of your head.

At home: Look at the depth of your sofa. If it is too deep for the length of your thighs or too low for you, then your hips will be lower than your knees when you sit, causing you to flex in your lower back.
Sleeping: Mattresses should give you enough support for your curves whilst keeping your spine straight. A mattress that is too hard or too soft is equally as bad.

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Edlesborough Pavilion Steering Group

The Public Meeting held in Edlesborough Memorial Hall on 13th June 2013 to discuss the future of Edlesborough Pavilion, attracted over 90 people.

Following a series of presentations from the sports clubs, Sport England and social interests, everyone was invited to share their ideas and thoughts on the future. The result was a magnificent total of 110 yellow 'post-it' notes!

The meeting then went on to form a Steering Group comprising of a representative from each of the existing 4 sports clubs, 5 parishioners (Mrs Gill Woodhouse; Mr Bryan Hammons; Mr Barrie Boon; Mr Ken Holloway and Mr John Howells), and 2 Parish Councillors.

The Steering Group took a stall at the Carnival on 6th July to publicise its project and to seek any further ideas. Including responses from questionnaires subsequently delivered to houses in the village, another 22 suggestions were made.

Together with the 23 idea categories which emanated from the work previously carried out by David Brown in 2010/11, the overall total of 155 ideas and comments clearly demonstrates parishioners' interests in the future of the Green and the Pavilion.

The Steering Group held its first meeting on 15th August and reviewed the 155 ideas and comments. It soon became clear that:

1. The Steering Group needed to reassure all parishioners from the outset that it would not be proposing to cover large parts of the Green in concrete, tarmac, structures or dedicated sports areas etc. Indeed, all the members of the Steering Group are as proud of the Green as anyone.
2. The existing Pavilion is no longer fit for



its original purpose and definitely needs to be completely refurbished to make it viable going forward. It probably needs to be extended to provide additional storage space and to accommodate more modern facilities to bring it in line with current best practice and user expectations.

3. The key issue is whether the parish should go to the next step and take the opportunity to replace the building with a new multi use hub for the community.
4. Many parishioners had expressed an interest in using a pavilion as a venue for table tennis, bridge and badminton amongst others. These activities could be pursued without having to wait for a new pavilion. Edlesborough Memorial Hall is a fine village asset and is currently under-utilised. Accordingly, the Steering Group will offer all its support to those groups wishing to pursue these and any other relevant interests, including help with applications for funding the purchase of equipments etc. Please contact steeringgroup@edthepav.org

Over the next few weeks, members of the Steering Group will be visiting other villages to see what can be learned from their experiences in dealing with similar considerations, and who have then gone on

to build and run new facilities successfully for the benefit of parishioners.

The next Steering Group meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd October 2013 when it will review the outcome of the various visits and plan its next step. It will publish

its Report No. 2 on its website www.edthepav.org and in the November edition of 'Focus'.

In the meantime, please send any comments to steeringgroup@edthepav.org

News from the Lions Den...

Well, what a busy summer we have had. The Lions of our club have been working hard on a variety of community based and fund raising events in addition to planning our Christmas activities that really are now, just around the corner!

One of our most enjoyable events during the summer was the 1940's tea party for local senior citizens. The event was well attended and seems to have been thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. So much so that we have agreed to do a similar event just before Christmas. Details of this will be confirmed as soon as we have finalised everything so do watch this space.

Our monthly fish and chip scheme continues and we are delighted to welcome new recipients on an almost monthly basis now. Full details of this initiative can be found in a separate advert in this magazine.

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If you have any old glasses that are no

longer of use to you then please do give me a call on 01525 229 656 so that I can arrange to collect them, or alternatively, you can pop them into my letter box at 9 Eaton Park, Eaton Bray. If the scheme proves to be well supported we will then look to have some collection boxes placed around the villages (subject to approval of course) to make it easier for you to donate and for us to collect. This does of course form part of a national scheme but it is still of huge importance, particularly to those less fortunate than ourselves. Please do support us with this if you are at all able...

To find out more about the work we undertake and 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. I sincerely look forward to hearing from you

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Dagnall News

Over 60's

Our August meeting was at the village hall with tea and with a very funny speaker from the Ark Wild Life centre, describing some of their experiences in rescuing small animals and returning them to the wild after treatment.

In September we visited Kensworth for a fish and chip lunch. Some members had 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.

Dagnall School



Community Choir

Headlong into Concert Season

After our Summer Break, it was a joy to be back together again in such numbers for our regular Monday night practice sessions at Dagnall Church, preparing for our various Autumn concert commitments. In our nearly 4 years together we have developed into a strong unit with good attendance every week and, together with

the largely patient leadership from Stuart Harding, our revered conductor and mentor, and the good humoured support from our more capable members, we are getting there.

You can experience for yourselves how far we have come at our Concert in Eaton Bray Village Hall on October 26th. Tickets are £8:00 each including glass of wine or soft drink at half time and can be reserved in

advance from Val Lumley 01442 842214 or Geoff Ward 01442 843515. Depending on pre-sales, tickets may also be available on the door but, for the sake of a phone call, probably best to reserve.

Apart from new songs, the evening will include a performance of Gilbert & Sullivan's short comic opera "Trial by Jury" with guest soloists. For those not familiar with the usual, non-sensical nature of G & S's work, a short synopsis of the story will be included with the programme to help

St Mary's Ladies Guild

Deirdrea welcomed members and handed out birthday cards to Joan Chappell and Maureen Cecil.

The outing on 7th November to Bicester Avenue/Yarnton, will cost £15, friends welcome, please contact Jenny or June Thorne.

Guild members were asked to provide a gift (new) for the Guild Stall at St. Mary's Christmas Fayre on Saturday 16th November.

A Christmas meal has been booked for the 27th November at the Plough Wingfield, costing £16 and members were given menus to complete and return at the next meeting.

The speaker at the next meeting on 9th October will be from Keech Cottage.

Devotions were led by Deidrea based on 'Harvest'. The speaker Mrs Dorothea Conti was introduced who gave a very

our much valued audience understand the typically ludicrous nature of a "Breach of Promise" case which is being played out in court. For example, in announcing the defendant to the court, the usher refers to him as "ruffianly" and then goes on to ask the jury to be "free of bias".

We hope that you will enjoy the results of our efforts at our Concert on October 26th (Eaton Bray Village Hall - 7:30 - tickets £8) and look forward to entertaining you.

interesting talk on "A Family of Artists". Dorothea was a descendant of the famous artist (painter) her great grandfather John Morgan (1823-1887). Slides were shown of the many quite famous paintings produced over the years by John and his family. Dorothea related many memories of her childhood and played a recording of an interview made by her sister of her mother's memories aged 80. It described visiting the beach at Broadstairs and using bathing machines.

Joan Chappell gave the vote of thanks. Harvest tea followed with the usual splendid array of food. The raffle was also harvest themed with prizes of baskets of fruit or vegetables and flower arrangements.

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

Thank You

Thank you for the contributions from the villages for our Big Collection 2013. We raised just over £600 from the villages and were able to meet our target total of £2700. We greatly appreciate your continuing support. All of this money will go directly to projects which support



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EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL

Public Consultation

All-weather Training Pitch in Eaton Bray

Following an initiative from EB Lions, our village childrens' Football Club, Eaton Bray Parish Council (EBPC) is considering a proposal to build a community all-weather training pitch.

In 2011, a site in Bower Lane was deemed unsuitable by Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) planning officers. However the demand for such a facility was understood and supported.

In 2012, The Rye Recreation Ground was identified as an alternative site and following a public consultation, a successful planning application was made.

During and subsequent to the planning process there has been some local opposition to siting the facility at The Rye Recreation Ground. EB Lions have therefore suggested that Holman's Field, (the field behind Eaton Bray Academy, School Lane) also be considered.

Eaton Bray Parish Council is now undertaking a wider public consultation and invites parishioners of Eaton Bray to give their views on the proposal to build such a facility and the two possible sites under consideration;

- EITHER a) The Rye Recreation Ground
OR b) Holman's Field

What is it?

- The facility is a "state of the art" 3G green artificial grass pitch.
- It is enclosed by a 3m / 4.5m high dark green plastic mesh perimeter fence.
- Floodlighting will enable use in winter evenings and is provided by 6 lamps sited on 8m poles, with approved lighting at 120 lux (Eaton Bray Tennis Club courts are lit at 400 Lux) and with minimal light spill.
- The enclosed site dimensions will be; Holman's Field 60m x 40m / The Rye 50m x 30m
- Cycle parking spaces will be provided to encourage environmental benefits

Possible Hours of Use

Monday to Friday	Start Time: 09:30	End Time: 21:30
Saturday	Start Time: 09:30	End Time: 16:30
Sunday & Bank Holidays	Start Time: 09:30	End Time: 13:30

- *Actual hours would be subject to agreement between EB Lions, CBC & EBPC and contained within a Scheme of Use for the facility*

a) The Rye Recreation Ground



ADVANTAGES

- (1) Re-generation and proactive use of under used neglected village facility
- (2) Planning permission approved subject to operational plan
- (3) Traditional site for village sport
- (4) Existing parking and access
- (5) Pitch sited to ensure continued enjoyment of village green

DIS-ADVANTAGES

- (1) Status as a Village Green creates some operational restrictions and potential additional costs
- (2) Close proximity to a number of dwellings
- (3) Conditional on demolition of derelict clubhouse to provide additional car parking

b) Holman's Field, School Lane

ADVANTAGES

- (1) More central and accessible to the children
- (2) Situated adjacent to Eaton Bray Academy for active day time school use
- (3) Fewer dwellings directly affected
- (4) Suitable for slightly larger pitch
- (5) Large existing car park in School Lane for drop off & pick up
- (6) Remaining space would revert to general public use including allotments, if necessary



DIS-ADVANTAGES

- (1) Site approx. 100m from dropping off point – security issues for younger children / cost of additional lighting
- (2) Being more remote increased risk of vandalism
- (3) EB Lions lose a grass pitch facility for matches

All-weather Training Pitch



How it would work

- (1) A modern, excellent facility to provide ACTIVE SPORT and EXERCISE for local **CHILDREN** to learn to play ORGANISED sport within THEIR community
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- (3) Operated on a non-profit making basis by EB Lions & EBPC
- (4) Essential for the continued development of EB Lions as a provider of exceptional village sport

Misconceptions

- (1) NOT a commercial venture – there is no financial pressure or desire by EB Lions to hire the pitch on commercial terms and/or to non-village organisations
- (2) NOT Suitable or permitted for competitive matches
- (3) NOT Big enough for adult football matches
- (4) NO requirement for any Changing Rooms or Toilet facilities
- (5) NO funding for building or maintaining from EBPC – this will be largely funded by grants

Consultation & Public Meeting

Further details of the proposals can be found on the parish notice board (Knights Close) and the parish website - www.ebpc.co.uk.

Eaton Bray electors are invited to write/email to the Parish Clerk at Parish Office, 20 Good Intent, Edlesborough, LU6 2RD / clerk@ebpc.co.uk. Please include your name and address with postcode, to enable the council to collate comments into areas of response.

Local residents are also invited to attend a consultation meeting to be held at Eaton Bray Village Hall on **Monday 21st October at 7.30pm**. The meeting will be attended by representatives of Eaton Bray Parish Council and EB Lions AFC who will be happy to address any questions or concerns.

Thank you

All responses **MUST** be received by the Parish Clerk **NO LATER** than **Friday 25th October 2013**.



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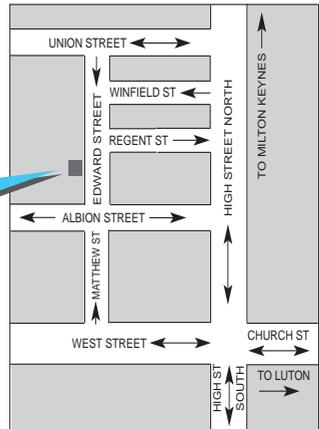
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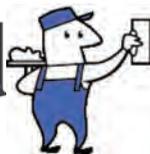


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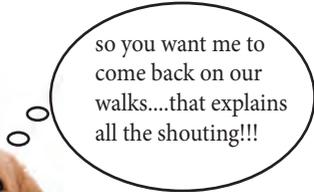
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A project to improve broadband speeds around Central Bedfordshire took a major step forward today when Central Bedfordshire Council - in partnership with Bedford Borough and Milton Keynes Councils - signed a new contract with BT Openreach.

BT Openreach is already upgrading its existing network across Central Bedfordshire as part of a nationwide commercial rollout. This will deliver 'superfast' broadband infrastructure to the majority of homes and businesses but this commercial rollout will not reach every property in the area including some more rural locations.

The council's goal is for 90 per cent of homes and businesses to have access to superfast broadband (24Mbps or above) and 100 per cent to access a speed of at least 2Mbps. Central Bedfordshire Council is investing an additional £1.2 million to make this happen.

In 2011, Central Bedfordshire Council, Bedford Borough Council and Milton Keynes Council formed a partnership which successfully bid for a share of the £530m government fund to support 'non commercial' broadband improvement.

The three councils have chosen BT Openreach to work on the next phase of the joint broadband infrastructure programme following an extensive procurement process.

BT Openreach will invest £2.6m in addition to the funding from government and each local authority.

Councillor Richard Wenham, Deputy Executive Member for Corporate Resources said: "We have been listening to local residents and businesses, who say they want better broadband. These

processes take time but today's contract signing is a crucial step towards making that a reality.

"We are committed to improving infrastructure In Central Bedfordshire and superfast broadband is part of that. Rolling it out will have huge benefits - it will mean improved access to services for our residents and strengthen the local economy by opening up new markets and helping local business to grow and innovate."

BT Openreach engineers will now begin to assess the areas which will receive improved broadband from 2014.

Bill Murphy, managing director NGA for BT, added: "This is great news for the people living in these areas. It is important to support local economies, as well as helping households in these communities. This is where fibre broadband can play an essential role by revitalising towns, villages and hamlets, helping businesses to be connected in these locations."

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.



Edlesborough Parish Council News

including Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall

Parish Council meeting – dates and venues

17th October 7.30pm at Edlesborough Memorial Hall

21st November 7.30pm at Edlesborough Memorial Hall

19th December 7.30pm at Edlesborough Memorial Hall

Allotments

Allotment rents will be collected at Edlesborough Memorial Hall on Saturday 5th October between 9am and 12noon for tenants residing in Edlesborough and Northall and on Sunday 6th October between 9.30am and 12noon at Dagnall Trading Hut for Dagnall tenants and those that were not able to attend the Memorial Hall on Saturday. To keep the administration charges to a minimum would tenants please arrange to pay their rents on time or arrange for someone to pay on their behalf. *All rents should have been paid to Mrs Penny Pataky, Assistant Clerk by latest Saturday 12th October.*

Best Kept Village Competition

Edlesborough was unsuccessful this year and the Best Kept Village sign has now been removed and presented to the winning village of Cuddington. The Judges' comments were that the village had a rather neglected look with the exception of the areas around the village hall and the village sign. The Churchyard and Cemetery were neat and well maintained. The Flower Shop was attractive and the café well used and tidy but there was an abundance of weeds at the bottom of walls. Litter also needed attention. Regrettably Edlesborough, like other parish villages, was badly let down by Bucks CC with the lack of grass cutting when judging took place.

Speed Limit in Leighton Road, Edlesborough

Funding is being sought to endeavour to get a speed reduction from 60 to 50mph on the Leighton Road between Edlesborough and the Travellers Rest.

Parking at the top of Edlesborough High Street

The Council are in discussions with Buckinghamshire County Council to ascertain whether better parking arrangements can be achieved.

Extension of Play Area on The Green

It is hoped the new play equipment on Edlesborough Green will have been installed and in use by the end of October.

Dagnall

Quotations are being sought to lay a path and erect a barrier on Gaddesden Walk footpath.

Northall

It has been confirmed by Bucks CC that the original footpath across Northall village green was originally incorrectly marked out and will be reinstated to the correct position in due course.

Thames Valley Police

Crime prevention tip of the month-

Recently there has been a small increase in vamoose burglaries in Aylesbury Vale (vehicles stolen by obtaining the key from the home). Here are 5 top tips to reduce this type of crime:

1. Park in a garage if possible.
2. Don't leave keys on show that can be seen through a door or window. Keys can easily be hooked through letterboxes if left by the front door.
3. Secure all windows and doors with a key, especially at night.
4. Install automatic motion lights where your vehicles are parked.

5. Don't leave tools or objects in the garden which can be used to force entry into your home and make sure garden gates are locked.

Parish Council Minutes

Council has decided to put draft versions of the Parish Council minutes on the website in order that parishioners can be informed earlier of matters discussed. Any amendments will be made before the minutes are signed at the next meeting.

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Ashridge Autumn Trail £1 per child
Everyday September to November
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Saturday 12/10/13 10am-1pm

Deer Rut Adult £8, FoA £7, Child £6
booking required. Saturday 12/10/13 &
Sunday 13/10/13 7-9am

Start: B4506 End of Monument Drive

Family Deer Walk Adult £8, FoA £7,
Child £6 booking required. Saturday
12/10/13 & Sunday 13/10/13 8-10am

Start: B4506 End of Monument Drive

Gentle Stroll Adults £2.50

Wednesday 15/10/13, 10.30am, Start:
B4506 End of Monument Drive

Ashridge & its Deer Talk Adult £7, FoA
£6, booking required. Saturday 19/10/13
& Sunday 13/10/13 8-10am

Fascinating Fungus Adult £7, FoA £6,
booking required. Sunday 27/10/13

Walk in the Woods Free
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Eaton Bray Lawn Tennis Club

Well it's been quite a summer at our small but perfectly formed tennis club. Our teams continue to do themselves proud in the South Beds league, and Sunday morning's social sessions have seen people queuing up to get onto the courts! The club tournament is really hotting up and by the time you read this, our Final's day will have taken place and the winners will have their trophies on their mantelpieces. A full report on this much anticipated event will appear on these pages next month!

The men's doubles tournament has been particularly keenly fought; Darren Kerins and myself as defending champions, met chairman Stuart Adolph and Nick Browne in the semi-final last week. Playing under the floodlights, we lost the first set 3-6, but fought back to earn a tiebreak in the second set at 6-all. At 6 points to 4 up in the tiebreak, Stuart was serving for the match. The rally was a steady one, with no-one wanting to make an error. Then, as is my want, I tried a lob which spectacularly failed to go over anyone's head, instead hanging invitingly in mid air just in front of a gleeful Stuart. With visions of the final flashing across his mind, our chairman dramatically threw back his racquet and fiercely smashed the ball towards the huge gap I had unwittingly left in the court. The ball whistled past my right ear at fractionally under the speed of sound, and continued thus for another 50 yards or so before scorching the ground somewhere in the middle of the next court. Well, I thought all chairmen were supposed to be posh, well spoken people, but we all learnt some new words after that! Not that it mattered; they won the next point anyway so Darren and I were sadly eliminated. At least it

means that I can concentrate on the BBQ on Final's day without worrying about playing in a Final in front of a crowd of hundreds (approximately...).

Some of our players took part in South Beds Final's Day, hosted at Dunstable tennis club last weekend. Again we enjoyed some great success, with our coach Sara Leavy winning the ladies singles, and also winning the ladies doubles with Alison Lowe. Sara made it a hat trick of wins, playing with Nick Boys and winning the mixed doubles. Congratulations also to Laura Williams for being the runner up in both the under 14 girls singles and under 16 girls doubles, and to Alicia Franklin for being runner up in the under 16 girls singles. Also well done to Jamie Williams, Lewis Brown, Cameron Brown and Thomas Noithip who all played some good matches against some very tough players!

As with any organisation, future success depends on developing good talent, and that's exactly what we're doing here at EBLTC. Our junior players are the foundation of our success, and this has been recognised by the Lawn Tennis Association who have published tables showing the numbers of juniors who regularly compete in matches for the top 20 clubs all across Bedfordshire. We are 5th in the table! This is great news for our club, and down to the dedication of our coach Sara Leavy who, when not winning competitions herself, strives to ensure that our juniors are best prepared to win competitions for themselves! We are above some big clubs in the table, such as Leighton Buzzard, Toddington and Linslade. Our juniors are very important to us, and their success clearly demonstrates that EBLTC is a good place to come to

learn and develop your game. Today's juniors are tomorrow's champions! for any further information about the club, including when we get together for our social tennis sessions up at the School Lane courts, or our various activities, you can visit our website at www.ebltc.org.uk;

Alternatively please call Chairman Stuart Adolph on 07773 816320, Coach Sara Leavy on 07561 571578, or if they're all out and I'm not sulking after being knocked out of the tournament, then me, Andy Cross, on 07783 667338.



Appledown's Dog of the Month

This is Toby! He is an eight-months-old Doberman. He is very handsome and will be a big boy when he has finished growing! Toby is friendly with people and good with other dogs but could not live with cats.

Toby will need a home where he gets plenty of exercise and company. He can be left for a couple of hours after he has had a good walk.

If you feel you could offer Toby, 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.

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Services and Meetings in October 2013

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| Wed. 2nd Oct. | 7.45 pm | Get-together - Speaker: Revd Neil Drayton |
| Sun. 6th Oct. | 9.00 am | Eucharist |
| | 10.30 am | Morning Service |
| | 6.00 pm | Evening Service |
| Wed. 9th Oct. | 7.45 pm | Get-together - Speaker: Peter Mills - Ashridge |
| Sun. 13th Oct. | 10.30 am | Morning Service |
| Wed. 16th Oct | 7.45 pm | Get-together - Beetle Drive |
| Sun. 20th Oct. | 10.30 am | Family Communion |
| | 6.00 pm | Evening Service |
| Wed. 23rd | 7.45 pm | Get-together with Stephen Turner - The organist entertains |
| Sun. 27th Oct. | 10.30 am | Family Service |
| | 6.00 pm | Eucharist |
| Wed. 30th Oct. | 7.45 pm | Get-together - Speaker: Colin Quine - Cathedrals |
| Sun. 3rd Nov. | 4.00 pm | United Service to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of All Saints, followed by tea |

Sunday School meets each Sunday at 10.30 am except when there is a Family Service.





Should you Take out an Extended Warranty?

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.

It doesn't seem to matter what product you're buying, there's now an extended warranty available for everything.

The question people often ask me on my radio show is whether it's a good idea to pay the extra and take one out?

My answer is generally a big, fat NO! Under your statutory rights you are protected for a 'reasonable' amount of time if a manufacturing defect occurs with a product. Depending on the item and the initial cost, this is generally as long as an extended warranty would last anyway. Remember when the retailer says that after 12 months there's nothing they can do, they're fobbing you off. The extended warranty is normally a way of charging you for something you really don't need.

Sadly some consumers are so trusting of retailers that they believe the company's advice to be sound. I went to a well known shop once and bought a radio for £15.99. The retailer tried very hard to sell me a 3 year extended warranty for £20. I explained that if the radio failed after a couple of years I would simply purchase a new one at another cost of £15.99. The shop assistant seemed amazed that I was so hostile to the idea. Sadly I would imagine many people go ahead and pay an additional £20 that's totally pointless.

You should however remember that often when claiming under your statutory rights that a battle will probably ensue. A battle that will require you to hold your nerve.

For most things I would urge you to fight that battle (and call me if you need help), but for other essential products (stairlifts / electric wheelchairs etc) you may consider buying the extended warranty just to give you hassle free piece of mind, and you know what? I wouldn't blame you.

The rule of thumb is always think long and hard before you hand over your money for something you probably don't need.

It is also worth looking into the idea of purchasing insurance policies that cover all of your white goods for mechanical failure. For consumers looking for hassle free piece of mind at a lower cost these can be a good alternative to the 'extended warranty'. Please read the terms and conditions though beforehand and understand exactly what the policy will cover.

Many Happy Returns!

So, you go to a clothes shop, buy a pair of jeans, get them home and decide that actually you're not that keen on them after all. Simple! You can return them, yes? NOT NECESSARILY! Indeed one subject often up for discussion on my radio show concerns the successful returning of goods to a retailer.

Let me make it very clear. If goods are FAULTY then of course you have the right to return them and depending on the length of time you have had them (usually only a couple of weeks), you should be entitled to your money back in full. If you've had the item for longer, then you can ask the retailer to either repair the item (if possible) or replace it. As I've said in previous articles, this applies long after the 12 month period, so don't be fobbed off by cheeky shop assistants!

Where you don't automatically have the right to return items is when you simply change your mind. Whilst many retailers operate a 'good will' returns policy and will happily take items back as long as they are in perfect condition, the law does not guarantee this. Always check the returns policy of the individual company before you make a purchase if you're not 100% confident you'll keep the item. Failure to do this could cause a very embarrassing scene in the shop and a generous splattering of egg on your face. There is an exception to all of this though, and this exception is even more important now than ever before considering how many purchases are made online. When buying a new product from an internet or mail order company, you are covered by 'distance selling regulations'. These dictate that because you haven't had the opportunity to see the item you're buying in the flesh (as it were), you have 7 working days, from receipt of the goods,

to return them for a full refund. Always confirm that you are returning the items by email to obtain a date stamp and please note there are exceptions to this including CDs, DVDs, perishable goods and underwear etc. Always check the sellers' returns postage policy as if they don't state who is liable for the p&p, then they automatically are!

Finally, always keep your receipts and if you don't, remember that a bank statement or credit card bill should act as proof of purchase instead.

✍ Jonathan Vernon Smith

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



Poppy Prom – Saturday 9th November

One of the musical highlights of the year for Music at St Mary's is the Poppy Prom, Concert, on 9th November at 7.30pm, in aid of St Mary's and Help for Heroes.

The evening combines the solemnity of words and music from The Festival of Remembrance with the joyful music of The Last Night of the Proms. This year's musicians will be the South Beds Concert Band, St Mary's Choir and Dagnall Community Choir along with soloists, Min-Min Peaker and Barbara Morton.

The programme includes music by Eric Coates, William Walton, Mozart, Handel, Grieg as well as favourites from The Last Night of the Proms by Elgar, Henry Wood, Arne and Parry.

It will be a wonderful evening of entertainment and is likely to attract a sell out audience. Hurry to get your tickets, priced £12.50 and £10, from the Box Office, 01525 222283 and don't forget to bring your flags.

Eaton Bray Cricket Club

Youth Coach Wins Award

23 year old Josh Peacock in only his second year of cricket coaching has recently been awarded a Natwest OSCA (Outstanding service to cricket award) for his outstanding service to youth cricket.

Josh, who has been with the club as a player since he was 14, had captained the EBCC Sunday friendly side for the past four years where he has helped bring along the clubs young talent and having enjoyed himself has successfully trained to become a level 2 cricket coach. This season he has managed the U14 development team in the Beds league as well as assisting with the clubs U8's and U10's Wednesday night training along with the other three qualified coaches.

He has worked tirelessly to promote Eaton Bray's youth set up which has around 70 children registered and maintains the clubs various social media sites, writes match reports and compiles scorecards.

His award will see him go through to a nationwide competition culminating in a fantastic ceremony/dinner held on 30th Sept at Lords cricket ground (where last year the prizes were presented by former England Captain Andrew Strauss and present day player Johnny Bairstow) which he is understandably excited about. Josh is pictured below collecting his award



from Bedfordshire Crickets' Director of Strategy Martin Darlow surrounded by some of the Eaton Bray U10 players.

Eaton Bray Cricket Club will be celebrating its Centenary in 2014

William Edmund Wallace was at the forefront of the clubs formation being the benefactor and the first President. As a well known local business man it was not unusual, in those times, for him to support the local community.

The club played 10 games that inaugural year, the first being on the 23rd of May 1914 playing away at Caddington, followed by Wing, Leighton Wesley Guild, Houghton Regis, Stanbridge & Tilsworth.

Due to the First World War the club folded at the end of the 1915 season when men were needed more in France than on the playing fields of Eaton (Bray). The club reformed in 1919, and has since gone on to win various league titles, the first being the Leighton and District in 1924 and the last being the Four Counties in 2009.

Events are planned to celebrate the centenary and a history of the club is being compiled to be available for viewing in the Clubhouse. We are therefore seeking copies of any documents, photographs, scorecards, minute books or items that will help us retrace the history of the club. If you can help please contact General Secretary Ian Jones on 07956 340888 or eatonbray.com where we have a forum.

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Edlesborough Cricket Club

Battling Back

In its second season since reforming, Edlesborough CC was able to field two teams, with the new Second XI joining Division 7 of the Four Counties Cricket League (FCCL).

First XI

The 2013 season saw the First XI take the first steps towards returning to the higher reaches of the FCCL, by winning promotion to Division 5.

The demise of the club several years ago meant that, when the club was reformed in 2012, it had to start in the bottom division of the league, Division 6. In that first season the team achieved a creditable top half finish with six wins from 11 games, losing only two games along the way. With further new teams joining the FCCL for the 2013 season (including our own Second XI) the FCCL restructured the divisions, and the First XI found themselves in Division 6 of 7.

Second place, and promotion to Division 5, was secured in dramatic circumstances on the final day of the season. Much of the season was spent in the top half of the division, and the First XI were always in touch with the promotion front-runners. However, the only time the team actually got into the top two was on the last weekend of the season.

ECC's game against Bletchley Town was conceded late on the Friday night, gifting ECC a vital 30 points (albeit it had been a game the team had expected to win), then second placed Old Bradwell lost to the league leaders St Andrews, and ECC finished second by 9 points.

The team registered only two defeats all season, both against deserving champions St Andrews, who swept all before them.

The batting let the team down in both of these games, not least at home, where an excellent bowling performance meant St Andrews were bowled out for 134, their lowest league score of the season - which should have enabled us to inflict on them their one and only defeat of the season.

Thankfully the rest of the season saw the team perform strongly with the bat, particularly when batting first. In four of these matches positive and stylish batting enabled the team to register high scores quickly and declare early. This gave the team extra overs to bowl at the opposition and the opportunity to attack and put pressure on, and two of the games went on to be won in the last couple of overs. Those four games produced 110 of our 234 points, which ultimately proved vital in securing promotion.

All of the squad put in good quality performances over the course of the season, and whilst it is not possible to mention them all in this review but there are four that must be highlighted. Chris Kimpton deserves great credit for his consistently strong batting performances, and his 270 league runs at an average of 54 were scored stylishly and quickly. Andy Tyne was promoted to open the batting and stepped up to the challenge admirably, scoring 291 runs at an average of 32.33, including an unbeaten 104 at Bletchley Town. Scott George led the bowling attack very effectively. His nagging length and line led to him being the division's leading wicket taker going into the last match. He ended the league season with 24 wickets at an average of 11.38. Finally great credit should go to Ali Thorn in his first full season, which included

many useful batting contributions and a particularly significant 5-27 late innings bowling performance that helped the side to a crucial victory over Little Horwood. Division 5 should hold no fears for the team, and strengthening in a couple of areas should ensure the First XI enjoys another successful season.

Second XI

As a brand new side the Second XI's main objective was to field a full team every week, whilst also attracting and nurturing some new players to strengthen the First XI. With that in mind the 2013 season has to be regarded as a successful one.

Early indications were that it would be a difficult summer, as the first game brought a very heavy and disappointing defeat – yet whilst the Second XI went on to suffer a couple more big reversals during the season, performances did improved significantly. Paul Shepherd anchored the innings stoically throughout the year, not least during the win at Aston Clinton where he batted through the entire innings in a low scoring game to guide the team to victory. That win sent the 2nd XI to the giddy heights of 4th in the league.

Nearly pulling off a notable victory at Stoke Hammond in late June, where the hosts got over the line with one wicket left and two overs to spare, gave the second XI the confidence to push on and achieve the secondary goal of not finishing bottom of the league. Although victories were few and far between, the Second XI remained unbeaten during the last month of the season. And they avoided the wooden spoon with a win over eventual bottom placed Ivinghoe & Pitstone, where

Paul James confirmed his place as leading wicket taker for the season with 4-26, before leading run scorer Paul Shepherd once again shone with the bat, making 63 and only losing his wicket when the win was in sight.

The promotion won by the First XI, gives the Second XI a new target for next year - their own promotion (they couldn't be promoted from Division 7 with the First XI still in Division 6), and the recruitment of younger players is starting to show signs of fruition, and further improvement is an achievable target for 2014.

Summary

All in all 2013 can be regarded as a very successful one for ECC, the First XI won promotion and the new Second XI is now firmly established. Indoor cricket nets for the 2014 season will begin in February, and the club would warmly welcome any parishioners who wished to play cricket to join us there.

Notice of the exact details of the nets will be published in a future issue of the Focus, but if you are interested in joining the club please contact either Graham Simpson (07977 433 153) or Jamie Blackford (07539 768 177).



Edlesborough Book Group



Post Mortem by Patricia Cornwell

Patricia Cornwell's famous character, Dr. Kay Scarpetta, was introduced to the world in this, her debut novel. At the time of publication in 1990, Ms. Cornwell was working as a computer analyst at the Chief Medical Examiner's offices in Richmond, Virginia, which she used as the setting for her story. The book went on to win many awards and since then Patricia Cornwell has had her work published all over the world, bringing her huge financial success. This book is the start of a series which spotlights the work of forensic science and its part in the process of crime solving. The story is told by Dr Kay Scarpetta, the Chief Medical Examiner for Richmond, Virginia, and begins with a call to examine the body of a lone woman who has been brutally murdered in the early hours of that morning by an intruder. This is the fourth woman's body that has been found in similar circumstances and Scarpetta is beginning to find an emerging pattern. Although brilliant and painstaking at her job, all she can do is present her findings and theories to the detective force and is continually frustrated by their chauvinistic attitudes and prejudices against a woman in such a senior position. Gradually, she forms a working relationship with Pete Marino, a tough detective who comes to respect her intelligence and together they start to unravel the mystery surrounding the murders of these vulnerable young women who, at first sight, have no connection. Kay Scarpetta's on/off love affair and her niece, Lucy, provide sub plots and interest to the main story and on the whole this is an easy page turner of a book to read.

Although the book is well constructed and Dr. Scarpetta was a brilliantly conceived

character, our group was disappointed by the rather contrived ending. We had followed the clues and red herrings, as we were meant to do, and which made us want to find the killer's identity. The solution, when it came, seemed rather a letdown. We presumed, because of her books' popularity, that Cornwell's writing has become stronger but we would only read them as a very light holiday read. However, the book gave us a good opportunity to discuss the issues raised about feminism and the treatment of women working in a masculine environment.

One Thousand Chestnut Trees by Mira Stout

Anna has grown up in Vermont in an artistic environment. Her Korean mother is a famous violinist and her father is an American. Her mother rarely speaks of her background and her frequent concert tours has brought about a distance between them. Although Anna is brought up as an American, she is very conscious that her mixed blood makes her different from her schoolfellows. When an uncle visits from Korea, his behaviour emphasises the difference between the two cultures and Anna realises how little she understands about that part of herself. After an unsuccessful attempt to establish herself as an artist in New York, she decides to pay an extended visit to Korea to try to learn more about her heritage. The history of Anna's family is a noble one. In the past, her great grandfather ruled over vast amounts of land until continual Japanese invasions eroded the family's power and possessions. The book's title refers to a temple built high in the mountains by Anna's great grandfather, as a gesture of defiance to the Japanese invaders. He surrounded it with the chestnut trees to

shield it from view. Anna feels that she must find the temple, in order to reach across the generations and connect to her Korean identity.

This is a debut novel, published in 1999 and information about Mira Stout is scanty. But from the little there is, it is easy to see that this story is semi-autobiographical. It is written in three time frames; by Anna, her mother and her grandfather and by this device, the brutal history of Korea unfolds.

Edlesborough W.I.

Members have recently enjoyed a garden outing to Merriments and Sissinghurst, and are now looking forward to a visit to Cambridge. Thanks are due to Elizabeth Braiden for arranging these popular trips, which show how varied the W.I. calendar is.

Both our recent meetings were, in a way, helping us to feel good about ourselves. On the first occasion our speaker advised us on healthy living, and last month we held a quiz, which always helps to keep the brain working hard.

Our speaker on the first evening was Sue Blain on the subject of Staying Younger for Longer. Sue, an ex-teacher, is now an adviser on a healthy way of life, and how this can be achieved. Obviously, healthy eating is important. Exercise should be part of life, but could be overdone. We should each work out what is best for us. One of the ways to live well is to have a happy state of mind. Being able to feel gratitude and to show forgiveness in our daily lives certainly helps us to be happy. However, Sue feels that it does do us good to be grumpy sometimes! Regarding diet, we were told such things as coconut, linseed, oats, garlic and seaweed all help to keep us fit. According to Sue, we can stay younger longer if we adopt a certain

Our group was unfamiliar with the history and customs of Korea and found that part of the book fascinating and educational, however we thought the writing style let it down. Only two members of the group enjoyed the book over all, the rest were grateful for the detailed information but found the writing overblown. We also thought that the author had written the book as an exercise to examine her own mixed Korean/American identity and an interesting discussion emerged from that.

type of lifestyle. We can but try!

Our second meeting was a quiz evening with Anne and John. Anne, one of our members, and her partner really got us thinking hard about the questions they put to us. The quiz was varied in subject, and caused some heated discussions amongst the contestants. It certainly got our brains working, and might have helped us to stay younger for longer – who knows!! Our thanks go to Anne and John for a great evening.

✍️ Val Harris

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Dagnall Weather Station (AONB)

Weather Conditions for July & August 2013

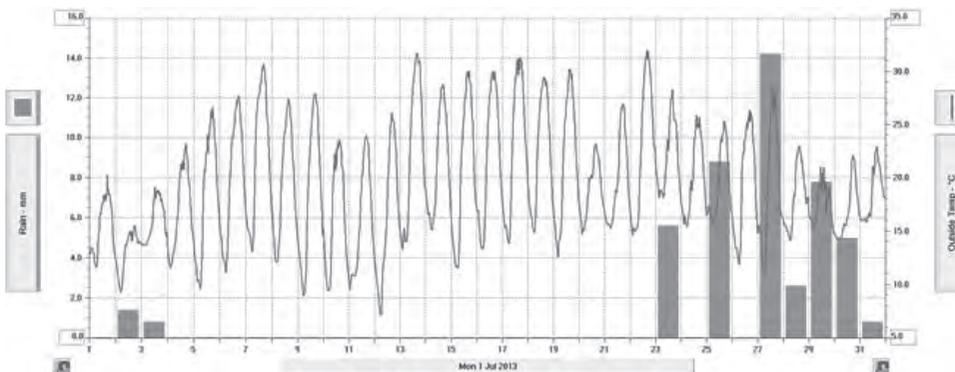


July: With temperatures of over 30°C on 7 days and only 2 when the day time temperatures dropped below 20°C it was a very hot and sunny month resulting in a high mean/average temperature of 19.3. Being so hot any rain we had evaporated before it had time to seep in to the soil.

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

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature	32.3°C	22 July 16.30	7.1°C	12 July 06.00
Mean Temp	19.3°C	Dominant Wind:	SW	
Humidity:	97%	5 -7 July 07.30	22%	15 July 13.00
Barometer:	1033.3 hPa	8 July 09.00	1001.1 hPa	27 July 22.30
Wind Speed	30 mph SW	28 July 23.30	Months avg.	4.0 mph
Wettest Day	27 July		14.2mm	Ins 0.559
Monthly Rain:	Total	27 July	46.9 mm	Ins 1.846

July 2013 Plots shows Temperature & Rain

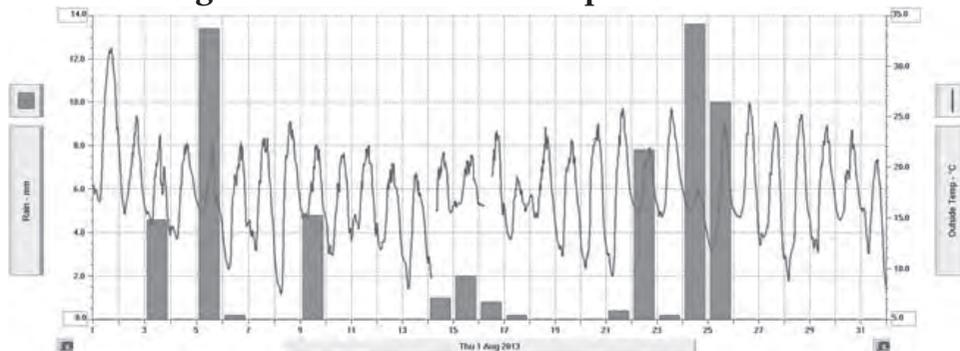


August: The month started off with a temperature of 31.8°C but by the second day we were down to the mid 20°C and remained there for the whole month. The rain fall of 59mm was below the August average although I recorded rain on 13 days it still seemed much dryer because of little rain in July the ground stayed dry.

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

	High	Date/Time	Low	Date/Time
Temperature	31.8°C	1 August 18.00	7.4°C	8 August 06.30
Mean Temp	17.5°C	Dominant Wind:	NW	
Humidity:	98%	25 August 10.30	39%	August 16.30
Barometer:	1028.7 hPa	31 August 23.30	1003.8 hPa	1 August 19.00
Wind Speed	33mph SSE	1 August 16.00	Months avg.	4.7 mph
Wettest Day	24 August		13.59 mm	0.535 ins
Monthly Rain:	Total	August	59.0 mm	2.322 ins
Yearly Rain:	Total	8 Months	399.3 mm	15.720 ins

August 2013 Plots shows Temperature & Rain



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Edlesbray Leisure Fellowship (ELF)

We hope that you have been enjoying the very warm weather. All shrubs and flowers have had a wonderful colourful show of blossoms. They are now beginning to show that their time for a rest is approaching. Shadows are lengthening and there is an autumn feeling in the evenings.

July 25th saw us at the Farmers Boy, Kensworth for a lunch. Val organised this. A good group had a happy time. As usual, August 13th Cream Tea in Val and Alan's garden was excellent. The weather was wonderful and those present enjoyed the "goodies". Thanks again to Val and Alan and also Viv for the scones, cream and jam, and to all those who helped.

The walk took place on August bank holiday Monday, August 26th. Vic led the group on the walk. In fine weather, they started from Whipsnade Church, walked via Old Hill towards Studham and through the village. The return was via Studham Lane to the starting point. The distance was approximately four miles. The group would welcome more people taking part. Reports on the September arrangements will appear in the November edition. Details for the lunch out on October 10th

will be posted in the north porch of Eaton Bray church. Details of the proposed visit, on October 24th, are posted in the north porch of Eaton Bray church. This visit is being arranged by Dave and consists of browsing around Borough Market and a tour of The Globe Theatre.

OCTOBER DATES

- Thursday Oct. 10th Lunch Out
- Thursday Oct. 24th Visit to London from Luton Parkway 9.20
- Monday Oct. 28th Walk from Eaton Bray Church 10.00



Bucks DA of the National Vegetable Society Talk

**Tuesday 15th October
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Salvation Sound



Many, many years ago when I was in junior school, one of the teachers had a sign above the blackboard which read “cleanliness is next to godliness”. This led me to think that that was why we had hand and nail inspection every morning at assembly. Also why on occasion we had “Nitty Nora” to look at our hair, and why those who had “sores” were painted with a lovely purple dye, and sent home! At our house our hair was washed in rain water with black soap, and we had red Lifebounty to wash with. (I could never understand why coloured soap gave us white lather!)

In today’s world we have so many aids to cleanliness. Sprays, creams, dusting powders, toothpaste that makes our teeth sparkle and the whiteness dazzle the eye. We can rid our homes of unwanted smells with odour eliminators, spray polishes that are supposed to keep dust at bay, washing machines, and electric vacuum cleaners, sprays to remove grease, oh! The list is endless. I wonder how my mother managed with a bucket and scrubbing brush!

Health and safety are big issues today. We have antibiotics and all sorts of pills and potions to cure our ailments. In the summer months we always played “outside”, and grazed knees, knuckles, elbows, small cuts (I had my own penknife) and all sorts of abrasions were treated with a “wash in salty water and a dab of iodine”. It stung a bit, but that was because it was “killing” the germs! If the cut was really bad we sometimes had a bandage put onto it, but usually it was best if the air got to it... to dry it up!... Stings were treated with bluebag, or a lump of household soda, moistened and rubbed onto the swelling. Toothache,? - tincture of cloves. Spots? - zinc ointment. Feeling faint? – smelling salts. Nature not taking its proper course? - a dose of syrup of figs. In winter chapped hands responded to snowfire

ointment. Colds and flu? - onion broth, bed, and sweat it out! If it was a chesty cough, then a rub with camphor oil would help. Really bad? Then a dose of friars balsam, ough!, would do the trick.

We spend a great deal of money these days on trying to keep healthy. Gymnasiums, health clubs, diets, all of these offer us gimmicks to make life easier. The bible says there is healing from sin-sickness, and that we have never gone too far from god for him to heal us. Jesus gave his life on calvary’s cross so that we could be made a new creation. We can deal with bodily ailments but we need our god to give us eternal life.

Smoking, drugs, pollution, excess alcohol, all such as these are stumbling blocks to mankind. Ask yourself. Am I clean in thought, word and deed? Remember the quote: Cleanliness is next to godliness”

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Champions Challenge Club (term time)
(Ages 5-10 years) 5.45-6.45pm

Thursday

Parent and Toddler Group (Term time)	9.30-11.30am
Haberdashers’ night 2nd Thursday of month	7.45 pm
Ladies Fellowship (Last week of month)	7.45pm

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